



**The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance and Technology
and
The New England Chapter of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers**

Invite you to a

Convocation of School Mentors

**October 26, 2007
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Melrose High School
Melrose, Massachusetts**

The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) provides assistance to toxics users and others on improving their environmental performance. Several years ago OTA enlisted the volunteer services of Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) professionals willing to visit school facilities, and help them with chemical management and other environmental, health and safety issues.

OTA's school mentoring program has been regarded as a success by those who have participated, and we are seeking to expand our efforts in this area. As a member or contact of the sponsoring organizations, you are invited to attend the first convocation of school mentors. OTA asks that you consider becoming a school mentor, especially if you have not served in this capacity in the past. The theme of this meeting will be to discuss how to conduct effective EHS activities in school environments.

Speakers

- Rick Reibstein, Senior Analyst, Office of Technical Assistance and Technology
- John Mitchell, CHMM, Client Program Manager, Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure
- Dwight Peavey, TRI Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
- Christina Dillard, Assistant Director, The Laboratory Safety Institute
- Zehra Schneider Graham, CHMM, Associate Director, EHS, The University of Massachusetts—Boston
- Gail Hall, CHMM - EHS Officer, Boston College

Topics

- Successful strategies for working in a school environment
- Experiences assisting schools with hazardous waste cleanouts
- Summary of the key points of chemical use safety in high school labs
- Open Discussion: What information and resources should mentors be aware of? How can we be most effective in helping schools? How can we enlist their cooperation?

Co-Sponsors

- The Toxics Use Reduction Planners Association
- the Massachusetts Chemistry Technology Association

Agenda

**9:00 Welcoming Remarks - Rick Reibstein, Senior Analyst, Office of Technical Assistance and Technology & John Mitchell, CHMM, Client Program Manager, Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure
Dwight Peavey, TRI Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1**

9:15 The US EPA has assisted 9 communities to implement an integrated chemical management program in their science department or throughout their school system. A team of EPA staff and student interns removes all chemicals from the classroom and labs into a centralized "pharmacy" chemical stockroom. All mercury is removed from the classrooms and laboratory. Unwanted, outdated and waste chemicals and solutions are processes into general, universal and hazardous waste streams. Dr Peavey is a senior scientist with EPA Region 1. His specialty is the management of hazardous and toxic chemicals.

10:00 Christina Dillard, Assistant Director, The Laboratory Safety Institute

The Laboratory Safety Institute is an international nonprofit educational organization that has performed training in laboratory safety for more than two decades. Ms. Dillard will provide a summary of the key points of chemical use safety in high school labs.

10:45 Break

**11:00 Zehra Schneider Graham, CHMM, Associate Director, EHS, The University of Massachusetts—Boston
Gail Hall, CHMM - EHS Officer, Boston College**

Ms. Graham is the Associate Director of EH&S at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Gail Hall is the EHS Officer at Boston College. They will present on the issues they have faced in the college and university setting and the successful strategies they have found useful working in a school environment.

11:45 Open Discussion

What information and resources should mentors be aware of? How can we be most effective in helping schools? How can we enlist their cooperation?

This event is intended as an exchange of information. Please come with information and insights to share.

Directions: Melrose High School - 360 Lynn Fells Parkway, Melrose, Massachusetts 02176

Melrose High School is located on Lynn Fells Pkwy near Melrose Center. From Rte 128/95 take exit 37, Rte 93 South. From Rte 93, take Exit 36, Montvale Avenue east towards Stoneham. At the light at Rte 28 (Main Street) turn right. At the next light, about 1/2 mile on Main Street, turn left onto Franklin Street. You will pass Stoneham High School on the right. Stay left on Franklin Street as Perkins bears to the right. Continue to go straight for approximately 2 miles and just after crossing the railroad tracks, turn right onto Tremont Street. Take your first left onto Melrose Street. The High School is on the right.

Please note: **Register early as seating is limited.** RSVP by October 24th. Complete this form and phone, fax, or email this registration information to Sue Lanza at:

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