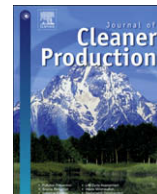


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Call for papers

Improving the health of workers and the environment: twenty years of toxics use reduction

for the
20th Anniversary Symposium
of the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Program

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The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) was passed and signed into law in 1989. Since its passage this legislation has had an important impact on environmental and occupational health, not only in Massachusetts but also nationally and internationally. In order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this important program, a two-day symposium will be held on November 4–5, 2009.

The two days will have different foci. The first day will be a scientific meeting, devoted to the general topic of toxic chemical use reduction (TUR). The second day will focus on the Massachusetts TURA program, its past successes and challenges, and prospects for the future. This Call for Papers is for the scientific meeting on the first day. Accepted papers will be published in a special issue of the Journal of Cleaner Production (JCLP), as described below.

1. Thematic focus of the call for papers

The Symposium organizers are soliciting abstracts of papers in the following general topic areas:

- Evaluation of the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction program, e.g.,
 - Analysis of TUR data
 - Policy implications of the TUR Act
 - Case studies of chemical reductions in MA
 - Impact of the 2006 TUR Act Amendments
- Engaging, protecting and building competency and opportunity for workers through TUR

- Policy implications of TUR and its influence on future directions in chemicals use policy
- TUR applied in new areas, e.g., alternatives assessment and product design, energy and water use reduction, zero waste management policies, and recycling, etc.
- The economics of TUR, e.g., impact on competitiveness, fostering innovation, readiness, etc.

2. Schedule and process for submission of papers

1. Authors are requested to submit an abstract of not more than 250 words to Janet Clark, janet@turi.org. You can also contact Ms. Clark at 978-934-3346 for further information about the Symposium.
2. The deadline for submission is April 30, 2009. Submitted abstracts will be screened by the Symposium Planning Committee. Papers will be selected based on relevance, timeliness, quality, and contribution to our understanding of TUR.
3. Authors of papers selected for submission will be required to submit the *first draft* of their paper prior to the Symposium. Papers should be no longer than 7500 words.
4. After presentation and discussions at the Symposium in November, presenters should incorporate relevant changes into their manuscript and submit it to Prof. Donald Huisingsh, Editor-in-Chief of JCLP. (The documents are to be submitted to JCLP via Elsevier's on-line submission system. Please go to <http://ees.elsevier.com/jclepro> for author's instructions and submission of your manuscript.)
5. Prof. Huisingsh will submit the manuscripts to the peer review process for inclusion in a special issue of the Journal of Cleaner Production.
6. Some papers may be selected for presentation at a Poster Session rather than oral presentation.

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