



## INGHAM COUNTY POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM FACT SHEET

### What is the Pollution Prevention Program?

The Ingham County Pollution Prevention Program (P2) is responsible for inspecting facilities that use and/or store toxic, hazardous, or polluting substances. Inspectors ensure that facilities utilize and dispose of hazardous materials properly, thereby preventing environmental contamination/exposure to the environment.

It is the purpose and intent of the P2 program to protect public health and the environment by:

- Identifying facilities that use, produce and/or store hazardous or potentially polluting materials
- Maintaining records of chemical inventories
- Preventing the release of toxic, hazardous or polluting substances into the environment
- Providing information to assist emergency response personnel with emergency preplanning which will control toxic releases to the environment during an event

### What is the History of the P2 Program?

Ingham County has been inspecting facilities that generate hazardous waste(s) for thirty years. In addition, Ingham County staff writes SARA 302 facility site plans for those facilities required by Federal law. Ingham County Staff has also assisted businesses owners in Ingham County to write Pollution Incident Prevention Plans for the State of Michigan. The passing of the Pollution Prevention Regulation brings both the State and Federal Programs together to efficiently manage these programs.

### What is the P2 Program's Role in Environmental Response?

If an environmental incident or chemical spill was to occur, the P2 program will assist emergency response personnel by providing information included in the facility's inspection reports and status sheets, such as emergency contact information, amounts and locations of chemicals in the facility. This allows emergency response personnel to quickly determine any environmental release and prepare adequate personal protection gear before entering the facility.

### What are the Reporting Requirements for the P2 Program?

Businesses in Ingham County that manufacture store or use 56 gallons (450 pounds) or more of a toxic, hazardous or polluting substance must submit an annual status sheet to Environmental Health by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year. A status sheet template will be provided by Ingham County each year. Included in the status sheet is contact information, site plans which include storage locations, chemical hazards, and plans for responding to emergency situations and other emergency information.

### What are the Inspection Requirements for the P2 Program?

Ingham County staff will routinely inspect businesses storing 56 gallons (450 pounds) or more of toxic, hazardous or polluting substances. Frequency of inspections varies from once a year to once every three years depending upon the quantity of material stored in the facility. Once a facility has been inspected consecutively for 2 years and has successfully submitted a Status Sheet before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each reporting year the facility can go onto Reduced Frequency which allows the facility to be inspected every 2-3 years. However, if the facility fails to submit a Status Sheet before March 1<sup>st</sup> that facility will be removed from the Reduced Frequency category and require an additional two consecutive reporting year inspections and successfully submit status sheets before March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to be again eligible for Reduced Frequency Status.

### What Facilities are Exempt From the P2 Program Regulation?

The P2 Regulation does not apply to:

- A facility that uses, stores or manufactures less than 56 gallons (450 pounds) of toxic, hazardous or polluting substances
- Substances contained in foods, drugs, cosmetics, tobacco products or consumer products held for retail sale purposes (*Retail Sale* means the sale or purchase of any toxic, hazardous, or polluting substance that is individually packaged and sealed in small quantities (not more than 5 gallons or 40 pounds) for distribution to the ultimate consumer)
- Agricultural operators including fertilizer dealers licensed by the State of Michigan
- Boxed or bagged salt
- Universities and Colleges
- Oil and gas exploration and production
- Retail Automotive Service Stations (fuel only)
- Oil containing electrical equipment
- Manufactured items
- Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- Self-contained fuel supply used to propel a vehicle

### What Services will the P2 Program Provide?

The P2 Program staff is committed not only to protecting the environment, but also to working in cooperation with local facilities. Services staff will provide include:

- Courtesy inspections to exempt facilities
- Expert consultation and education
- Chemical storage plan review
- Information to assist facilities in county, state and federal regulation compliance

### Where Can I get More Information about the Pollution Prevention Program?

For questions about the Pollution Prevention Regulation, please contact the Ingham County Health Department, Environmental Health at (517) 887.4312 or visit <http://hd.ingham.org/Home/EnvironmentalHealth.aspx>.