



Pollution Prevention

EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

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Program Updates

EPA Celebrates Pollution Prevention Week!

Sept. 19-25 is when EPA celebrates practices that reduce or prevent pollution from being released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment or disposal. Follow us on Twitter at [@EPAChemSafety](#) to see all the updates. Make sure to like and share!

EPA Selects Recipients of P2 Grants Funded Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

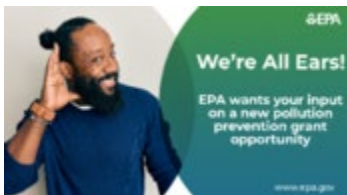
EPA announced the selection of 39 recipients across the country of nearly \$12 million in P2 grants made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic \$100 million investment in P2.

These grants will allow states and tribes to provide businesses with technical assistance to develop and adopt P2 practices. Selected grantees will document and share P2 best practices that they identify and develop through these grants so others can replicate these practices and outcomes.



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EPA Seeks Input on New P2 Grant Opportunities



EPA is hosting online listening sessions to collect input on developing a new grant made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This grant will encourage businesses that are working in or with underserved or overburdened communities to adopt P2 practices in a way that advances the Biden-Harris Administration's bold environmental agenda.

- Sept. 21, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT: [Listening session for tribes and intertribal consortia](#)
- Sept. 29, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT: [Listening session for other potential applicants and stakeholders](#)

Nominations for 2023 Green Chemistry Challenge Awards Open

EPA is accepting nominations for the 2023 Green Chemistry Challenge Awards from companies and institutions that developed a new green chemistry process or product that protects human health and the environment.

EPA is again including an award category to recognize technology that reduces or eliminates greenhouse gas emissions in support of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to combat the climate crisis.

More information on past award winners and how to submit entries can be found [here](#).

EPA will hold a webinar to educate stakeholders on these awards and the nomination process on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2-3 p.m. EDT.



[Register Here](#)

Big News for Federal Sustainable Purchasing: Implementing Instructions for EO 14057

On Aug. 31, the Biden Administration issued [new instructions](#) for federal agencies to implement Executive Order (EO) 14057, [Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability](#) which set goals related to sustainability and net-zero emissions federal procurement.

The instructions direct agencies to buy products and services that address multiple environmental impacts at once. This includes sustainable products and services certified to [Safer Choice](#) and those meeting the specifications, standards and ecolabels included in the [recommendations](#) from EPA's Environmentally Preferable Purchasing program.

Agencies are also encouraged to prioritize substitutes for products that contain perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and look for opportunities to implement restrictions beyond just PFOS and PFOA.

Help Spread the Word about EPA's Safer Choice Facebook Page!

EPA has re-launched the [Safer Choice program's Facebook page](#) as part of a broader effort to raise awareness, understanding and demand for products made with safer chemical ingredients. Help us spread the word with your colleagues, friends and family:

- "Like" or share our Facebook posts
- Post about Safer Choice and tag [@EPASaferChoice](#) or use **#EPASaferChoice**
- [Download](#) our shareable Safer Choice graphics
- Search for [Safer Choice-certified products](#) and [DfE-certified disinfectants](#)
- [Watch](#) a video of Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention Jennie Romer talking about Safer Choice and being a parent



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Upcoming Events

Opportunity Zones and Pollution Prevention Finance Workgroups

Online

Sept. 20, 1-2:30 p.m. EDT

[EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board \(EFAB\)](#) will hold a public webinar to hear from Opportunity Zones and Pollution Prevention Workgroups on the [draft deliverable products](#) and provide initial feedback on the drafts. The final deliverables will be voted on by EFAB during a future public meeting.

[Register Now](#)

2022 TRI Virtual Conference

Online

Sept. 20, 1-4:30 p.m. EDT and Sept. 21, 1-4:30 p.m. EDT

The Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) virtual conference will focus on P2, environmental justice, and how TRI can advance both. The event features speakers from universities, local governments, industry, communities and EPA. Topics include:

- Assessing and prioritizing opportunities for advancing P2 at facilities
- Innovative uses of TRI data
- Using Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) modeling results to identify communities with potential EJ concerns
- TRI Toxics Tracker and other resources for communities.

You'll also have a chance to **share feedback** about the TRI and **ask questions** of program experts.



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Closing the Green Gap: Bringing Safer Products to Underserved Communities

Online

Thursday, Sept. 22, 4-5 p.m. EDT

This webinar will highlight two on-the-ground efforts to expand the market for greener household products in underserved communities and work within those communities to overcome the barriers to using greener products in the home.

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Region 9 and 10 P2 Roundtable

In Person - Portland, Oregon

Oct. 18, 1-4 p.m. PDT

Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. PDT

Oct. 20, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. PDT

The [Pollution Prevention Resource Center \(PPRC\)](#), an EPA grantee, is hosting a roundtable for technical assistance providers (TAPs) in EPA Regions 9 and 10. This in-person conference will feature various engaging sessions on emerging P2 topics, including environmental justice, and will provide networking opportunities for attendees.

There is a registration fee of \$350. Limited travel scholarships are available. Contact [Ed Gonzalez](#) for more information. If you would like to present at the event, please submit a brief summary [here](#).

[Register Now](#)

Are you hosting a P2 webinar or another event? Let us know, and we may include it in P2 News! Send items to taylor.rebecca@epa.gov.

P2 Helpline

The P2 Hub Helpline offers information and resources about pollution prevention. Please contact the Helpline at p2hub@epa.gov or (202) 566-0799.

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