International Symposium on Alternatives Assessment – Virtual 2020 Session 4 - Industry experience implementing alternatives assessment and substitution Part II: Lessons learned from small business users of chemicals

Speaker Biographies



Pamela Eliason [Moderator]. Pam Eliason is the Senior Associate Director at the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell. She assesses and promotes the adoption of safer alternatives to toxic chemicals used in MA and around the world, and disseminating information on examples of successful implementation of cleaner technologies in industry. Pam currently manages the Institute's training program.



Scott Song. Scott is representing is mother who owns and operates Family Dry Cleaners located in Redmond, Washington.



Jamie delos Santos. Jamie is an autobody technician at Burien Auto Rebuild located in Burien, Washington.



Adam Pearson. Adam owns and operates Merrimack Ales, located in Lowell, Massachusetts.



Steve Whittaker. Steve is a Research Services Program Manager/ Toxicologist in the Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County at Public Health-Seattle & King County. His responsibilities include setting the research agenda for the Hazardous Waste Program and supporting the research needs of both internal and external stakeholders. Steve also has an affiliate faculty appointment at the University of Washington.



Joy Onasch. Joy Onasch oversees the business and industry program at the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell. She manages the small business and industry grants, which are awarded each year to assist facilities in their efforts to reduce or eliminate toxics. Focus areas of the program currently include reducing or eliminating chemicals identified as higher hazard substances by the TURA Program, solvents used by metal finishers, food and beverage processors, perchloroethylene in dry cleaning, solvents in auto shops and flame

retardants in polyurethane foam.