

Session & Training Suggestions for Future WSPPN Conferences

WSPPN is known for providing the most current information on the broadest array of sustainability and pollution prevention topics in the region.

Topics people would like to see at a future WSPPN Conference

Source: Donna's BEP Blog and WSPPN 2010 surveys

Alternatives assessment examples (presentations on green screen, cradle-to-cradle)
Up and coming with Cal/EPA

Consumer Products

Auto body shop update
Consumer Products Enforcement (US & Cal/ EPA)
Consumer product (household, institutional)
Smart shopping & consuming to lower carbon footprint
Toxins in products and processes

Cool cities/pavement/roofs/coatings

Chemicals and Pollutants

Alternative Chemicals
Alternatives analyses for particular industries – esp. if there are viable, safer alternatives available
Chemical substitutions for industries – “Back to Basics”
Classification of chemicals
Up and coming with DTSC
Emerging chemicals sessions
Emerging contaminants/chemicals
Emerging pollutants, incl. nanotech
Exposures to different types of chemicals
Regulations on green chemistry (and other aspects)

Emerging Technologies

Greater technical innovation
Emerging technologies (chemical process, etc.)
Plastic alternatives

Fluorescent lighting/mercury issues

Green Building

Pervious concrete and other LID design & maintenance approaches

Green Business

Calculating energy/water/waste usage, reduction and savings
Green business program sessions
Green business programs for locals
Hands-on P2/business audit
More on EPP and green business programs and water issues, water conservation technology and model programs...Cal Green and other new codes

Green Chemistry

Integration of Green Chemistry into P2 Programs
(Challenge of hard sciences & prioritization of issues)

Energy efficiency topics

Climate Change & GHG

Climate change issues
Greenhouse gas calculators – savings!

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Green Purchasing

Green purchasing case studies

Networking and IT tools for green purchasing

EU activities

Extended Producer Responsibility – You make it, you manage it! where it works and why

Hazardous Waste

Categorizing or quantification

Effect of hazardous waste on the environment

Hazcat

How to minimize waste and promote reduce, reuse, recycle

Marine Issues

Marinas, fueling, boatyards, divers who clean boat hulls

Nanotechnology (threats and benefits)

Pollutants and P2

Pollutants of Concern on our NPDES permits (Bay Area specific)

Pollution Prevention Planning for Industries

(Sustainability Staircase LQG's, SQG's, Non Profits, Jurisdictions, Military?)

Sector specific pollution prevention

Cross Media P2

P2 planning/audits for industry

P2 Technologies

Getting industry, academics, and regulators to collaborate in P2

Getting everyone on the same page for measuring results of P2

Giving the local gov the tools to promote P2

More office P2 measures

Funding 101 for local gov for P2 – “making it happen in your jurisdiction”

Marketing Programs (least covered at all industry conferences)

Political Process and Legislation affecting P2

Public health and P2

Changes to ROHS & what it means to California

Sustainability Implementation Strategies

Zero waste

Zero waste, waste minimization, alternative products

Types of Trainings:

- How to make an EPA Scouts Troop or Summer Camp or how to teach kids about these issues
- Energy savings calculator for utilities
- One day P2 roundup of auto-services, dentists, dry cleaners, nail salons, landscapers, etc. Photos of good, bad, ugly & checklists and P2 opportunities and alternatives
- Report from Iclei; at conference receive STAR training from Iclei
- Progress of REACH implementation – any lessons learned
- EPA chemical action plans – what do they mean for us in CA/P2
- Calculator for energy savings to water and wastewater utilities with water conservation programs (variables would include FT of head to pump water in domestic supply and waste treatment.
- More about agencies which regulate chemicals. Flowchart.
- Regulations on green chemistry (and other aspects)
- Hands on- on-site P2/green business audit
- Iclei is set up to do that with the STAR training. See iclei.org
- Universal waste/e-waste disposal

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Comments:

- Need great speakers
- Webinars and video conferences would be appreciated in addition to annual conference.
- Due to budget restraints, traveling to a conference is not even a remote possibility. Our wages were cut last year and most probably this year as well. My hope is that you continue to utilize the webinar for those of us whom are not able to attend.
- We are not getting much support or training through the State agencies at the present time; I'm wondering if it would be worth doing a "Training the Trainer" type weekend training for a conference for P2 Professional persons wanting to operationalize and implement sustainability programs with jurisdictions, for example. Perhaps give a certificate to help them get a foot in the door of the entities they wish to help.
- I would attend a conference that gives me specific actions and practices for particular trades/industry so that I can pass these on to the businesses I inspect to include in a specific outreach to a group such as the property maintenance/convalescent home/home owners association businesses, or machine shops, or resin/marble-works/surfboard manufacture 7 repair, or dry cleaners, or Marinas/Yacht clubs/Boat yards. Something more tailored for the various specialties. We have already conducted outreach for automotive repair and know you have plenty on auto body & painting shops so more along those lines for other industries.
- Resurrection of P2 as a stand-alone element of EPA's programs and events
- More industry specific P2, may want to do printers again since most folks went to emerging chemicals.
- Get Stephen Owens from EPA to talk about TSCA reform and new initiative on sustainable products as a keynote address.

Location Suggestions:

Napa (Oakland and Sacramento are close airports)

San Francisco

Lake Tahoe – in California and Nevada; plenty of Conf. Facilities; location draw; access via Reno airport or drive from CA.

Palm Springs and San Diego in the south

Sacramento and Modesto in the north