

TURA Program Strengthening Ad Hoc Committee

Overview

The Administrative Council has created an Ad Hoc Committee to review experiences in the 10+ years since the 2006 TURA Amendments, and look forward to the next decade and the critical priorities of Massachusetts with respect to toxic chemicals and safer materials.

The TURA Program Strengthening Ad Hoc Committee will review TURA program activities and requirements with respect to effectiveness, value and ongoing progress in reducing the use of toxics in the Commonwealth and increasing the adoption of safer alternatives. Discussions that occur within the Ad Hoc Committee will be summarized for the consideration of the TURA Advisory Committee and Administrative Council.

Charge: In the interest of continuous improvement, the Council charges the Ad Hoc Committee with reviewing experiences since the 2006 TURA Act Amendments, and discussing possible improvements that would ensure ongoing progress in toxics use reduction.

- **Scope:** Additions or modifications of policies and guidance within the current TURA statute and regulations.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed to assist the Advisory Committee and the council in developing suggestions on specific issue areas.
 - Program staff will bring feedback from prior evaluations and interviews/discussions with planners to add to the discussion.
 - Program staff will prepare summaries to provide background and help frame discussions.
Anticipated topics:
 - Orientation
 - Compliance and Enforcement
 - Resource Conservation and EMS Planning
 - TUR Planners and TUR Planning
 - List of TURA Reportable Substances
 - Fees
- **Representation on Ad Hoc Committee:** Members of the TURA Advisory Committee, representative stakeholders selected from nominations, and TURA program agency representatives. Committee meetings will be chaired by the Chair of the Administrative Council (Undersecretary for Environmental Affairs, Dan Sieger).
- **Outcome:** At the conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee meetings, program staff will create a summary for the Advisory Committee and the Administrative Council, noting discussions and any proposals for program improvement. No consensus is required; pros and cons of proposals will be noted.