



Workshop on Implementing the European Union's New REACH Legislation

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NYSDEC Headquarters
625 Broadway
Albany, NY

- Do you, or your customers, export to the European Union?
- Do you make decisions about keeping your company competitive?
- Do you work with supply chains on managing chemical substances?
- Do you make decisions regarding product or process design?

IF you answered "YES" to any of these questions, this one day workshop on **REACH** is for you!

REACH – Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals – is the recently adopted overhaul of the chemicals management system in the European Union (EU). **Entered into force in June 1, 2007, REACH has important implications for U.S. firms exporting to European Union Member States.** Attend this one-day training to learn from one of the **REACH** authors and other experts about what you need to know to prepare for **REACH**, stay competitive, and advance more sustainable chemicals management in your firm.

Why should I attend?

The new **REACH** system puts much more responsibility on companies to collect data on most chemicals on the market, assess the risk of these chemicals, and define safe use down the supply chain. It also requires companies to justify continued use of chemicals of very high concern. **Any company that exports chemicals or chemical mixtures into the EU; competes in Europe, the U.S. or elsewhere with products meeting European standards; or exports finished products to Europe has been affected by REACH.**

This training session will help U.S. companies prepare for REACH and turn it from a challenge into an opportunity. European companies have been preparing for the challenges and opportunities of REACH for several years; U.S. companies must be prepared to remain competitive. Attendees will receive a database of tools and resources to help them make informed decisions about chemicals and alternatives.

Sponsors:



The Lowell Center for Sustainable Production develops, studies, and promotes environmentally sound systems of production, healthy work environments, and economically viable organizations. The Chemicals Policy Initiative of the Lowell Center works with a variety of stakeholders to promote more sustainable chemicals policies, as well as tools and approaches to achieve them.



The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's mission is to conserve, improve and protect New York State's natural resources and environment, and control water, land and air pollution in order to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state.



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Cost: \$75 includes continental breakfast, lunch and workshop materials

Registration:

<http://www.chemicalspolicy.org/news.shtml>

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

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Location: DEC Headquarters
625 Broadway
Albany, NY

Directions:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/244.html>

Trainers: Andrew Fasey is one of the authors of the European Commission's REACH proposal and is a member of the group that prepared the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labeling (GHS). He has over 20 years of experience working in Europe on regulatory chemicals issues.

Lowell Center for Sustainable Production staff and others with experience in chemicals management, policy, and technical assistance will assist in the training.

Agenda

8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM	Welcome and Overview of Training Objectives <i>Jeff Sama, NYSDEC</i> <i>Joel Tickner, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production</i>
8:45 AM	Principle and Practice: What REACH Means for You (Part I) <i>Andrew Fasey, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production Consultant</i>
10:15 AM	REACH Q&A
10:45 AM	Break
11:15 AM	Principle and Practice: What REACH Means for You (Part II) <i>Andrew Fasey, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production Consultant</i>
12:00 PM	REACH Q&A
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Getting Information Through the Supply Chain – Panel Presentations By Small and Large Industry Representatives
2:15 PM	Panel Discussion / Q&A
2:45 PM	Break
3:00 PM	NYS Chemical Management Activities <i>Jeff Sama, NYSDEC</i>
3:30 PM	Other State & Federal Chemical Management Activities <i>Joel Tickner, Lowell Center for Sustainable Production</i>
4:00 PM	Closing & Wrap Up
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