



## Updating the NPPR Yellow Pages

Peaks to Prairies recently collaborated with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) on a pilot project to give you an opportunity to market your organization. NPPR is updating their Yellow Pages Directory of P2 providers into a searchable database. Some of you are already included in their directory, but we would like to include a more comprehensive list of Region 8 P2 contacts. If you are interested, if you would like to make changes to your information, or if you have any objections to being included in the NPPR Yellow Pages, contact us.

The NPPR web site is <http://www.p2.org>, and the demo of their Yellow Pages directory is located at <http://www.p2.org/2/inforesources/ypdemo.cfm>. The pilot demonstration is not yet public and all of the contacts in our database are not yet on-line, nor do they appear in their final format. NPPR is the largest membership organization in the United States devoted solely to pollution prevention and providing members with timely and accurate information. This effort should provide added exposure to pollution prevention efforts in the region and nationwide.

## Region 8 P2 List Serve Now Available

Would you like to share pollution prevention information and ideas with people in other agencies and states? Members of this list are governmental and non-governmental Region 8 assistance providers and educators. Discussion about regional pollution prevention issues is appropriate including: questions, requests and ideas; announcements of trainings, conferences, and funding opportunities; legislative updates; job openings; regional news.

This Listserv is being developed and will be managed by Peaks to Prairies. If you would like to subscribe, send an e-mail message to [listserv@listserv.montana.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.montana.edu). The message must contain the following text on the first two lines:

subscribe Region8P2  
quit

The subject line is ignored by the list server. Please note that listserv is spelled with no final "e." As a subscriber you will receive a message confirming that the subscription has been processed. The message will contain instructions for posting to the list and signing off the list. We can help if you are having difficulty subscribing.

Pollution Prevention (P2)  
--avoiding or reducing  
pollutants at the source--  
is an economically viable  
and sustainable means to a  
healthful environment and a  
strong economy.

## The Center...

- ◆ Offers access to current regional information and contacts
- ◆ Encourages regional collaboration and leveraging of resources
- ◆ Facilitates regional communication about activities and projects

## 2000-01 Project Focus

- 1 Build partnerships
- 2 Facilitate regional training
- 3 Facilitate regional communication
- 4 Create P2 Information Hubs for: Auto Body, Residential Construction, Smart Growth, and Outdoor Recreation
- 5 P2Rx participation and contributions
- 6 Tribal P2
- 7 Evaluation and reporting of activities

--Waste is paying twice--

## Need Web Space for Your Conference?

If your organization is coordinating an event and would like to promote it with a web site, Peaks to Prairies can help. Call the Center at 406/994-6948 to discuss options.



Visit CCAR's new virtual auto body repair shop at:  
[www.ccar-greenlink.org](http://www.ccar-greenlink.org)  
Also see article on auto body resources, page 2.

## Region 8 Mission and Vision

Pollution can be prevented. The Region 8 Roundtable is a catalyst and clearinghouse for quality pollution prevention assistance through:

- \* Leveraging resources and tools for outreach and education
- \* Facilitating partnerships
- \* Encouraging technology transfer
- \* Promoting regulatory integration

The EPA Region 8 P2 Roundtable -- Providing a dynamic forum for exploring quality solutions to western pollution prevention issues.

Sector efforts at [peakstoprairies.org/](http://peakstoprairies.org/):  
Autobody Tech Source  
.../Autobody  
Residential Construction  
Tech Source  
.../Construction  
P2 for Vo-Ag Educators  
.../VoEd

## Clean Snowmobile Challenge 2001 Mini-Grant Awarded

Currently in its second year, the Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC) intercollegiate design competition was formed in response to increasing concern about snowmobile noise and air pollution in environmentally sensitive areas. CSC challenges engineering students to reengineer an existing snowmobile for improved emissions and noise while maintaining or improving the performance of the original snowmobile with a cost-effective and affordable final product. All Region 8 states have national parks where snowmobile use has been banned as well as large numbers of snowmobile users. Peaks to Prairies funding will go toward snowmobile emission testing at the CSC2001 event. CSC2001 will be held March 27-31, 2001 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. More information is available at the SAE web site: <http://www.sae.org/students/snow.htm>.

## P2 Planning in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Region 8's 2000 P2 Roundtable featured new partnership opportunities from around the region, strategic planning, and training by Dr. Bob Pojasek in measuring environmental excellence. The kickoff event was an interagency panel discussion, Challenges for Collaborative Technical Assistance Delivery, featuring panelists from a variety of agencies and assistance models. This discussion served as a benchmarking activity for the regional roundtable strategic planning that followed. The training by Dr. Pojasek showed how organizations and businesses, large or small, could use the Baldrige Model to measure success. Results and more information about the panel, strategic planning, and training are available on the web site at: <http://peakstoprairies.org/roundtable00.htm>.

## Peaks to Prairies Virtual Library

Take articles, case studies and fact sheets on-line; add a P2 in Region 8 emphasis; give a business/industry slant; put it all together in a single collection and you have the Peaks to Prairies Virtual Library.

### Goals

- create a repository for Region 8 resources;
- help users find accessible, high quality information geared to specific needs;
- make non-mainstream resources easily available.

### Materials Must:

- create an interest in P2 and provide motivation for change;
- help a business, industry or individual compare P2 alternatives;
- give assistance providers P2 background in particular areas;
- support research in the field of P2.

If your agency has on-line or hard-copy resources that fit these criteria please contact Joanne Wilke

## Sustainable Business Conference 2000 and 2001

The Utah Pollution Prevention Association hosted its third annual Sustainable Business Conference November 2-3, 2000, in Sandy, Utah. The agenda included workshops, P2 awards with case studies, and breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Next year's conference will be held at Snowbird Resort, November 7-9, 2001. It is intended to be a regional event involving leaders, professionals and academics of business and government. Within a relaxed atmosphere and learning environment, planned attractions include: Tour of 2002 Olympic Venues, presentation of white papers by academics and professionals, sustainable business awards, student paper contest, and world-class instruction and exchange of ideas. If you are interested, contact Sonja Wallace or James Palmer at 801/957-4435.

## Peaks to Prairies Regional News Spotlights

Libby is a small town in northwestern Montana. Its economy relied for many years on the Zonolite vermiculite mine, which also contained deadly tremolite (asbestos). Controversy surrounds the town, the mine owners, and agencies responsible for protecting miners and their families.

Want more information? In response to issues in Libby, the MSU Extension Service sponsored a forum held in April in Bozeman, Montana, and coordinated by the Peaks to Prairies Center, entitled "Dealing with Asbestos Containing Materials." A follow-up to this event is the first Regional News Spotlights section of the Peaks to Prairies News page: Libby, Montana-Vermiculite Mine Controversy. As they appear, other on-going news stories will be included in this section providing one-stop-shopping for information on specific, timely, and pertinent events within EPA Region 8. Spotlights will include a brief overview, recent news, and a listing of web sites with related information.

## The P2 EnviroRangers Web Club

<http://www.montana.edu/p2er>

Rising levels of atmospheric CO2 could lead to more fires in western North American deserts. Every time you open your refrigerator, you add to global warming. How can this be? EnviroRangers know. \*\*

The P2 EnviroRangers is a web club for kids who help the Earth by practicing pollution prevention. New developments on the site include P2 News that kids can relate to, with sections for Hot News, Did You Know, and For Teachers/Leaders. EnviroRanger News links to a preliminary Worm Bin activity page. A multi-disciplinary Advisory Board has been established to create an EnviroRanger "grab-and-go" teacher's kit by early next year. If you have an interest in this, please contact Joanne Wilke. \*\*See EnviroRangers News under "Did You Know" for answers.

## Pollution Prevention in the Auto Body Industry

Visit the Auto Body Tech Source for updated searchable online resources, contacts to professional associations, a link to CCAR-Green Link's (Coordinating Committee for Autobody Repair) new virtual collision repair shop, and the new P2 Guides for Auto Body Shops which provides a comprehensive introduction to P2 practices for new and existing shops. All aspects of operation are covered, some major topics include introducing P2 concepts and philosophy, management roles in creating a P2 program, waste and generator classification, housekeeping, paint prep and application, auto fluid wastes, waste water and sludge, automotive solid wastes, office wastes, energy conservation and water conservation. The guide is printable, contains 18 chapters and a glossary, and may be found by following the P2 Guides for Auto Body Shops links at: <http://peakstoprairies.org/autobody/>.

## Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Whether purchasing for business or home, there are many opportunities to practice pollution prevention and support environmentally responsible companies and products. Many government agencies are initiating, and even mandating, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) programs. US EPA is promoting the Comprehensive Procurement Guideline (CPG) Program to encourage the purchase of products made from recovered materials. Once a product is identified as having a feasible alternative with recycled content, EPA places it on a list and provides purchasing recommendations. Peaks to Prairies provides EPP information and links at: <http://peakstoprairies.org/EPP.htm>. In EPA Region 8 you may also contact Gilbert Bailey, 303-312-6284 or [Gilbert@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Gilbert@epamail.epa.gov) for information and trainings on, Executive Order 13101, CPG Program and general EPP.

"Waste Not Montana,"  
Recycling Conference

March 28-30, 2001

Chico Hot Springs, Montana

For more information see:  
<http://peakstoprairies.org/wastenot>.

## PeakstoPrairies.org Web Features

Find out how to set up a mercury thermostat recycling program in your community:

<http://peakstoprairies.org/MercuryThermostats.htm>

Favorite bookmarks to pollution prevention information on the web, refreshed regularly:

<http://peakstoprairies.org/Bookmarks.htm>

New look and more information in contacts: <http://peakstoprairies.org/Contacts>. A hard copy version of the Directory will soon be published. You may request a copy by e-mail: [ewilke@montana.edu](mailto:ewilke@montana.edu).



## Peaks Web Site Statistics May - Sep, 2000

Month	# Page Views	# User Sessions	Avg. Hits/Day
May	4259	943	249
June	6307	956	348
July	5727	1406	269
Aug	5519	1641	354
Sep	7515	1646	419



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## Recommended Resources:

US Army Environmental Center - Western Region Review:  
<http://aec-www.apgea.army.mil/prod/usaec/ro/western/wreo.htm#reviews>  
Regional monthly newsletter featuring: Federal Agency News and Regulatory  
Developments, Legislation and News by State, Upcoming Conferences, Trainings  
and Events.

USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service  
(CSREES) web site Science and Education Impact Reports for 1999:  
<http://www.ssai.com/impact/1999/query.html>  
Search by state or by topic for agricultural and environmental projects in the region  
and nationwide. Information for 2000 available soon.

EPA's new Climate Change and Waste web site:  
<http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/>  
Colorado, Montana, and Utah in Region 8 are three of 17 states completing state  
climate change action plans by April of this year.

Envision Utah - a partnership for quality growth:  
<http://www.envisionutah.org/>  
Models and tools for smart growth in Utah and the Greater Wasatch Range.

## About the Peaks to Prairies Center

The Center is operated by the Montana State University Extension Service and serves EPA Region 8 states--Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. As part of a non-regulatory, educational entity, the Center draws on resources of the land-grant system. The Center's goal is to protect the environment through pollution prevention and its major function is to serve as a networking tool for state and local governmental agencies, trade associations, educational institutions, consultants, and non-governmental organizations who serve small businesses.

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Peaks to Prairies is a member of the Pollution Prevention Resource Exchange (P2Rx), a national coalition of pollution prevention information centers representing all ten EPA regions. Through P2Rx, centers bring regional networking to a national level, exchange information and build on each others ideas. Support for Peaks to Prairies is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state programs listed on the left.