



Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) Services for Massachusetts Businesses



The Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) is implemented jointly by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), the Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA), and the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI). OTA and TURI provide a range of services to help Massachusetts businesses reduce toxics, save energy and water, and improve competitiveness. All of these services are available free of charge.

Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA)

OTA is a non-regulatory agency within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs that provides free, confidential, on-site technical and compliance assistance to manufacturers, businesses and institutions. These services are available free of charge to all Massachusetts businesses.

OTA can help your company to:

- Manage and reduce air releases, water discharges, hazardous waste generation and toxic chemical use and chemical waste.
- Prevent accidents and reduce liability associated with the use of toxics.
- Reduce costs by improving manufacturing processes and identifying alternative materials.
- Reduce energy and water bills.
- Find useful products and services to enhance your business and environmental sustainability.

A company that wants to share their success in reducing toxics can also work with OTA to prepare a short case study for public distribution.

OTA has helped hundreds of companies to save money, reduce pollution, and stay in compliance with environmental regulations.

Contact OTA:

- **Visit OTA's website** at www.mass.gov/eea/ota.
- **Call 617-626-1080** to talk to an OTA specialist. They will help you with environmental requirements, options for reducing compliance problems at the source, and resources you can use to move your pollution prevention projects forward.
- **Ask for an OTA visit.** Seeing your operation allows OTA staff to better understand what your options might be. Companies visited by OTA have achieved significant reductions in energy use, water use and the use and releases of toxic chemicals, while saving money.
- **Email maota@state.ma.us to sign up to receive OTA's newsletter**, including regulatory updates, and notices of upcoming workshops.

All OTA assistance is confidential. OTA is only required to report imminent threats and emergencies and will not report violations or share proprietary information.

Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI)

The Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI), at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, provides education and training; sponsors research into the development of cleaner, safer materials and technologies; provides grants to implement toxics use reduction projects; convenes business working groups to address specific environmental challenges; conducts policy research and analysis; and provides laboratory and library services.

TURI's services include:

- **Grants.** TURI provides financial assistance for companies interested in converting to safer technologies. You may be eligible for a grant to help you purchase equipment, adopt a safer process, or showcase work that you've already done to reduce toxic chemical use. To learn about our grant program, see: http://www.turi.org/Our_Work/TURI_Grants or contact Pam Eliason (pam@turi.org; 978-934-3142) or Joy Onasch (joy@turi.org; 978-934-4343).
- **Training.** Would you like to become a certified Toxics Use Reduction Planner? If so, sign up for our 40-hour course, offered once a year in September and October. We also provide training conferences and webinars throughout the year. Contact Mark Myles (mark.myles@turi.org; 978-934-3298).
- **Laboratory Services.** The TURI laboratory helps companies test safer alternatives to cleaning solvents that pose health and environmental hazards. Contact Jason Marshall (jason@turi.org; 978-934-3133).
- **Library.** If you need help researching health effects, safer alternatives, or any other information about chemicals, contact the TURI library. Contact Mary Butow (mary@turi.org; 978-934-4365).
- **Research.** TURI sponsors university-based research to identify solutions to problems faced by Massachusetts businesses. Contact Pam Eliason (pam@turi.org; 978-934-3142).
- **Other assistance:** TURI provides a range of other industry-specific services. Contact us to find solutions that work for your facility. **Call TURI at 978-934-3275 to talk with one of our staff members.**

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