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Get ready for P2 Week!



Celebrate P2 Week with EPA! P2 Week is an opportunity to spread the word about the successes and benefits of P2 and learn new ways to prevent pollution. This year during P2 Week, EPA will host regional P2 awards and a webinar on leveraging private sector standards and ecolabels to meet sustainability goals. Look for information during P2 Week on EPA's [P2 website](#) and [@EPAChemSafety](#) on Twitter.

Nominations now open for the 2024 Green Chemistry Awards

The Green Chemistry Challenge Awards promote the environmental and economic benefits of developing and using novel green chemistry. These prestigious annual awards recognize chemical technologies that incorporate the principles of green chemistry into chemical design, manufacture, and use.



EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention sponsors the Green Chemistry Challenge Awards in partnership with the American Chemical Society Green Chemistry Institute® and other members of the chemical community.

Nominations are open for the 2024 Green Chemistry Challenge Awards and the nomination packets can be found on [EPA's website](#).

There is an [informational webinar](#) about the awards on September 20, 2023 at 1 p.m. CDT.

Nominations will be accepted until December 8, 2023.



2024 P2 Project Requests Now Available

Requests for projects are now available for the 2024 P2 internship program. In this nationally recognized internship program, Iowa companies and institutions submit potential P2 projects for consideration. P2 Services then matches upper-level engineering students with specific projects based on each student's coursework, academic performance, experience, technical, and communication skills.

After one week of comprehensive training with P2 program staff the intern serves at the host facility, where they analyze the current processes, research strategies, calculate cost comparisons, and implement improvements. After writing a final report documenting results and recommendations, the intern presents this information to host company management and writes a case summary of the project. P2 Interns will arrive on-site at their host companies May 28, 2024.

Check out our [P2 Anniversary document](#) (pdf) for ideas of project areas and to see past project successes! Case summaries from our 2023 interns will be posted in September. Our technical staff is available for project development, questions, and ideas as your company considers hosting a P2 intern. [Download the 2024 project request form](#) (doc), and for more information on the program, visit www.iowap2interns.com or email P2Services@dnr.iowa.gov.

Equipment Loan Program



As our 2023 interns are wrapping up their projects we now have our equipment ready to loan out to facilities! Last year we launched our [Equipment Loan Program](#) where large Iowa companies can borrow P2 monitoring equipment to help improve environmental performance at their facilities. Currently, we have ultrasonic leak detectors (ULD) and an assortment of data loggers including: motor on/off, light on/off, occupancy sensors, and temperature/relative humidity loggers available.

The ULDs are a great option for compressed gas audits, as well as steam leak and steam trap audits. Many companies put off buying a ULD so this is a great opportunity to try one out before making the investment in one. The data loggers can be used in a variety of ways and are a great way to collect a lot of data and information with minimal effort.

To borrow equipment from P2 Services, the process is simple:

1. Fill out the [interest form](#) on our website
2. Submit deposit
3. Receive equipment
4. Place/use equipment
5. Collect data
6. Analyze data
7. Return equipment to P2 Services

8. Receive deposit back
9. Fill out feedback survey

For more information about the Equipment Loan Program you can contact Sarah Mihm at (515) 204-9252 or sarah.mihm@dnr.iowa.gov.

Upcoming events

October 2-4 [ISOSWO Conference](#) Waterloo

October 4 [Iowa Manufacturing Conference](#) Ankeny

November 6-8 [Anaerobic Digestion on the Farm Conference](#) Ames

November 7-8 [Iowa Energy Summit](#) Altoona

December 8 [2024 P2 Intern Project Requests](#) due

December 8 [Green Chemistry Award Nominations](#) due

January 2 [SWAP Applications](#) due

January 10-11 2024 [IOWWA Conference](#) Cedar Rapids

Learn more about our program at www.iowap2services.com.



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