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Greetings from the GreenScreen® Team!

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings! We hope you had a wonderful summer. We are excited to share some highlights with you. Our efforts continue to focus on GreenScreen becoming the global standard for chemical hazard assessment.

We have received funding to develop some online training courses, so stay tuned for an update. In addition, our team is developing case studies on applying GreenScreen to obtain the LEED v4 Material Optimization and Transparency credits. We are also making great strides in developing a new database of completed GreenScreen assessments to help users find available alternatives. We anticipate this resource to go live as soon as September 2014.

Organizations continue to find value in using GreenScreen. Two recently published examples include 1) A report by Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) which demonstrates the use of GreenScreen to support restrictions on Triclosan and Triclocarban, and 2) The Plastics Scorecard v1.0, published by BizNGO, which helps to guide the development and identification of inherently safer plastics. GreenScreen is the chemical hazard assessment component of the Plastics Scorecard.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lauren Heine Co-Director Clean Production Action Director GreenScreen Program Juneau, Alaska

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UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAININGS

GreenScreen Practitioner Program ENROLLING NOW

CPA is now accepting applications to the October 2014 GreenScreen Practitioner Program, which provides our most advanced GreenScreen training using a **live**, **web-based forum** with our team of expert teachers and the other participants. This course is being offered once per year.

Participants will receive:

- In-depth knowledge of the GreenScreen Method
- Professional one-on-one coaching
- Hands-on experience performing two full GreenScreen assessments
- Professional credentialing
- Opportunity to submit GreenScreen assessments for certification

What is a GreenScreen Practitioner?

A GreenScreen Practitioner is licensed to author assessments for his or her organization. In addition, if 3rd party review is ever desired or needed, a Practitioner is licensed to submit his or her Authorized assessments to Clean Production Action to become Certified assessments.

Value:

<u>Help your organization improve its chemical footprint</u>, and join our growing Community of Practitioners! This professional mark of leadership will help to:

- Build a versatile and valuable skill set applicable in many industry sectors
- Increase competitive advantage in the marketplace with professional credentialing
- Demonstrate leadership for your area of expertise in applying the GreenScreen Method
- Obtain recognition on the CPA website
- Gain early access to information on updates to the GreenScreen Method
- Receive invitations to participate in a community of practice
- Ask questions and share best practices with other practitioners

We Look Forward to Hearing From You!

To learn more and apply, visit the **GreenScreen Website**.

Scholarship Opportunity

GreenBuild 2014

Please plan to join us at GreenBuild 2014, which is being held in fabulous New Orleans.

2014 Materials & Human Health Summit Scholarships

USGBC is excited to offer scholarships for the 2014 Materials & Human Health Summit at the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo in New Orleans, LA to qualifying individuals.

USGBC's scholarship is an investment in people who share a vision of 'green buildings and communities for all'.

Scholarships are still available through September 7, 2014 and cover summit registration expenses (\$250).

RECENT EVENTS

GreenScreen Completes Series of 6 GLRI Trainings

Wednesday, June 4, 2014 marked a significant milestone for the GreenScreen program. This date marked the completion of a three-year grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (EPA GRLI), and the end of three years of training and development for members of the GreenScreen team, our valued partners and colleagues, and for the individuals around the US and the world that we trained at our Introductory GreenScreen Workshops.

Between June of 2011 and June of 2014, we delivered six GreenScreen Introductory Workshops in the Great Lakes Basin:

- May 2012 Ann Arbor, Michigan
- November 2012 Chicago, Illinois
- January 2013 Minneapolis, Minnesota
- September 2013 Indianapolis, Indiana
- April 2014 Cleveland, Ohio
- June 2014 Buffalo, New York



Thank You Teaching Team

Over the three years of this project, we have had the pleasure of working with so many talented and bright colleagues. Your contributions have been invaluable!

Core Team

- Alex Stone, WA DoE
- Cheri Peele, CPA
- Emily Golden, ToxServices
- Lauren Heine, CPA
- Meg Whittaker, ToxServices
- Shari Franjevic, CPA
- Teresa McGrath, NSF International

Special Guests

- Amy Hunsicker, CPA
- Ann Blake, Independent
- Bingxuan Wang, ToxServices
- Chris Schlosser, ToxServices
- Cindy McComas, NPPR
- Curtis Wray, Hewlett Packard
- Emma Lavoie, DfE
- Frederic Petit, DSM
- Helen Holder, Hewlett Packard
- Jeff Burke, NPPR
- Jennifer Rutkiewicz, ToxServices
- Kristin Schaefer, ToxServices
- Libby Sommer, formerly with DfE
- Mark Rossi, CPA
- Michael Schmeida, Oatey
- Monica Becker, GC3
- Patricia Beattie, SciVera
- Zach Guerrette, ToxServices

Recent Workshops & Presentations

- Green Chemistry & Engineering Conference, June 2014.
 Dr. Heine presented on 1) Use of GreenScreen in Alternatives Assessment (Recorded Session: What is an Alternatives Assessment?) and 2) Designing Safer Chemicals (not recorded)
- US Green Building Council, "Lunch and Learn", June 2014.
 Materials & Health: Improving Materials Selection through Chemical Hazard Assessment

GREENSCREEN IN STANDARDS & ECO-LABELS

GreenScreen is Proposed in TCO Development Eco-Label for Electronics

TCO Development is evaluating an update of their nonhalogenated substances requirement in the TCO Certified sustainability certification for all eligible IT product categories. The <u>PROPOSED UPDATE</u> of the non-halogenated substances requirement uses GreenScreen Benchmarking as the basis for decision-making in their certification scheme, with Benchmark 2 or higher being acceptable:

"Non halogenated flame retardants used in plastic parts that weigh more than 25 grams shall have GreenScreen® assessments performed by Licensed Profilers and assigned a benchmark score."

RECENT REPORTS & NEW ASSESSMENTS

Chemicals in Consumer Products are Draining
Trouble into the Great Lakes Ecosystem GreenScreen Assessment Shows Triclosan and
Triclocarban Should be Avoided

Thursday, July 10th, Canadian Environmental Law Association released a new report:

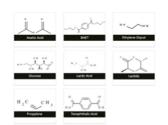
GreenScreen for Safer Chemicals was used to assess the environmental and human health profile of Triclosan (CAS# 3380-34-5) and Triclocarban (CAS# 101-20-2), chemicals widely used as antibacterial/antimicrobial agents in many products including cosmetics, personal care consumer products, textiles and food contact materials.

MEDIA RELEASE

DOWNLOAD FULL PUBLICATION, including ASSESSMENTS

Plastics Scorecard v1.0

To better understand the complete hazard profiles of polymer manufacturing for three plastics that at first seemed less hazardous than other polymers, Clean Production Action contracted with ToxServices, LLC to perform GreenScreen assessments on eight chemicals



related to the polymer manufacturing of polyethylene terephthalate (PET), polylactic acid (PLA), and polypropylene.

Read more on the <u>PLASTICS SCORECARD</u>
Download these <u>GREENSCREEN ASSESSMENTS</u>



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