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Environmentally Responsible Redevelopment & Reuse (ER3)



The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been working to create programs and examining applications in a variety of areas in order to better incorporate sustainability. The EPA recently launched the Environmentally Responsible Redevelopment and Reuse (ER3) Initiative which uses enforcement and other Agency-wide incentives to promote sustainable cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites. The ER3 philosophy is to promote and facilitate environmentally responsible redevelopment at formerly contaminated sites. The goal of ER3 is to establish the next generation of environmental protection - one that proactively prevents and/or reduces contamination in the developed environment.

and property owners to implement sustainable practices during the redevelopment of contaminated sites.

The cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated sites produces significant environmental benefits and in most cases, is preferable to a property remaining underutilized or idle. Current development practices, however, can also have significant environmental impacts, such as wildlife habitat destruction, stormwater runoff, use of scarce resources, and energy consumption. By incorporating sustainable practices and principles into their projects, developers of contaminated sites can minimize the impact of the project on the environment without sacrificing profitability. The information on ER3 above may be seen on <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/cleanup/revitalization/er3/>. Incorporating sustainability into all facets of business is the right thing to do!

To achieve this goal, EPA, through ER3, will collaborate with federal, state, public, and private partners to identify, develop, and deliver incentives to encourage developers

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NYSERDA AND FUEL CELLS!

On March 16, 2011 the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) announced an incentive program for businesses, hospitals or other large power consumers interested in installing fuel cells. Such technology would allow for facilities to generate their own power; relying less for energy from the electric grid.

payments over the first three years of operation based on power produced. Companies can collect a total payment of up to \$1 million for fuel cells, based on the size of the project. Funding is awarded to applications received on a first-come, first-serve basis.

According to their press release, NYSERDA's Customer-Sited Tier Fuel Cell Program will provide as much as \$21.6 million through 2015. The program provides an incentive toward the cost of fuel cell installation, plus

The funding is available to New York ratepayers who pay the RPS charge, but intended for businesses, government facilities, apartment complexes or other large enterprises. Fuel cells emit approximately 60% less carbon dioxide. For more information visit http://www.nyserdera.org/Press_Releases/2011/PressReleas20110316.asp.

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New York City Greener, Greater Buildings Plan (Local Law 84)



As stated in our June 2010 Sustainability newsletter, in December 2009 PlaNYC announced a goal of reducing the city's 2005 greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by the year 2030. In order to accomplish this, the City Council approved a six-part plan. The plan considers land, air, water, energy, transportation, and climate change. Specifically, the six components of the plan comprise of: (1) New York City Energy Code, (2) Lighting Upgrades and Sub-metering, (3) Benchmarking, (4) Audits and Retrofits, (5) Green Workforce Development Training, and (6) Green Building Financing.

The Greater Buildings Plan requires most buildings greater than 50,000 square feet (s.f.) to perform an energy audit every 10 years and to annually benchmark and report energy and water usage under Local Law 84. City-owned buildings must undergo this requirement if greater than 10,000 square feet and had to begin benchmarking on May 1, 2010. Commercial buildings greater than 50,000 square feet must begin benchmarking May 1, 2011.

The benchmarking law will mandate that facilities to disclose the amount of British thermal unit (BTU) per year per square foot of building, the water use per square foot of building, the energy star rating, and a year to year comparison of such data.

There are requirements set forth for city buildings, commercial and mixed-end use buildings and residential buildings. There are listed exemptions for each. Under the commercial and mixed end use buildings, those that are subject to Local Law 84 are those building that are over 50,000 s.f., or 2 or more building together exceed 100,000 s.f. that either share a tax lot or held by the same condominium ownership.

This plan is a testament to NYC's passion to assist reducing greenhouse gas emissions; alleviating potential future climate change. For detailed information on the six-part plan visit http://www.nyc.gov/html/planyc2030/html/plan/buildings_plan.shtml. If you have not begun this process and are subject to Local Law 84 contact PWGC today.

What is your PICK 5 Plan?

EARTH DAY!!!!!!



Earth Day April 22, 2011 Is Approaching!!

As every year, we encourage Earth Day activities in facility settings such as tree planting, park clean up, lectures, farmer's markets, fairs, departmental green competitions and more!

To assist facilities with ideas and ongoing goals for environmentally positive impact goals and sustainability there are numerous sources. <http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2011> is a website that has many great resources and

ideas as well as an opportunity for facilities to pledge to get their corporation involved. It is also a place for potential recognition of initiatives that further the goal of measurably reducing carbon emissions and supporting sustainability.

Other great resources in the EPA website, <http://www.epa.gov/earthday/>. The EPA announced a PICK 5 Plan. This plan invites you to choose at least 5 actions

you'll commit to. Use less water and electricity, commute without polluting, reuse and recycle, and more.

This Earth Day, be creative, get involved, share learned experiences and most of all, have fun in doing so!



JOIN US FOR MORE PWGC SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS IN 2011!!

Our workshops in 2010 were so successful we have decided to have more workshops in 2011! Stay tuned for exact dates; however, see below for upcoming topics and months workshops shall be held.!



Carbon Footprint

Date: May , 2011

Time: 12pm

Given By: Theresa Colabella



LEED

Date: June, 2011

Time: 12pm

Given By: Tammy Cunha, LEED AP

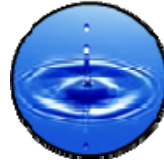


Brownfield & Revitalization

Date: July, 2011

Time: 12pm

Given By: Kris Almskog



Water Conservation

Date: April, 2011

Time: 12pm

Given By:
Tammy Cunha, LEED AP
& Richard Zapolski, Jr., P.E.



Renewable Energy

Date: October, 2011

Time: 12pm

Given By: Steve Giordano, P.E., LEED AP



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Quality & Performance

Businesses are all too aware of their responsibility to protect and enhance the environment in which they work and operate. However, Directors have found that managing activities in a responsible way not only helps to reduce the negative impacts on the environment (e.g. production of waste, natural resource preservation) but also reduces production costs significantly.

That's where we come in: PWGC will work with you to integrate environmental best practice measures into key areas of the business stream and current working practices.

Applying Knowledge and Insight

We act as your advocate with partners, contractors and regulatory agencies. PWGC's experienced regulatory specialists know how to apply regulations to keep you in compliance and yet let you meet your corporate goals. The added benefit: Enhanced image with your community and regulatory agencies.

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