



# **The Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA): Services for Businesses and Communities**

# Overview

- The Basics: How TURA works
- Services provided by TURI, OTA and MassDEP
- Out of State Company Resources
  - Laboratory Testing
  - Online Tools and Databases
  - Library
  - TUR Planner Course
- Your questions
- Ice Breaker Activity

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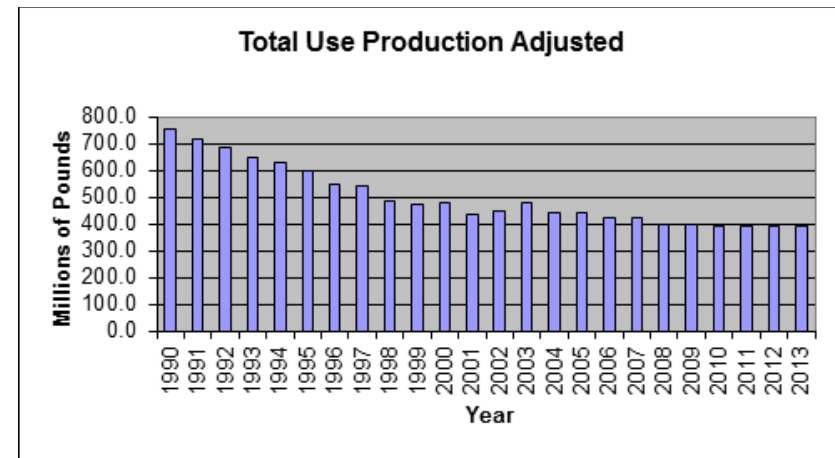
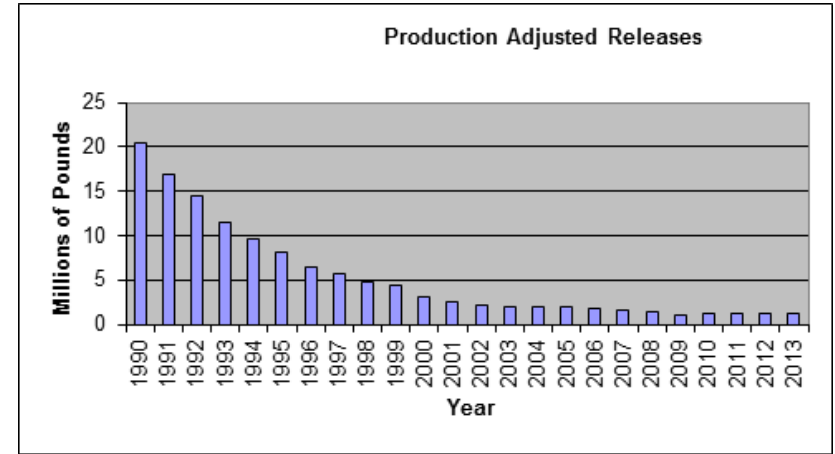
- Helps Massachusetts companies and communities:
  - *Reduce the use of toxic chemicals* while promoting competitive advantage of Massachusetts businesses.



# How TURA Works

Users of large amounts of toxic chemicals must:

- *Report* toxics use
- *Pay* fees
  - Funds support services to industry & communities
- *Plan* toxics reduction



# TUR Reporting

- Annual reports on amounts used, wasted, shipped in product, released onsite, or shipped offsite as pollution
- Affects  $\approx$  500 companies employing 10 or more FTEs that also use above threshold amounts of one or more of  $\approx$  1000 TURA listed chemicals
- Makes companies aware of quantities they use and waste

# TURA Structure: Implementing Agencies



**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP):** planner certification, filings, enforcement, data analysis



**Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA):** On-site, confidential technical assistance



**Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI):** Training, Grants, Research, Alternatives Assessment, Policy Analysis, Technical Support, Laboratory, Library

# Referrals from OTA



- Works primarily with industrial facilities
- Free & confidential technical assistance includes
  - Recommendations to enhance compliance
  - Implement pollution prevention options
- Pollution prevention recommendations from OTA can include:
  - Suggestions for toxics use minimization to increase efficiency
  - Solvent recycling or reuse options
  - Specific chemical or process alternatives recommended based on what has worked for other companies, similar applications
  - Suggestion to contact the TURI Cleaning Lab for further investigation to assess an alternative
- Following a referral to the Lab, OTA technical assistance providers can help companies implement the Lab's recommendation

# Toxics Use Reduction Institute Laboratory

- UMass Lowell (est. 1994)
- The laboratory works on such sectors as:
  - Industry
  - Janitorial
  - Households
  - Disinfection
- Learning Laboratory
  - 20-25 undergraduate students
  - 2-3 graduate students





# How We Help Companies

- Performance Testing (Low Cost or through Grants)
  - Site Visit
  - EHS Assessment
  - Hansen Solubility Testing (HSPIP)
  - Flexible Performance Testing
    - Customized evaluations
- EHS Assessment of Potential Alternatives
  - Pollution Prevention Options Analysis System (P2OASys)

# Ice Breaker (5-10 Minutes)

- Break into small groups (3-5 people)
  - Discussion:
    - Introductions
    - What do you hope to get out of this training?
    - Why do we clean?





# Cleaning Solvents: Why We Clean

# Surface Cleaning

- What “clean” means
  - Free from dirt, stain, or impurities
  - More simply, unsoiled
- Soils can be defined as
  - Extraneous or unwanted material deposited and/or attached to a surface
- Cleaning is the process of getting rid of these impurities

# Who Cleans

- I guess a shorter question would be, who doesn't?

# Company Types Using TCE

Companies	Total 47
Capacitor Manufacturer	2
Plating & Metalworking	22
Aircraft	1
Semiconductor/Electronics	2
General Mfr	14
Jewelry	4
Tools	1
Wire & Cable	1

# What Has Been Cleaned

Contaminants	Tests Run	Specific Types
Buffing/Polishing Compounds	226	12
Oil	423	33
Paints/Inks/Coatings	62	9
Waxes	15	9
Other	14	4

# Why Clean

- May be required to prepare the surfaces of parts prior to other manufacturing processes
  - Welding, plating or painting
- May be performed for aesthetic reasons as an aid for marketing and sales
- Or it may be necessary to ensure that the finished product will perform without failure caused by contamination



# How to Clean

- Cleaning systems depend on three actions
  - Mechanical
  - Thermal
  - Chemical
- Balancing act
  - With a good chemical cleaner, the mechanical and thermal requirements can be lowered
- Time

# With What Shall I Clean It...

- Solvency can be defined as the ability to dissolve.
  - Water is considered to be the ‘universal solvent’
    - Capable of dissolving many inorganic and some organic contaminants or soils
  - But not all soils readily dissolve in water alone,
    - Which is why additives were included to make the first soaps

# Trouble with Cleaning

- Like dissolves like
  - Demonstrated by visual observation
- Natural soaps and detergents simply did not dissolve greases and oils on their own
- Synthetic Soaps
  - Halocarbon chemistry played an important role in development of more successful synthetic cleaners

# Halogenated Solvents

- Most of the synthesized compounds exhibited characteristics suitable for cleaning
  - Chlorofluorocarbons - CFCs
    - Had an unfortunate environmental hazard, ozone depletion
  - Hydrochlorofluorocarbons – HCFCs
    - Were marketed as less toxic replacements for current ozone depleting substances
    - Did not eliminate ozone-layer damaging effects

# Evolution of Solvents

- Hydrofluoro Carbons - HFC
  - Although they contain no chlorine,
  - High vapor pressure and low solubility make them poor cleaners
- Hydrofluoroether – HFE
  - Showed potential as a replacement solvent in metal, electronic, and precision cleaning applications
    - Still have Global Warming Potential (GWP)
      - 150-480

# Evolution of Solvents

- Perfluorocarbons - PFCs
  - Contain only carbon and fluorine atoms
  - Exhibit good cleaning properties and are extremely inert
    - Not viewed as a danger to the ozone layer
    - Atmospheric lifetimes are thought to be thousands of years
      - Most likely have a very strong potential for enhancing global warming

# Current Work Horse of Cleaning

- Trichloroethylene - TCE
  - Still used in metal cleaning
- Normal Propyl Bromide – nPB
  - Was thought to be TCE's replacement
- Perchloroethylene – PCE
  - Used because of its non-flammability, high solvency, vapor pressure, and stability
- Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene
  - Moderately effective
  - Flammability issues

# Downside

- Negative Environmental and health effects
  - Atmospheric ozone depletion
  - Global warming
  - Acid rain formation
  - Carcinogenicity
  - Neurotoxicity
  - Reproductive toxicity
  - Cardiovascular system damage
  - Central nervous system damage



# Newer to the Market & Revisited

- Mixtures, Blends and Azeotropes
  - HFE
  - Trans-dichloroethylene (DCE)
  - Furoates
  - Methanol
  - Ethanol
  - Isopropyl alcohol
  - Acetone
  - Cyclopentane

# Regrettable Popular Substitutions

- HydroFluoroEther (HFE)
  - Solstice PF
  - Solstice PF-2A
- Trans-dichloroethylene (DCE)
  - Fluosolv™ CX
  - Tergo Metal Cleaner
  - Vertrel™ SDG
  - Opteon™ Sion

# Why Are HFEs Regrettable Substitutions?

- HFE
  - Contributes to global warming
  - Breaks down into very persistent and toxic PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) chemicals
    - EPA initiated regulatory development process for listing PFOA and PFOS as CERCLA hazardous substances and hold parties responsible for PFAS releases into the environment (2018)
  - Low boiling point
    - Risk of losing chemistry with equipment issues

# Physical Properties

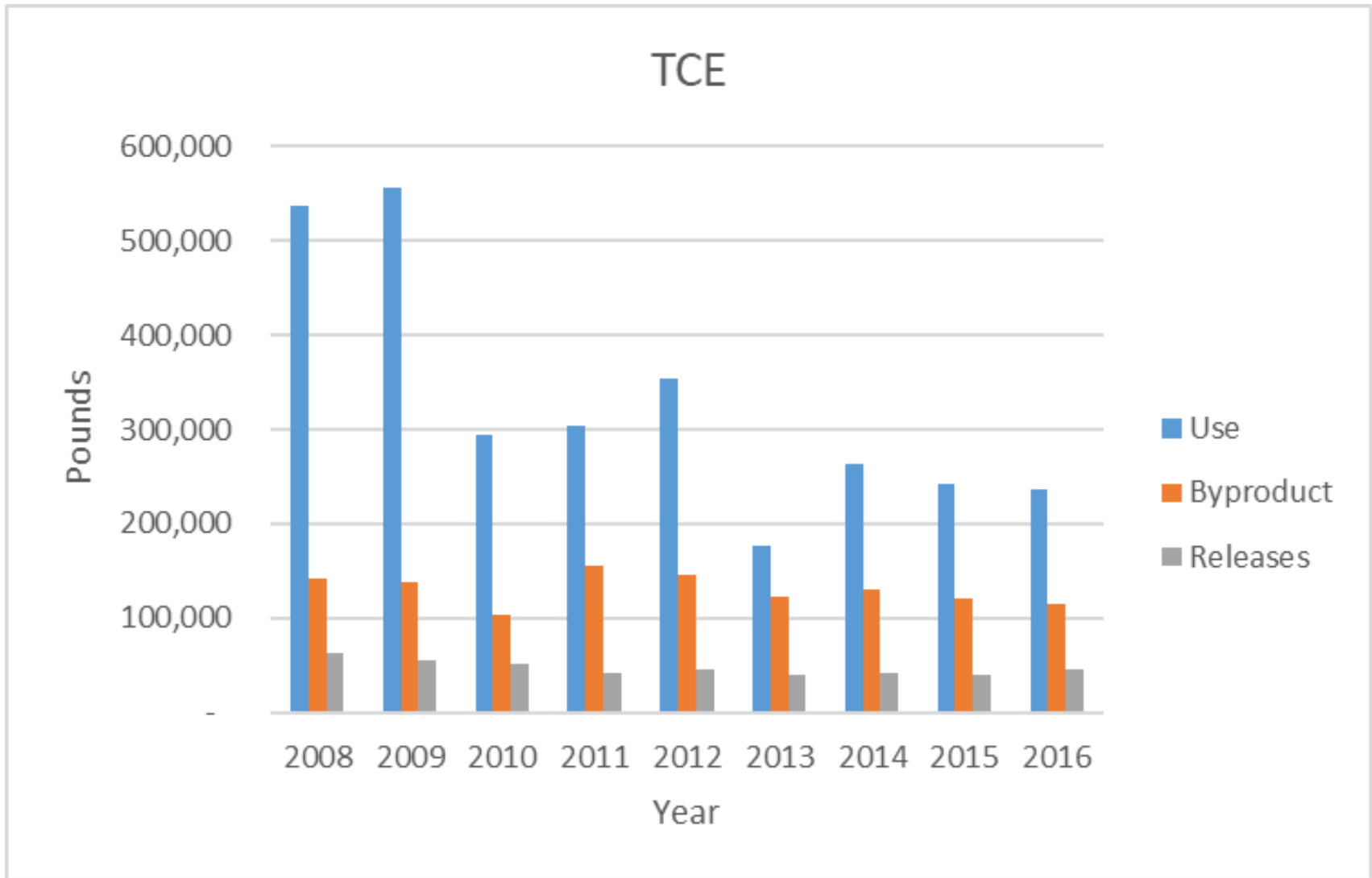
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Units	mm Hg	cal/g	dynes/cm	C	C			g/l		ppm
TCE	69	57	29	87.2	none	0.007	<9	1456	125	50
FLUOSOLV_CX	340	65.3	19.1	41	none	No	<30	1035	95	200
FLUOSOLV_CX 500	525	50.3	17.8	36	none	No	<560	325	30	200
FLUOSOLV_FR1 10	525	41.3	17.5	46	none	No	<20	0	28	1000
FLUOSOLV_NC 786	525	47.5	18.5	39	none	No	150	255	45	750
Honeywell PF	1185	45.6	12.7	18	none	No	1	0	25	800
Honeywell PF - 2A	1185	45.6	12.7	18	none	No	1	0	25	800
Vertrel SION	335	59.8	21	47	none	No	<1	1278	100	200
Ethyl 2-furoate	0.40	73.8	34	196	70	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Methyl 2-furoate	0.858	79.1	34	181	73	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# How TCE Still Being Used in US

Type of Degreasing Machine	Number Units	Total Annual Air Emissions (lbs/yr)
Open-top Vapor Degreasing (batch vapor)	116	890,000
Cold Solvent Cleaning (cold)	13	140,000
Conveyorized Vapor Degreasing (in-line)	11	120,000
General Degreasing Units (unknown)	40	330,000

Breakdown of Degreasing Machine Type based on NEI Data for Point Source, 2008

# TCE Usage in Massachusetts



# TURI Lab 5 Steps to Success

## I. Brainstorm Compatibility and "Lift" Studies



## II. Temperature and Concentration Studies

Chemical field may be narrowed/changed from Phase I



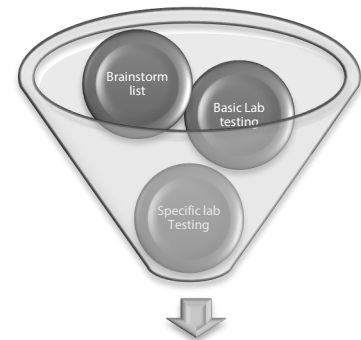
## III. Mechanical Energy Studies

Number of chemical cleaner candidates further decreases from Phase II



## IV. Actual Product Cleaning Studies

Geometries and sizes of parts important to cleaning efficiency



Pilot Testing

## v. Pilot Plant / Scale-up Feasibility Studies

Production volumes or throughput dictated by



# How to Get Started?

- Site Visit – Walk through
- Safety Screening – CleanerSolutions
- EHS Assessment – P2OASys
- Performance Testing - Customized evaluations
- Pilot Testing/Implementation - Working with company to verify success of alternatives