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DEQ Announces Pollution Prevention Week

DEQ is excited to announce that September 15 kicks off Pollution Prevention Week (P2 Week). The 2014 P2 Week theme is "Pollution Prevention: The Clear Choice for Environmental Sustainability" and runs from September 15 through the 21.

In conjunction with P2 Week, DEQ is holding a Chemical Management in School Districts Workshop at the Jenks Math and Science Center on September 16. The workshop will help teachers and school administrators to better understand proper management of chemicals used in labs and on school campuses. The workshop will provide an overview of federal and state regulatory requirements and development of a chemical management plan and will address opportunities to reduce waste generation.

"Pollution Prevention: The Clear Choice for Environmental Sustainability" embodies a national effort to showcase the benefits to the environment, energy sector and the economy by developing and using technologies in green engineering, green products, green chemistry, and energy management systems. By adhering to P2 practices, government, business, industry, non-governmental organizations and the general public are able to lower costs, improve processes and help to create a cleaner environment.

"Pollution Prevention is vital in DEQ's ongoing efforts to provide Oklahomans with a cleaner, healthier state. If we can eliminate pollution before it is an issue, we are doing a great service to ourselves and generations of future Oklahomans," said DEQ Executive Director Scott Thompson.

For more information on P2 Week or the chemical workshop for schools, call (405) 702-5100.

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