

Merrimack Ales Demonstrates Safer Cleaning and Sanitizing Process



Merrimack Ales Finds Safer Ways to Clean and Sanitize

With the help of a [TURI Small Business grant](#), [Merrimack Ales](#) in Lowell evaluated safer alternatives to caustic sodium hydroxide and acids used for cleaning and sanitizing. After testing various methods and solutions, the small business now uses brewers wash at a lower temperature and volume to clean and uses NaDCC tablets to sanitize. Owner Adam Pearson demonstrates the process in the video above.

Featured Speaker Laura Vandenberg to Discuss Health Effects of Chemicals of Concern



Laura Vandenberg, an expert in health effects and mechanisms of action for specific chemicals of concern, will be the keynote speaker at the [Continuing Education Conference on April 25](#).

Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at UMass Amherst, Vandenberg's research

explores how early life exposures to chemicals and

Upcoming Events

Organic Lawn Care Workshop

March 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Williamstown Youth Center. Hosted by TURI grantee Bee Friendly Williamstown. [Learn more.](#)

Science Advisory Board Meeting

Wed., March 7, Noon to 3:30 p.m., Boston [Learn more.](#)

TURI Boott Mills Grand Opening

Monday, March 12, 1 to 3 p.m., Lowell [Learn more.](#)

Spring 2018 Continuing Education Conference

Wed., April 25, Courtyard Boston, Marlborough [Learn more and register.](#)

Webinar: Safer Solutions for Methylene Chloride

Tuesday, June 5, Noon to 1 p.m. [Learn more and register.](#)

Spring 2018 Chemical Safety & Climate Change Preparedness Trainings

The Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) is conducting Chemical Safety and Climate Change

chemical mixtures can predispose individuals to diseases that manifest later in life. [Register for the CE Conference.](#)

Preparedness workshops in partnership with Regional Planning Agencies beginning on March 1 in Lowell. [View all workshops dates and locations.](#)

Surface Finishers Learn about the Updated P2OASys Tool



Alicia McCarthy and Pam Eliason of TURI spoke to about 20 members of the New England National Association of Surface Finishers in Marlborough on Feb. 20.

They presented TURI's Pollution Prevention Options Analysis System (P2OASys), which has recently been updated to be more user friendly and aligned with the Globally Harmonized System (GHS) of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals.

This tool is specifically designed for TUR Planners to help them compare two or more options as part of their overall toxics use reduction opportunities evaluation process.

[Learn more about P2OASys.](#)

[Start using P2OASys.](#)

TUR Planners Attend Beyond the [M]SDS Workshop in TURI's New Training Space



Mary Butow of TURI launched TURI's new training space in February by teaching a [Beyond the \[M\]SDS Workshop](#).

The workshop, attended by researchers, TUR Planners and state officials, provides guidance and practice in accessing information on potential human and environmental hazards associated with the chemicals and products.

The tools described in this workshop allow TUR Planners to have greater confidence in their understanding of the potential concerns associated with chemicals and products they may be considering in their workplaces. [View and listen to the webinar](#).

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