Pollution 'bank' can aid development

Is there really a pollution banking ratem used by industry? Please tell the we don't actually reward compa-tes for causing pollution.

The ERC, Emission Reduction Credit banking system, now under considera-tion for southeast Michigan does in a sense reward those industries that cause pollution problems. But pollution first must be reduced for this program

first must be reduced for this program to work.

Initiated by the state of California and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a "trade-off" policy in response to the clean air vs. economic development ditemma, ERCs are designed to eliminate potential obstacles to economic development in older industrialized areas failing to meet the Clean Air Acts federal air-quality standards.

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An ERC is created when a pollution source (like a factory) reduces pollutant emissions by an amount greater than the law requires.

For example, the XYZ Co. emits 100 tens of a certain regulated pollutant each year. The law requires that XYZ coduce that amount by 25 tons per year. But, through the introduction of advanced pollution-control equipment, the company cuts its annual pollution

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by 50 tons. The 25 tons, above and beyond the required reduction, becomes an ERC.

"Banking" these credits would allow older industrialized areas such as

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Salaries up for college graduates

Statistics compiled by Wayne State
University's Placement Office show
that starting salaries offered to this
year's college graduates have been
only mildly affected by the current
sluggish economy.
John A. Crusoe, director of the office, said almost all of the fields surveyed at the bachelor degree level oftered starting increases in salaries
over last year.
Highest pay offers went to engineering graduates with typical salaries
metallurgical, \$27,108; chemical,
\$22,582; industrial, \$22,365; mechanical, \$21,385; electrical, \$20,628; and
civil, \$19,140.
According to the WSU survey, salary

offers to mechanical engineers rebounded by more than 20 percent from
last year as students sought and found
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motive related areas. Overall, engineering salary offers increased a percent over last year.

Results of the survey showed that
business bachelor degree level graduates did not fare as well as the engineers. Marketing graduates started at
\$16,704, management, \$16,548 and accounting/finance, \$15,468.

Women's festival May 16

Esther Shapiro, director of Detroit's Consumer Ms. Shapiro's topic will Affairs Department, will deliver a keynole speech at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's 1981 rise of workshops somewhere Sestival, Satur-voor by UM-D's Wom-ward News of William (1997) with the Ms. Shapiro's topic will commission. She has been Detroit's cleared will aday-long senigen-Dearborn's 1981 rise of workshops some when the 1974 appointment of the office by Msyor Coleman Young.

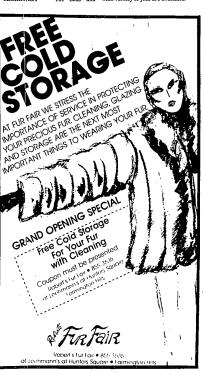


The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Communi-ty Services, has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further in-formation about these and other formation about these and other volunteer needs at more than 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

volunteers

Daughters of GAMA, a self-help community improvement organization, is recruiting volunteer secretaries for its office in Detroit. Light typing skills and a commitment of one aftermoon per week for three months is needed for this position, which involves typing, filing and answering the telephone.

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