



Business Environmental Program NEVADA

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

[Visit our BEP website.](#)

News & Updates

Upcoming Webinars and Trainings

Profiting with Partnerships: Marketing in a Pandemic

Nevada SBDC Workshop: November 12, 2020, 11:00am - 12:00pm

Small businesses can exponentially increase their marketing power without exponentially increasing your marketing budget. Learn how to find allies in marketing and how you can collaborate with them for best results. Partnership marketing can work for almost any type of business. Find out how it can make a difference in your bottom line and what to do next to use this as a marketing tool for your business during this pandemic.

The workshop will be presented by Melissa Forziat. Melissa is a Seattle-based marketing speaker, consultant, and author. She works with small businesses to develop and execute strategic marketing

plans and with business organizations to train their trainers. Melissa is the author of the free eBook Small Business Marketing on a Budget and former Board President of Ventures nonprofit.

Details:

Host: [Nevada Small Business Development Center](#)

Date: November 12, 2020 (Virtual Format)

Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Registration (no fee): [CLICK HERE](#) to register

Environmental News

US EPA Seeks Input on Managing Risks from Methylene Chloride Under the Toxic Substances Control Act

Having already issued a final risk evaluation in June 2020 that found methylene chloride to pose unreasonable risks to workers and consumers under certain conditions of use, US EPA is moving to the risk management phase required by the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). As part of the process, the agency is soliciting feedback from stakeholders on options for managing risks associated with methylene chloride use. Common uses of methylene chloride include use as a solvent in vapor degreasing, metal cleaning, in the production of refrigerant chemicals, and as an ingredient in sealants and adhesive removers. Consumer uses – some of which are already prohibited – include adhesives, sealants, degreasers, cleaners, and automobile products.

To learn more and to provide public comment or participate in a one-on-one interview, check out the [Risk Evaluation for Methylene Chloride](#) page on US EPA's website or contact Ingrid Feustel by email at: feustel.ingrid@epa.gov or by phone at: 202.564.3199.

EPA previously posted a [Small Entity Compliance Guidance for the Regulation of Methylene Chloride Paint and Coating Removal for Consumer Use](#) to help small and medium sized businesses (SMB) comply with the prohibition on methylene chloride in the manufacture and import, processing, or distribution in commerce of methylene chloride for consumer paint and coating removal. As a reminder, effective November 22, 2019, all retailers, including e-commerce retailers, were prohibited from distributing in commerce any consumer paint and coating removal product containing methylene chloride.

EPA Ends 'Once in Always In' Air Quality Policy

Facilities now have an opportunity to reclassify their emissions

On October 1, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed a [final rule](#) that will allow a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAP) to reclassify as an area source *at any time* after taking steps to limit emissions.

The action withdraws the "Once In, Always In" (OIAI) policy, which stated that any facility subject to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) as a major source *would always remain* subject to those standards unless the source reduced its emissions and potential to emit (PTE) below the major source thresholds (MST) of 10 and 25 tons per year *before the first substantive compliance date*.

The EPA is hoping this will encourage sources with emissions above the MST to evaluate their operations and consider changes that can reduce their HAP emissions to below the MST.

For more information, please visit the [final rule website](#) and review the [Final Rule Fact Sheet: Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act](#).

For help determining if this new rule applies to your operation, contact [BEP](#).

New Hazardous Waste Labeling Requirements

Included in the Updated Hazardous Waste Regulations

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. Included in the updates are added labeling requirements. In addition to the [current labeling requirements](#), hazardous waste containers must also be marked with an indication of the hazards of the contents. Labeling begins from the time of generation at satellite accumulation to the end point at RCRA treatment, storage, and disposal facilities. There is flexibility in how the generator chooses to depict the hazards on the containers. The EPA has the following examples in the [FAQ document](#):

- The words of the applicable hazardous waste characteristic(s) (i.e., ignitable, corrosive, reactive, toxic)
- Hazard communication consistent with the Department of Transportation requirements at [49 CFR part 172 subpart E \(labeling\)](#) or [subpart F \(placarding\)](#)
- A hazard statement or pictogram consistent with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Hazard Communication Standard at [29 CFR section 1910.1200](#)
- A chemical hazard label consistent with the [National Fire Protection Association code 704](#).

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.

If you have any questions, please contact the BEP team at (800) 882-3233 or visit our [website](#).

Funding Opportunities

City of Reno Reopens Small Business Economic Assistance Program

Available to eligible businesses that did not receive first round funds

The City of Reno has reopened the Small Business Economic Assistance Program to applicants who did not receive funding in the first round. The program provides direct funds to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Awards will be a maximum of \$20,000, however the fund is limited and many organizations will receive less. This program only reimburses eligible COVID-related costs incurred prior to August 31, 2020, and does not pay for future expenses. Costs already reimbursed by other programs such as EIDL and PPP are not eligible.

The application period opened Tuesday October 13, 2020 and closes at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 unless extended.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the eligibility requirements and access the [application](#). You can also call 775-334-2365 for more information.

COVID-19 Funding Resources

Resources and incentives for Nevada businesses and others

As you work to reopen or stay open in Nevada, you should be aware of the many resources that might fit your needs and help your business or organization.

The [Nevada Department of Business & Industry](#) maintains the following lists on their website:

- [Grants & Incentives](#)
- [COVID-19 Grant Opportunities](#)

The Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) has a COVID-19 webpage with links to many resources:

- [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Financial Assistance & Resources](#) - Financial Help for Small Businesses

New Simpler Forgiveness for PPP Loans \$50,000 or Less

New application available now

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has released an [interim final rule](#) which provides for a simpler loan forgiveness [application](#) and [instructions](#) for [Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\)](#) loans of \$50,000 or less. This action streamlines the PPP forgiveness process to provide financial and administrative relief to America's smallest businesses.

SBA began approving PPP forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers on October 2, 2020.

Please review the [press release](#) for more information and [contact](#) the [Nevada Small Business Development Center](#) if you would like assistance.

\$400 Wood Stove Rebates Still Available for Homeowners in Nevada's Tahoe Basin

If you live in the Tahoe Basin portion of Douglas County or Washoe County, you may be eligible to receive a rebate of \$400 to change-out your old pre-1992 wood stove for a new wood stove, pellet stove, or gas stove. New stoves are cleaner burning, which helps our local air quality. New stoves are also more efficient and use less wood so you can save money each winter on heating your house.

Act quickly! Only a few rebates remain and they are available on a first come, first served basis until funds run out.

To learn more about the program and participating wood stove retailers, [CLICK HERE](#).

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Stay Safe to Stay Open Nevada
Wear a Mask!

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