



Their areas of expertise included environmental safety engineering, research, and environmental health and safety. Collectively, their interest was in understanding how Massachusetts works to reduce toxic chemical use through planning. Their interest is sparked by a growing desire in Korea to develop new regulations for better management of toxic chemicals and in the promotion of green chemistry, overall.

TURI delivered an abbreviated version of its annual TUR Planner certification course, focusing on the systematic approach to pollution prevention offered by TUR planning, which includes process characterization, materials accounting, identification and evaluation of opportunities for toxics use reduction, and methods for assessing alternatives. The group toured [Mark Richey Woodworking](#) in Newburyport to learn about that company's methods for minimizing solvent use and emissions, as well as their alternative and renewable energy systems. They also visited [Merrimack Ales](#) in Lowell for a demonstration of this craft brewer's efforts to minimize the use of toxics in its brew vat cleaning processes.

On July 20 TNEC trainers Bridget McGuinness and Tom Estabrook met with a delegation of South Korean academics who were visiting the Toxics Use Reduction Institute. Bridget and Tom showed them the TNEC training center and discussed with them TNEC's training methods and hands-on equipment and materials. Bridget and Tom explained how we train at TNEC, from TNEC's small group, popular education method -- based on the ideas and practice of Paolo Freire, Myles Horton, and the British Trade Union Congress -- to table-top activities and hands-on activities, including PPE dress-out. It was a lively and engaging discussion. Our guests gave them a wonderful Korean small gift in their appreciation for the tour and discussion.