

Maryland Environmental Footprint Higher Education Summit – 05/01/09

University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute

- Signed on with ACUPCC Feb 2008
- Convened 12 member committee with representatives from Administration, Faculty and Staff
- Have met ACUPCC target schedule for tasks 1 and 2
 - Committee formation
 - Tangible Actions items
- Currently working to quantify our green house gas emissions employing CleanAir/CoolPlanet calculator
- On schedule to meet May 15th 2009 deadline for GHG Inventory
 - Large targets for GHG reduction
 - Need for continuing further energy input reductions for facilities or larger percentage of renewal sources
 - Travel (commuting & business)
 - Reductions in air travel / ability to offset air travel emissions
 - Establish programs for commuters to encourage carpools, public transportation, and use of vehicles that are more energy efficient
- Energy
 - Facility energy input reductions meeting SB267
 - Working to ensure a 15% Renewable Sources component in order to meet ACUPCC tangible action item requirements
 - Energy Star rated equipment purchases when possible
- Recycling
 - Recycle Mania
 - Working to reduce the generation solid wastes through greater materials recycling.

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