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UT Arlington offers industrial pollution prevention workshops



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UT Arlington is offering workshops to help industrial companies save money by preventing pollution and waste.

Zero Waste Network, in conjunction with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, will teach the workshops.

The network, a project of the Environmental Protection Agency, the University of Texas, and regional environmental agencies, aims to prevent pollution. Their website includes a resource exchange function, sort of a Craig's List for plant operators, or anyone else in need of 20,000 pounds of rubber a month, a 55-gallon drum of ethanol, or something called guar gum.

Jump for the full press release with details about the workshop.

Before you do, here's my favorite resource exchange entry:

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I'm a mom who is all too familiar with diaper scrap in "mixed colors," and I certainly don't need a sample.

Pollution Prevention Workshops Teach Businesses How To Save Money with Sustainability

ARLINGTON - The University of Texas at Arlington is offering an interactive pollution-prevention (P2) planning workshop Sept. 23-24, at the Automation and Robotics Research Institute, 7300 Jack Newell Blvd. South in Fort Worth.

The workshop is aimed at helping businesses save money by reducing waste, bringing economic benefits through environmental improvement. The course also will help companies comply with the Texas Waste Reduction Policy Act.

Zero Waste Network, in conjunction with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), will teach lean manufacturing techniques and other strategies that businesses can use to improve efficiency while decreasing or eliminating pollution. Experts in pollution prevention, environmental management systems (EMS), environmental regulations, lean manufacturing and energy efficiency will lead businesses in hands on exercises to identify waste in their process and evaluate money-saving options.

The workshop is geared toward environmental, health and safety managers,

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plant managers, production personnel, engineers and related professionals. In past years, workshop participants reported savings of more than \$400,000 by implementing pollution prevention practices. They also eliminated more than 12,000 pounds of pollution and reported improvement in compliance, energy use and water conservation.

An additional one-day course, Pollution Prevention and Lean Principles, is being offered in conjunction with this workshop. Completion of this in-depth training on lean manufacturing, implementation of P2 plans and other green business opportunities can be applied as an elective towards the UT-Arlington OSHA Education Center's Safety, Health, and Environmental Professional (SHEP) Certification.

Workshop Dates and Locations:

Dallas/Fort Worth - Sept. 23-24, 2009
Automation & Robotics Research Institute, The University of Texas at Arlington

San Antonio - Oct. 28-29, 2009
Southwest Research Institute

Houston - Nov. 18-19, 2009
Hilton University of Houston

Longview - Dec. 2-3, 2009
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Register at <http://www.uta.edu/ded/env>. Contact Tamara Kowalski at admin@zerowastenetwork.org or (512) 904-2281 for more information.

Visit <http://www.zerowastenetwork.org/workshops/index.cfm> for more information. For P2 planning requirements, see <http://www.p2plan.org/>.

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