

# ARIZONA HEALTHCARE POLLUTION PREVENTION WORKSHOP

*Thursday, April 28, 2005: 9 am – 4:30 pm ~ St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Center - Phoenix*

## **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 into 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.

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## **Who Should Attend (Space is limited to 60 – Register Today!):**

- EH&S Professionals
- Environmental Services Directors
- Housekeeping Director
- Facility Manager
- Hazardous Waste Specialists
- Pollution Prevention Professionals
- Risk and Safety Managers
- Infection Control Managers
- Building/Operating Engineers
- Nursing Staff
- Compliance Officers

## **Workshop Topics:**

Attendees will hear from a team of experts from **EPA Region 9, local regulatory agencies, national experts,** and **local hospitals** presenting real-life successes, practical technical information, and useful tools to implement change.



**Environmental Compliance:** A concise and frank review of several problematic environmental regulations applicable to healthcare facilities and tools to help ensure compliance.

**Green Building:** A review of the latest guidance and tools for implementing green building in healthcare remodeling and new construction and a description of challenges and lessons learned from green building practitioners in the healthcare sector.



**Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:** An examination of the most promising areas for greening purchasing within the healthcare setting supported by hospital case studies and a practical review of what to look for and where with a focus on chemicals used for cleaning and maintenance.

**Energy Efficiency :** An in-depth look at energy saving methodologies for healthcare including benchmarking your facility's performance over time and relative to similar facilities, implementation costs and considerations, and available analysis tools.



**JCAHO and Pollution Prevention:** A “crosswalk” between pollution prevention and requirements under the JCAHO Standards of Care requirements.

**Minimizing Glutaraldehyde Use:** An in-depth look at alternative technologies, the specific categories of potential costs and benefits, as well as performance, and limitations.

**Mold Prevention and Cleanup:** A primer on issues surrounding mold prevention and cleanup with special emphasis on circumstances of particular concern in arid climates.



**HIPAA and the Environment:** Don't want to create a mountain of waste in trying to comply with HIPAA? Hear a review of very specific and practical best practices for adhering to HIPAA requirements without losing sight of common sense and waste minimization.

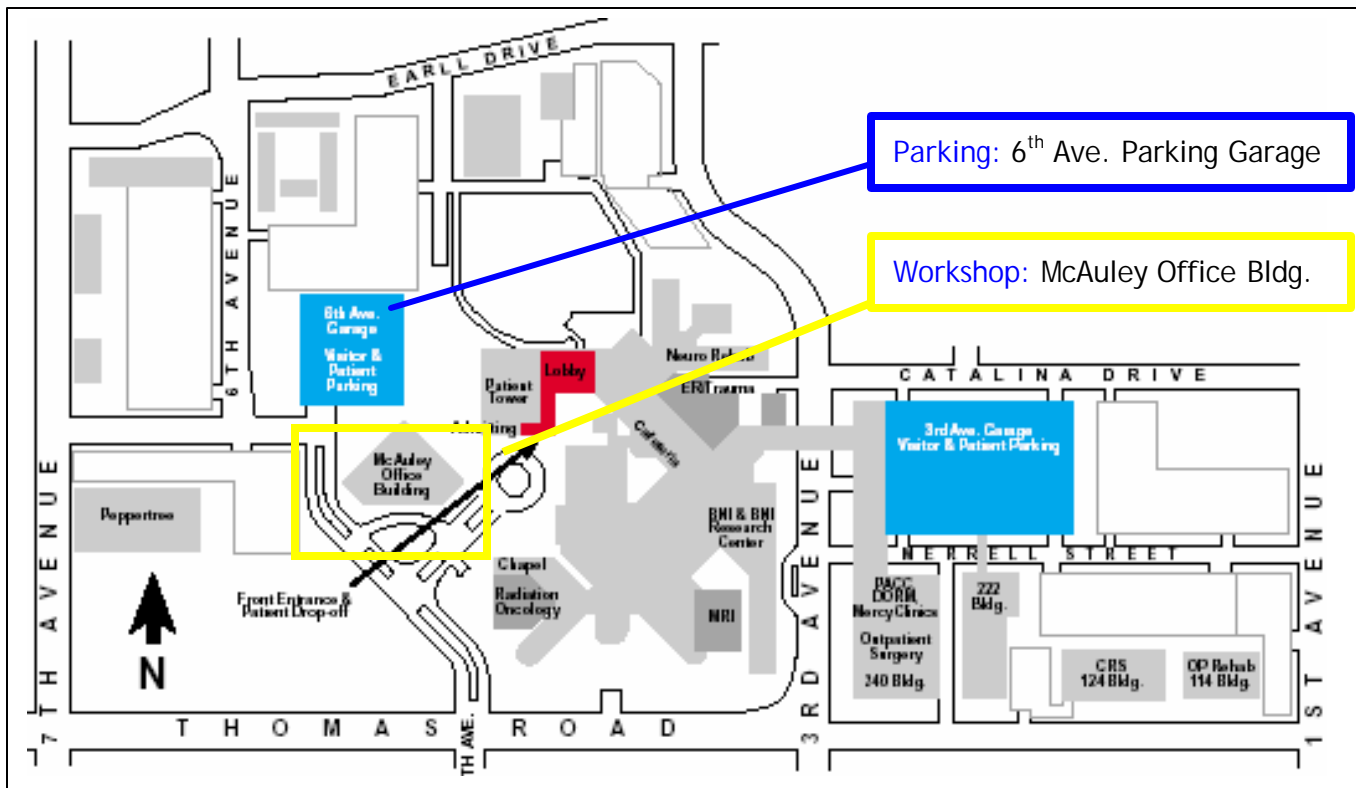
**DEHP - Problems and Alternatives:** An overview of current science and concerns related to the use of DEHP as a plasticizer in PVC and a summary of the costs and availability of alternatives

**Minimizing Red Bag Waste:** A review of tools and techniques for managing and minimizing regulated medical waste including a facility-specific cost-benefit spreadsheet.



**Microfiber Mops:** Real-world results from facilities that have made the switch, a hands-on demonstration, and a facility-specific cost-benefit analysis tool.

**Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal:** A summary of known environmental concerns, regulatory requirements, and best practices for minimizing pharmaceutical waste



**Cost:** *Free - food/snacks sponsored by St. Joseph's and Assn. of Community Health Centers (AACHC)*

**Location:** St. Joseph's Hospital & Medical Ctr.  
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(602) 406-3000

**Parking:** Parking will be validated free.

**Register:** **Complete and fax the attached form.**

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## REGISTRATION

# Registration is due Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*CEUs available for:*

- *ASHES Professional Education Credits*
- *Arizona Nurses Association*

*To ensure the technical content meets the needs of workshop participants,  
please take a few moments to complete the pre-workshop survey below.*

1. Is your organization an H2E Partner or Champion for Change?  Yes  No
2. Have you conducted a mercury assessment or have a mercury reduction initiative underway?  Yes  No
3. If so, what percentage mercury reduction have you achieved to date? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Does your facility use glutaraldehyde as a high-level disinfectant?  Yes  No
5. Does your facility use a flat microfiber mopping system?  Yes  No
6. Has your facility considered eliminating DEHP-containing products?  Yes  No
7. How much has your facility energy use (not cost) changed in the last 2 years? + / - \_\_\_\_\_%
8. What three environmental compliance issues are of most concern?  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_ c) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. What do you most want to get out of the workshop?

To register, complete this form and fax or e-mail to:

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