



**POLLUTION PREVENTION
INFORMATION CENTER**

2001 Report to the Region 8 P2 Roundtable

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P2Rx - National Programs Directory The P2Rx Programs Database was initiated as a national project of the Centers in October, 1999. The purpose of the project is to create an on-line tool for locating business assistance and services -- maintained locally, available nationally.

Peaks to Prairies is the administrative lead on this project, partnering with Region 6 as the technical lead. National standards for data collection have been established, a database has been designed and adopted by all centers and data is being entered. During the coming year content sharing will be in place so data can appear either as a single region, a national collection or in other parts and pieces on various web sites. Data from this database is also used in the "Where to Go For Help" section of the P2Rx Topic Hub. NPPR and P2Rx are discussing a partnership in which the NPPR Yellow Pages are composed from P2Rx data.

P2Rx - Topic Hubs The P2Rx Topic Hub provides a web-based guide to a particular subject, i.e.; it is a "subject-specific" resource guide. The Topic Hub concept formalizes the collection of information into a web site location that:

- Provides quick answers to frequent questions about why a topic is important, typical operations, what options for change are available, and who has expertise with the topic
- Invites the user to add resources pertinent to the topic
- Provides juried comments/reviews and ratings of the collected materials
- Offers direct referrals to expert resources

Twenty-nine topic hubs will be on-line by the end of September. Peaks to Prairies has served an active role in development and implementation of the project. Our contribution for this year is: Auto Body P2, P2 in Residential Construction, the P2 Smart Growth Connection, and Outdoor Recreation - Snowmobile Emissions. Content is nationally focused and marketed, however, Peaks strives to cover topics of regional interest and relevance.

P2Rx - Other & in the future Research Projects Database (RPD) - search for research projects on a particular topic (PPRC, Region 10)
Request for Proposals Clearinghouse - information on current and pending RFPs related to pollution prevention (PPRC, Region 10)
Mercury Reduction Programs Database - find mercury reduction programs taking place nationally (NEWMOA, Regions 1&2)
Industrial Sector P2 Resources - online collection of pollution prevention core references (WRRC, Regions 3&4)
Proposed projects - P2 News - collected and syndicated nationally, National P2 Library

Regional Initiatives

P2 for Ag and Vocational Educators - *Run a Clean Outfit* guide (poster, booklet and PowerPoint demonstration) for high school teachers that introduces the basics of pollution prevention for various laboratory settings.

P2 EnviroRangers Web Club - fun for kids and being developed into a resource for teachers and club leaders. Kids 8-14 years old can use the internet to join the club, explore activities and win prizes while learning about P2. Teachers and youth club leaders can access group activities and search for educational information and resources on P2 topics. This site also has P2 News with stories of particular interest to this age group and stories about kids who are already practicing pollution prevention. A "how-to" video was developed to assist teachers and club leaders in introducing the club. The user interface was much improved this year and the search and find features were added.

Region 8 P2 Yellow Pages - A hard-copy directory was published involving a variety of service providers in Region 8. The directory is a bridge to other service providers to promote partnerships among service providers and to encourage other agencies to refer to state P2 programs when dealing with P2 issues.

Greening Yellowstone - Developed a "green mark" including data from Montana DEQ to be distributed at Park service stations encouraging ethanol use (now available at all gas stations in the Park). The Center also developed a piece for the Park newspaper that everyone receives at the entrance. The article describes greening efforts in the Park and gives P2 ideas for visitors to take home with them

P2 Week Promotion - Developed a collection of resources to help state P2 programs promote P2 week. This project used ideas from Region 8 programs as well as other P2Rx Centers.

Residential Green Construction - Began development of *Green Homes Across the US*, a database of projects highlighting advances and ideas nationwide. Also published the *Contractor's Guide to Pollution Prevention for Residential Construction* on-line. We continue to update the *C&D Waste Guide* originally authored through a mini-grant to Utah DEQ

Clean Snowmobile Challenge - Peaks to Prairies partially sponsored emissions testing at the 2nd Annual competition for the cleanest, quietest snowmobile in Jackson Hole, March 27-31. Montana DEQ and Wyoming DEQ as well as many from outside the P2 community were partners in this effort. Data collected from this event is being used in the tough decisions being made about snowmobiles in the Park, however, the results are useful for cleaner, quieter snowmobiles in general.

News Spotlights - Wind Power in Region 8 and News on Libby Montana Vermiculite Mine Controversy.

EPP - Selling Products to the Government - Web site for businesses interested in selling environmentally preferable products to the government, developed jointly with Gilbert Bailey of EPA.

Web Site Redesign - Site launch expected 9/15/01. Sneak preview provided here at the Roundtable.

Other - Bi-monthly Conference Calls, Roundtable, Record of Region 8 Partnership Growth, ListServe