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Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air Newsletter

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WPCA Message from the Chair

Springtime is a happy time in Wisconsin and for the Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air. Spring is when we get to put the cold winter behind us and look towards warmer days. May is Clean Air Month where WPCA traditionally recognizes the great efforts partner organizations have taken to reduce air emissions and improve air quality.

So enjoy spring and happy Clean Air Month! We look forward to seeing you at the Clean Air Extravaganza!
Dona Wininsky, WPCA Chair

Clean Air Extravaganza



The Wisconsin Partners For Clean Air conducts an annual award recognition opportunity for organizations that take voluntary actions to improve air quality during the previous year. This year we received some great nominations for both the Clean Air Recognition Award and the Commuter Champ Award.

The award winners will be presented at the annual Clean Air Extravaganza event on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the offices of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce located at 756 N. Milwaukee Street, Suite 400, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The event theme this year will be *Small Business, Big Strides*. Attendees will hear about government and energy efficiency resources and gain additional insights from businesses. The presentations will have transferable knowledge for organizations of all types and provide ideas and initiatives you can take back to your respective organizations.

Thank you to the following member groups for sponsoring this year's award event: American Lung Association in Wisconsin, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, and Milwaukee County Transit System.

For more details about the awards and event announcement, visit WPCA website at: <http://www.cleanairwisconsin.org>
 To RSVP, please contact Peter McMullen at peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov

Air Quality Awareness Week April 27—May 1

For more information, visit:
<http://epa.gov/airnow/airaware/>

American Lung Association's State of the Air Report

16th annual release date: **April 29**
www.stateoftheair.org

May is Clean Air Month

Clean air is important to human and ecosystem health. Poor air quality can affect people of all ages, especially those sensitive to air pollution, including people with asthma or heart conditions, people who work and exercise outdoors, and older adults and children.

These facts make it all the more important to understand air quality and recognize the importance of clean air. Sign up for the...

Clean Air Tip of the Week

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirQuality/ItAllAddsUp.html>



For Current Air Quality Conditions:

**Air Quality Hotline
1-866-DAILY AIR**

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 WISCONSIN AIR QUALITY HOTLINE
1-866-DAILY AIR
 Learn what you can do at:
www.cleanairwisconsin.org
 A Coalition Committed to Reducing Emissions Through Voluntary Actions



Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air

Program Milestone:

Green Tier

In 2005, the first Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Green Tier agreements were signed, providing a framework to pursue environmental progress with a commitment to continuous improvement. Growing to over 100 participants and 4 charters, the Green Tier program focuses on building trust and developing a shared path for participants to achieve superior environmental and economical performance.

The Green Tier program helps benefit businesses, the environment and the community. Businesses throughout Wisconsin in good environmental standing can apply to the program. Once participants are accepted into the program, the business works together with DNR to find credible and creative ways to enable their business to be a powerful, sustainable force for environmental good and enhance productivity, cut costs and strengthen the health of the business and community.

Green Tier participants are provided a designated DNR single point of contact to help navigate programs and connect opportunities and resources to help achieve environmental objectives and are granted the option of reduced inspection frequency and limited civil immunity in the case of voluntary disclosure.

By adopting or utilizing a functional environmental management system, participants integrate environmental performance into regular decision making moving from compliance to continual improvement, going beyond existing compliance-based programs.

To learn more about Green Tier and to read the *Decade of Progress Report*, visit: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/GreenTier/>

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Send us your emission and environmental success story.

Upcoming Workshops

click on links for event details

April 21 (8:00-2:00pm)
Green Vehicles Workshop
WI Clean Cities
www.wicleancities.org
MATC- Downtown Campus

April 30 (2:00-4:00pm **Reg. Deadline-** April 27)
Sustainable Supply Chain Workshop
APICS/Logical Green Solutions
<http://apicsmilw.org/meetinginfo.php?id=232&ts=1428032735>
Quad/Graphics - Sussex

The Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air is a coalition committed to improving air quality through voluntary action. For Comments, suggestions, and successes, **contact:** Peter McMullen phone: 414-263-8751 or email: peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov