



## If you have questions, we still have answers.

The Nevada Business Environmental Program ([BEP](#)) at the University of Nevada, Reno remains open and staffed with a statewide team to provide free and confidential business advisory services to Nevada businesses.

If you have any environmental or energy questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. While the COVID-19 emergency may have us primarily working remotely we are staffed as always from 8am - 5pm, Monday through Friday.

Our toll-free hotline is still taking calls and we are promptly answering all emails. We are also available to communicate via calls, photos, and online video meetings.

Hotline: (800) 882-3233 Email: [help@unrbep.org](mailto:help@unrbep.org)

[Visit our BEP website.](#)

## News & Updates

### National Small Business Week

*Free virtual conference to be held September 22 - 24, 2020*

[National Small Business Week](#), hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), honors the nation's small businesses for their achievements and dedication to their communities. This year SBA will host a virtual conference September 22 - 24, 2020. The [free online event](#) is open to all and is an opportunity to meet SBA's 2020 small business winners from across the country, learn new business strategies, meet other business owners and talk with industry experts. Activities will include numerous educational panels providing retooling and innovative practices for entrepreneurs as our nation's small businesses look to pivot and recover toward a stronger economy.

[REGISTER](#) to participate in this free event.

### Air Pollution from Wildfire Smoke

*The AirNow website helps you monitor your local air quality*

Recent fires impacting Nevada residents have called attention to the dangers of wildfire smoke. According to the CDC, wildfire smoke is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning vegetation, building materials,

and other materials. The main culprit for adverse health effects in wildfire smoke are very small particles called Particulate Matter (PM). PM is broken into two categories by US EPA, PM10 (particles that are 10 microns in diameter) and PM2.5 (particles that are 2.5 microns in diameter).

When wildfire smoke is prevalent in your area, the fine particles can penetrate your lungs and cause a range of long-term health problems. In most instances it is recommended that you avoid heavy physical exertion and, depending on how much PM is in the air, it may also be recommended you avoid going outside at all. In the instances where you should stay inside, it is recommended that you close all windows and doors and have an air purifier to keep the air clean. For more information on health effects and how to protect yourself, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/wildfires/smoke.html>.

To check the air quality in your area and better understand any activity restrictions visit the [AirNow](http://www.airnow.gov) website, [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov).

## **Proposed Regulations for Small Solid Waste Incinerators**

*Comment period closes October 15, 2020*

On August 10, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed amendments to the 2005 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emissions Guidelines (EG) for Other Solid Waste Incineration (OSWI) units. The OSWI source category includes two subcategories:

- Very small municipal waste combustors, owned by states, local governments and tribes, which burn less than 35 tons per day of municipal solid waste.
- Institutional waste incinerators, located at institutions such as universities, residential care facilities and civic organizations. These incinerators generally burn solid waste that is generated on site.

EPA is proposing to [amend](#) the standards for small OSWI units by taking into consideration the type of waste being combusted and the daily combustion capacity. This means that some of the units that were previously subject to the Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) regulation may instead be subject to the OSWI regulation.

For more information, review the [Fact Sheet](#) and [OSWI Webpage](#) and [Proposed Rule](#). Comments are due by October 15, 2020.

## **Amendments to Nevada's Hazardous Waste Regulations**

*Changes become effective January 1, 2021*

The Nevada Legislative Commission adopted the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's (NDEP) proposed hazardous waste regulations on August 25, 2020 making the regulations effective immediately in the State of Nevada. To assist the regulated community with adapting to the new requirements under the regulations, NDEP has set an implementation date of January 1, 2021. All regulated entities are expected to abide by the new regulations by this date.

The amended regulations delete, add, and/or update regulations ensuring state regulations are more consistent with federal US EPA regulations. The updates reflect a number of the changes made to federal regulations since 2008. A list of regulation changes and the explanation for each can be found [here](#). The changes within the content of the Nevada Administrative Code and the Nevada Revised Statutes are found [here](#).

BEP is ready to assist your company in meeting new compliance requirements by January 1, 2021. Don't wait to until it is too late, call us today!

**It's Official: Hazardous Waste Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG) Are Now Known as Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) in Nevada**

As noted above, Nevada's hazardous waste program was recently updated on August 25, 2020. One of the resulting changes is that Nevada will update its nomenclature to follow US EPA's changes from 2016.

Hazardous waste generators in Nevada that generate no more than 100 kg (220 lbs) of hazardous waste per month were previously referred to as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators (CESQG). Now, these generators will be referred to as Very Small Quantity Generators, or VSQGs.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a helpful US EPA Summary of Requirements for Very Small Quantity Generators.

If you are a VSQG and have questions about how the regulations apply to your operations, contact BEP.

## Public Engagement and Outreach for Risk Management Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

*Small Business Advocacy Review Panels being formed*

Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to [evaluate risks](#) associated with existing chemicals in commerce using the best available science before taking action to address any unreasonable risks. After issuing the first two final risk evaluations for [methylene chloride](#) and [1-bromopropane](#), EPA is conducting outreach to stakeholders to gain additional feedback on risks.

EPA will be hosting a public webinar on September 30, 2020 for [1-bromopropane](#). [CLICK HERE](#) for registration information and more information about EPA's risk management outreach.

EPA is also inviting small businesses, governments, and not-for-profits to participate as Small Entity Representatives (SERs) to provide advice and recommendations to two Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) panels. There will be one [panel for methylene chloride](#) and one [panel for 1-bromopropane](#). [LEARN MORE](#) about the SBAR process.

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## Updated Tip Sheets for Bars & Restaurants

The [Getting Back to Work in Nevada: Bars](#) and [Getting Back to Work in Nevada: Restaurants](#) Tip Sheets have been updated to reflect the latest guidance. Effective September 21, 2020, all bars, pubs, taverns, distilleries, breweries, and wineries in all counties are allowed to open. Be sure to check often with your local jurisdictions as they may have stricter guidelines you are required to follow.

The Nevada SBDC and BEP have developed tip sheets for businesses which are either getting ready to open or have already opened and are operating under Governor Sisolak's current reopening guidelines and any additional local guidelines. Our tip sheets are updated as needed when new guidance is released. Check our [tip sheet homepage](#) often to view and download the latest tip sheets.

Nevada SBDC's [Business Resiliency Resources](#) provide helpful information. Counselors at the [Nevada Small Business Development Center](#) and [BEP](#) are available to assist you with analyzing your options for cleaning and disinfecting and to help keep you in business and profitable.

**Free & Confidential Environmental Assistance**  
**We look forward to hearing from you.**

***Stay Safe to Stay Open Nevada***  
***Wear a Mask!***

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