

Regulatory News

Control of Hazardous Energy through Lockout Tag-Out Safety

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout) standard impacts virtually all workplaces with energy sources in machines and equipment, such as; electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, chemical and thermal. This standard is designed to keep employees and machine operators safe from unexpected start up or release of stored energies during service or maintenance.

There are essentially five steps to ensure Lockout /Tagout compliance:

1. Prepare and implement a written lockout tag-out program
2. Evaluate equipment and develop equipment specific lockout tag-out procedures
3. Identify energy control points
4. Employee training and communication
5. Use of appropriate tools and warning devices



LockOut/TagOut

Nearly 10 percent of serious industrial accidents are the result of failing to control hazardous energy. It is estimated that improper or inadequate Lockout /Tagout contributes to an estimated 120 fatalities and 50,000 injuries yearly.

More information about OSHA's Control of Hazardous Energy standard is available on [OSHA's website](#).

Tighe & Bond can help your facility comply with the standard by developing written policies, equipment specific procedures, evaluate current practices and conduct training. If you need additional information or find out how Tighe & Bond can help your facility manage risk, contact EH&S Compliance Specialist **Jason Hayward** at (508) 471-9614 or jhayward@tighebond.com.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators Examination Preparation Starts April 22nd

This six week course is designed for examination preparation. It is an ideal opportunity for prospective wastewater treatment plant operators and current wastewater treatment plant operators looking to upgrade their licenses.

Classes are on six consecutive Tuesdays starting on April 22nd. Classes take place in Westfield from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. This class will also run again in September/October. You can [register online](#) or phone by calling **Nicole Rose** at (413) 572-3249.

TURPA Elects Jeff Bibeau to its Board of Directors



The Toxic Use Reduction Planners Association (TURPA) recently elected **Jeff Bibeau** to its board of directors for a two-year term. A Registered Environmental Manager (REM) and environmental compliance group leader at Tighe & Bond, Jeff is also a certified Toxics Use Reduction (TUR) Planner who brings more than 20 years of experience in toxic use reduction to this appointment. He was also the first individual to receive the TUR Planner Champion Award last year from the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI) located at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

[TURPA](#) is a professional organization dedicated to maintaining a high standard of integrity and professional practice for TUR Planners. Based in Framingham, this association represents all TUR Planners in Massachusetts, and works with Department of Environmental Protection on TUR planning requirements and changes.

You can reach Jeff at (413) 572-3243, or jbibeau@tighebond.com.

MASS DEP's Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting Due April 15th

Greenhouse gas emissions reporting provides data to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) that is important for developing emission reduction targets and plans, and measuring progress toward goals. Don't miss the annual due date of April 15 for mandatory reporting; [click here](#) to find more details.



What's Your Source Registration Deadline?

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has released the 2014 Source Registration deadlines for all facilities. Find your facility's deadlines [here](#).

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Deadline!	
29	30

Tank Talk Webinar on March 25



This 60 minute webinar Tank Talk - Managing Your Storage of Flammables, Combustibles & Troublesome Chemistries will provide attendees with an update relative to storage tank management. Hot topics will include discussion of secondary containment requirements as well as tank construction standards. All attendees will receive copies of the presentation

[Click here](#) to register for this webinar. The cost is \$50.

Reminder: Other Environmental Compliance Deadlines on the Horizon

Source Registration Emissions Status:

April 15th (Title V Facilities)

May 15th (Other Major Sources)

June-August (Minor sources)

Toxics Use Reduction Reporting & Planning

July 1st

Toxic Release Inventory

July 1st

2014 Conferences & Webinars

Once again, Tighe & Bond is offering a range of training and refresher courses for health & safety compliance, environmental compliance, and water/wastewater treatment operators. The 2014 schedule is now available on our website or to view [click here](#).

If you need additional information contact **Alexis Dallaportas**, Project Environmental Scientist at (508) 471-9643, or addallaportas@tighebond.com



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