

# Report shows no decline in toxic emissions

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Oregon's 209 largest industrial chemical firms reported 32 million pounds of toxic emissions into Oregon's environment in 1990, according to a research report released Tuesday by the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group.

The report, which is based on the industry filings under the federal community right-to-know law, is OSPIRG's fourth annual release in the state.

OSPIRG has seen no reductions in toxic emissions since the first report was released four years ago, said Quincy Sugarman, OSPIRG environ-

mental advocate.

"We have not seen a significant reduction in waste in the four years we've done the reports," Sugarman said. "Some companies have reduced the use of chemicals, others have not reduced their use or increased their use. The community right-to-know law sends consistent message to industry that we need to reduce emissions."

Companies reporting the largest releases include Boise Cascade Paper in St. Helens, 3M Company in White City, Glenbrook Nickel Company in Riddle, James River-Wauna Mill in Clatskanie and Oregon Overlay in Portland.

The federal community right-

to-know law requires manufacturing firms that employ 10 or more people and manufacture more than 25,000 pounds per year or use 10,000 pounds per year of any of a list of 321 toxic chemicals to file annual reports disclosing the amount of chemicals released into the environment or transported off site as wastes.

In 1989, the Oregon Legislature passed the Oregon Toxics Use Reduction Law — one of the first laws in the country to require companies to focus on reducing their use of toxic chemicals, rather than simply controlling toxic emissions.

OSPIRG field director Pamela Peck said Oregon's TUR law has received national recogni-

tion.

Sugarman said OSPIRG now wants to take toxics use reduction to the federal level. The Community Right-to-Know-More Act of 1991, which is currently in front of Congress, would expand reporting on emissions and require planning by individuals toxics users for toxics use reduction.

## Multicultural courses needed, author says

By Carrie Dennett  
Emerald Associate Editor

Residents of Oregon live in a primarily white state. Only 8 percent of the state's population consists of people of color.

However, this homogeneity is not representative of the rest of the United States, and University students must prepare to live in a country that is becoming more and more diverse, said Dr. Ronald Takaki, professor of ethnic studies at Berkeley.

"One-third of the people of the United States are people of color," he said. "This society will witness a time when whites are the minority of the people in the United States of America."

Takaki told a crowd of more than 100 people Tuesday that

the University needs an effective multicultural curriculum.

First, the University should offer a curriculum reflecting the presence of minorities in the United States. Second, although Oregon itself is not very diverse, many University students will eventually move to cities with a more diverse population.

Takaki said American history usually focuses on the achievements of European descendants, leaving out Africa, Asia, South America and Native Americans.

"What we are looking for is merely a more accurate history," he said. "We are not talking about political correctness, we are talking about the truth."

He criticized the University's race and gender course requirement as being vague.

"It's a good thing people out-



Dr. Ronald Takaki

side Oregon don't know about this requirement, because it's laughable," he said. "It has everything and anything on it, and it means nothing."

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Students for United Nations/Model U.N. will meet tonight at 5:30 in Room 139 Willamette. Call 342-8264 for more information.

Men Against Rape will meet tonight at 6:30 in EMU Century Room E. The brief business meeting will be followed by a presentation on our "rape culture" by Chris Evers and Jason Sicliann. Call 346-4206 for more information.

EMU Board of Directors will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room D. Call 346-3720 for more information.

Student Film Association will have an organizational meeting tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 in Room 138 Gilbert. Call 484-0901 or 343-3554 for more information.

Pi Gamma Mu will meet tonight at 7 in the EMU Board Room. Call 484-4819.

Asian/Pacific American Student Union will meet tonight at 6 in the Counseling Center (upstairs, Student Health Center) to plan for winter and spring activities. Call 346-6826 for more information.

College Republicans will meet tonight at 6:30 in the EMU Maple Room. Call 344-1183 for more information.

Japanese Student Organization will meet today at 4:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room F. Call 484-0398 for more information.

EMU Board of Directors Budget Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 31 at 3:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room B. Call 346-3720 for more information.

International Student Association will meet tonight at 7 in the EMU Oak Room. Call 346-4387 for more information.

#### SPEAKERS

"The Current Crisis in Croatia" will be the topic of a speech by Zlatko Peponik, a geography professor at Zagreb University, today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 123 Pacific. Call 346-4078 for more information.

#### FILM

University Outdoor Program will show *Solo and Beyond the Rock* today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU Room 23. Call 346-4365 for more information.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Bantu-I Rainbow Nation Student consciousness-raising event will take place tonight at 5 in EMU Century Room F. Call 683-2075 for more information.

#### OPPORTUNITIES

"Applying to Law School" is the topic of a workshop today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 360 Oregon Hall.

Free MAC Orientation covering basic operations will take place today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Computing Center. Call 346-1750 for more information.

Bidding for the following companies will take place today in 244 Hendricks:

- U.S. General Accounting Office
- Ford Black & Co.
- Russ Berrie Co.
- Enterprise Rent-a-car
- Radio Shack
- Livingston Securities
- National Life Insurance Co.

#### Group meetings

• University of San Diego Lawyer's Assistance Program — 9 to 11 a.m. in EMU Cedar Room A.

Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will take place today from 5:30 to 6:30 in 236 Hendricks.

U.S. Marines will have a table set up in the EMU today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### RELIGION

Student Mass followed by an ice cream social will take place tonight at 9 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.



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