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Wisconsin Asbestos Conference 2016

New hosting organization – same important information!

The 2016 Wisconsin Asbestos Conference will be held December 9 at the Kalahari Resorts and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Historically the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has co-hosted the annual training seminar on asbestos abatement requirements and best management practices with the Department of Health Services (DHS). Starting this year, the coordination and hosting of the annual training will be managed by an outside committee, comprised of members from the long standing planning committee that helped DNR and DHS design the agenda and engage speakers in the past.

To register, go to the conference web page at <http://wisconsinasbestosconference.org/>. For questions or more information, email info@wisconsinasbestosconference.org.

9th Annual Wisconsin Sustainable Business Conference

December 8, 2016
Empire Screen Printing, N520 Marco Rd, Onalaska, WI

Each December, the Wisconsin Sustainable Business Council welcomes the Wisconsin business community for a direct business-to-business exchange of sustainability experiences, challenges, tools, solutions and ideas. The annual conference brings outstanding speakers together in a design that maximizes interaction with the audience.

URL: <http://www.wisconsinsustainability.com/2016-conference/>



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Self Audits for Hazardous Waste Management

As a hazardous waste generator, you can perform self-audits using DNR inspection forms to determine your facility's compliance with the regulations before a hazardous waste inspector ever arrives. These inspection forms are the same inspection forms used by the department when conducting a hazardous waste inspection. Performing a self-audit will also help point out areas of the regulations that you may not be familiar with. You may contact the hazardous waste inspector assigned to your facility location to find resources on the regulations that apply to the materials, processes and wastes generated at your facility. The inspection forms are located on the DNR hazardous waste program page under Forms and checklists in a printable format. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/Forms.html>

More information on hazardous waste management, including links to the documents listed above, can be found at the department hazardous waste website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/Hazardous.html>.

Small Entity Guide for Silica released by OSHA

OSHA has released its guidelines for small employers who fall under the scope of the Silica in Construction standard. Whenever OSHA publishes a significant standard such as 1926.1153, the Agency is required to develop materials to help small employers comply. This document, titled Small Entity Compliance Guide for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction is that document.

It is in an easy to read format and it is intended to make the new silica standard more understandable to non-attorneys.

A link to a PDF of the publication is here, <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3902.pdf>.

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