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## Iowa Waste Reduction Center Newsletter, April 2014

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**April 2014**



Welcome to the April edition of the IWRC newsletter! Hopefully you've been able to get outside and enjoy some of the warmer weather we've been having lately. We always like to see some green grass and sunshine as we gear up to celebrate Earth Day which is just next week! Be sure to check out the features below and scan down to the industry news to see what has been going on this month!

## **Features**

### **MSEIs Due Next Month**

One more month! Inventories for facilities in the central portion of Iowa, as well as all portable plants, are required to get their Minor Source Emissions Inventory submitted by May 15. Tools, resources and calculators as well as information on our one-on-one training sessions are available at [mse.iwrc.org](http://mse.iwrc.org).

### **LEAD Adds Blasting to Course Offering**

The STAR4D satellite site at Letterkenny Army Depot now offers the STAR4D Abrasive Blasting Certification on-site. [Read More](#)

### **Food Waste Reduction Across Iowa**

In this video we talk with individuals from the University of Iowa's Office of Sustainability, the Food Bank of Siouxland, Bluebird Diner and the Iowa City Landfill & Recycling Center to learn what they are doing to turn food waste into a resource. [Read More](#)



**April 22 / Cedar Falls, IA**  
[UNI Earth Day](#)

**April 23-25 / Cedar Rapids, IA**  
[Iowa-Illinois Safety Council Conference and Expo](#)

## On the IWRC Blog

- [RecycleMania: The Results Are In](#)
- [An IWE Success Story](#)
- [Event Announcement: Iowa Strategic Goals Workshop](#)
- [Three Questions: UNI Earth Day](#)
- [Rethinking Demolition: A Workshop Review](#)
- [March Madness - Waste Diversion Style](#)
- [Deadline Extended for the Iowa Environmental Awards](#)

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## Industry News

### | Regulatory |

#### [EPA White Board: Clean Water Act Rule Proposal Explained](#)

In this White Board video, EPA Deputy Chief of Staff Arvin Ganesen explains what EPA's Clean Water Act rule proposal is all about, and what it means to you. *(U.S. EPA)*

### | Auto Body |

#### [Midwest Auto Body Trade Show a Success](#)

The largest and most comprehensive collision trade show in the Midwest was held last month in Altoona. *(Iowa Collision Repair Association)*

### | Auto Body |

#### [How to Thrive in Today's Industry](#)

Fender Bender asked five industry leaders what it would take to be successful over the next five years. *(Fender Bender)*

### | Iowa |

#### [City trash-to-biofuel project takes step ahead for Blairstown, Marion](#)

"First-in-the-nation" plant to convert municipal solid waste and other trash into cellulosic biofuel. *(The Gazette)*

### | Iowa Recycling |

#### [2014 Iowa Awards for Excellence in Recycling](#)

You have a couple more weeks to submit a nomination for 2014's recycling awards! *(Iowa Source Link)*

## **| Food Waste |**

### [Food Waste Reduction Alliance Publishes Toolkit for Reducing Food Waste](#)

A new toolkit provides solutions and how-to advice for manufacturers, retailers and restaurants to reduce food waste. (*Food Waste Reduction Alliance*)

## **| Construction |**

### [South Florida plant turning waste to cement](#)

Selected waste, such as car bumpers and scrap cardboard, are being transformed into construction material at this South Florida company. (*Sun Sentinel*)

## **| Going Green |**

### [Going 'green' is beneficial beyond environmental purposes for businesses](#)

Going green can have many effects on your business beyond the environment. It's an investment for your company. (*MLive*)