

Annual EPA Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know (EPCRA) Workshop Series

Rescheduled

Thought you missed the opportunity to attend the workshops in February? No worries, due to the snow storms these workshops are being rescheduled. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the EPCRA-Tier II requirements from EPA staff. For more information on the Federal EPCRA-Tier II reporting, visit:

www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/index.htm 

NOTE: Vermont has specific requirements in addition to the Federal Tier II requirements. To obtain the current Tier II reporting procedures go to VT Emergency Management's Tier II web site at: 170.222.24.9/vem/index_hazmat.htm

Look on the EAO web site for the dates of the new [workshop](#) schedule.

New Air Toxics Rule

What you should know

In December, 2007 the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a rule addressing air toxic emissions from paint stripping and miscellaneous surface coating operations at area sources. Implementation of this rule will reduce air toxics emitted from these sources that include: methylene chloride, and metal compounds

containing cadmium, chromium, lead, manganese and nickel.

These metal compounds are called the target hazardous air pollutants or "HAPs". Exposure to these compounds may cause cancer, central nervous system, respiratory system, and reproductive effects; kidney damage; and acute health disorders such as respiratory and skin irritation.

Who is affected by this rule?

- Paint stripping operations using materials that contain methylene chloride (MeCl) to remove old paint from wood, metal, plastic, or other substrates
- Spray application of coatings to motor vehicle and mobile equipment, including mobile repair operations
- Spray application of coatings to plastic and/or metal parts and products, if the coatings used contain one of the target HAPs

For more information – refer to the Overview fact sheet on Air Toxics. Check the Compliance Resource Section on our web site at for the new fact sheets (coming soon): www.eaovt.org/sbcap/resources.htm

New Publications from the Environmental Assistance Office

We are currently working on two new compliance guidebooks: [Managing Aboveground Storage Tanks in](#)

Vermont and The Federal Spill Prevention, Control, & Countermeasure (SPCC) Regulation
Both environmental assistance guides should be completed soon and available for your review.

Check the Compliance Resource Section of our web site at:
www.eaovt.org/sbcap/resources.htm

Self-Auditing Policies "Disclosure"

www.eaovt.org/sbcap/disclosure.htm

This new web page hosts both the Vermont and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) self-audit policies.

This Vermont policy seeks to encourage greater compliance with the laws and regulations which protect human health and the environment by encouraging persons to voluntarily discover, disclose, correct, and prevent violations of state environmental requirements.

This page also offers a link to the EPA Small Business Ombudsman in Washington, DC.

Contact us if you have any questions about the policy. Seek advice from an attorney if you have any hesitation about using either self-audit policy.

Fire Safety Division Moves

The Barre Regional Office of Fire Safety has moved. They have joined the Berlin branch in their new office space located in the Connor Building in Berlin (the old Harry's Department Store). Their phone number remains the same: 802-479-4434. However, their mailing address has changed: 1311 US Route 302, Suite 500 Barre, VT 05641

Workshop Announcements

www.eaovt.org/sbcap/workshops.htm

In order to do better announcing environmental and safety workshops whether they are on-going, new, or hosted outside our Department – we have established a web page with all the workshop information in one place.

If you are hosting a workshop and would like it announced on the web site, please email us at your earliest convenience. If we feel it is appropriate for our audience, we will post the announcement.



Here are some of the upcoming workshops:

6th Annual VT Workplace Safety Conference & Governor's Awards

April 22, 2008

9:00-3:30 DoubleTree Hotel & Conference Center (former Clarion), 1117 Williston Rd., Burlington.

A professional development opportunity for HR and Safety Staff. Topics include: Selling safety to employees -how two VT businesses do this; keeping your employees safer on the road; the ergo feud; how to develop functional job descriptions and a RTW program. Click here for the complete [agenda](#) and register online at: www.vtsbdc.org/WorkPlaceSafety.cfm

Forklift Operator & Train-the-Trainer Safety Seminar

May 9 8:30-3:30

Windham Regional Career Center, 45 Career Circle, Brattleboro
VOSHA requires all fork truck operators be trained by a “qualified person”. This forklift training is designed for powered lift truck operators in manufacturing, construction and retail. Load balance, characteristics and truck components, engineering design, fueling, and fundamentals of operation, with hands on forklift safety inspection will be covered. This course can be used as a train-the-trainer seminar. Lunch included. Please register at: www.vtsbdc.org/forklift.cfm

Confined Space Entry Training
May 15, 8:00-12:00

Windham Regional Career Center, 45 Career Circle, Brattleboro
This course is intended for personnel involved in confined space entry,

supervisory staff, and Emergency Response Team members. The course will provide a detailed overview of 29 CFR 1910.146 Permit Required Confined Spaces standard. Training includes: confined space entry (CSE) definitions and determination, hazards of CSE, responsibilities, entry procedure and permit system, air monitoring, ventilation. **\$100.** VT DEC Wastewater and Water Supply credit hours are available. Please register on line:

www.vtsbdc.org/Confined%20Space.cfm

Vermont Safety & Health Council Spring Topic Seminar & meeting

June 11 At IBM, Essex Jct. An overview of IBM's environmental programs with a focus on the on-site treatment processes for wastewaters generated at the Essex Junction facility. Following the presentation, there will be a tour of the treatment facilities. David Kost: Chief Operator, Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) Patrick Hewlett: Program Manager, IWTP and Site Operations Lean Core Team. More information will be at: www.vshc.org

Compliance Assistance Resource for VT Marina's

www.eaovt.org/sbcap/marinas.htm

The VT Marina web page hosts environmental compliance resources. Regulations, guides, compliance handbooks, funding

resources, internet resources, non-DEC compliance assistance, general resource links, links of interest, etc.

The site is growing and we will continue to update the site as necessary. We welcome all comments about this new page.



Recycle Your Cell Phone It's an Easy Call

On January 8, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a partnership with leading cell phone manufacturers, service providers, and retailers to encourage Americans to recycle their cell phones and accessories. Cell phones and accessories, are a growing percentage of the electronics waste stream that contain precious metals, plastics, and glass, all of which require energy to mine and manufacture. Recycling cell phones and accessories helps use these materials wisely, saves energy, and keeps valuable material out of landfills and incinerators. Please visit the EPA web site: www.epa.gov/cellphones and www.epa.gov/cellphone/cell-recycling-locations.htm to learn more about the benefits of e-waste

recycling and how and where cell phones can be recycled.



New Publications from the Environmental Assistance Office

We are currently working on a Underground Storage Tank (UST) Leak Detection fact sheet. Stay tuned, the final copy should be online any day now.

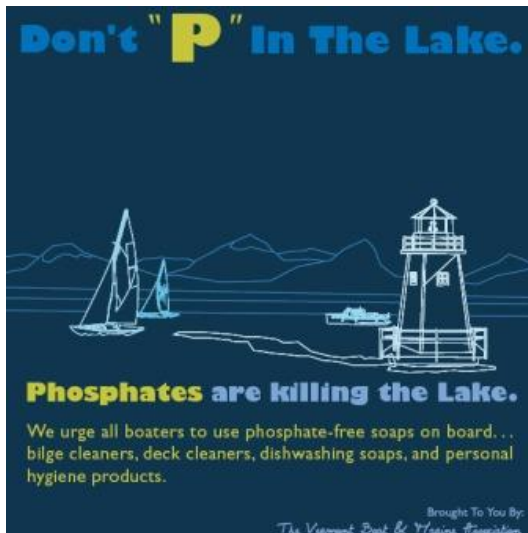
www.eaovt.org/sbcap/resources.htm

Mercury Fact Sheets Updated

Three new Mercury Fact Sheets have been produced. After research information was announced from the state of Maine, the DEC along with the Department of Health rewrote our mercury fact sheets. These can be found on the Resource Page.

The changes are significant for personal health and safety. Please review these fact sheets and include them in your next Safety Meeting.

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Click on the picture above to read more about the 2008 Vermont Boat & Marina Association initiative for eliminating Phosphorus from Lake Champlain.

Earth Day – April 22nd
April 22nd is Earth Day!

ECHO Earth Weeks
April 14-27, Burlington
1-877-324-6386
ECHO (Lake Aquarium & Science Center) kicks Earth Day up a notch this year by turning it into a two-week event. This 14-day celebration includes activities and games, ecology booths, art contests and earthy music. Tickets are \$9.50 and under. For more information, visit www.echovermont.org
Other links of interest include:

EPA:
www.epa.gov/region1/earthday/events.html

Network – Earthday:
<http://network.earthday.net>

Earthday – Envirolink:
<http://earthday.envirolink.org>

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