



# POLLUTION PREVENTION WORKSHOP FOR THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

*September 9, 2003 ♦ Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts ♦ 9:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.*

## *Greening Healthcare through Pollution Prevention*

Healthcare facilities face a constantly changing landscape of demands and issues. U.S. EPA and the local sponsoring organizations are offering this workshop to help healthcare facilities incorporate environmental concerns with the mission of providing quality patient care. Pollution prevention solutions can help hospitals minimize environmental impacts while saving money and maintaining – and even enhancing – high standards of patient care.

## *Workshop Agenda and Registration*

Pulling together a team of experts from **EPA Region IX**, **The Healthy Building Network**, **LACSD**, and **local hospitals**, this workshop will provide attendees with excellent technical information and tools including:

- ❖ **HIPAA and the Environment:** A review of best practices for adhering to HIPAA requirements while minimizing waste
- ❖ **Green Building:** Guidance for implementing green building techniques for new construction, remodeling, and SB1953 seismic retrofit projects
- ❖ **JCAHO and Pollution Prevention:** A “crosswalk” between pollution prevention and requirements under the JCAHO Standards of Care requirements
- ❖ **Mercury Elimination:** A survey of proven methods for systematically achieving virtual mercury elimination, including inventory and cost-benefit analysis tools
- ❖ **DEHP - Problems and Alternatives:** An overview of current science and concerns related to the use of DEHP as a plasticizer in PVC and summary of alternatives
- ❖ **Microfiber Mops:** Real-world results from facilities that have made the switch, a hands-on demonstration, and a facility-specific cost-benefit analysis tool.
- ❖ **Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling:** A macro-level assessment of hospital solid waste streams and methods to strategically target the most promising components
- ❖ **Minimizing Ethylene Oxide and Glutaraldehyde Use:** An in-depth look at alternative technologies, the specific categories of potential costs and benefits, as well as performance, and limitations
- ❖ **Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal:** A summary of known environmental concerns, regulatory requirements, and best practices for minimizing pharmaceutical waste
- ❖ **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:** An examination of the most promising areas for greening purchasing with a health care setting
- ❖ **Minimizing Red Bag Waste:** An overview of tools and techniques for ensuring proper segregation and minimizing and managing biohazard waste including a facility specific cost-benefit spreadsheet

The free workshop will be held at the offices of Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts at 1955 Workman Mill Road in Whittier, California (see attached directions). Lunch may be purchased at a cafeteria adjacent to the meeting space. For more information, contact Ann Heil at the Los Angeles County Sanitation District at (562) 699-7411 extension 2950 or email: [ahheil@lacsds.org](mailto:ahheil@lacsds.org)

Fax **this** completed registration form by **Monday, August 25** to (562) 908-4224 or email [ahheil@lacsds.org](mailto:ahheil@lacsds.org)

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## Directions:

**Workshop:** 1955 Workman Mill Road just east of the junction of the 60 and 605 freeways

**Parking:** next door at Swiss Park Restaurant, 1905 Workman Mill Road

**60 Freeway – Eastbound:** Crossroads Parkway exit, left at stoplight at end of offramp, over the freeway and left on Crossroads Pkwy at the next light. Crossroads Pkwy ends at LACSD. Parking is accessible by making a right on Workman Mill Rd. then a quick left into Swiss Park.

**60 Freeway – Westbound:** Crossroads Parkway exit and follow the road around several curves ending at LACSD. Parking is accessible by making a right on Workman Mill Rd. then a quick left into Swiss Park.

