



## Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2021

### 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

### Mitigation Measures for COVID-19 in Nevada

Many businesses are limited to 25% capacity

Current [mitigation measures](#) for COVID-19 (as of December 28, 2020) are posted on the Nevada Health Response [website](#). Businesses including restaurants & bars, gyms, fitness and dance studios and others may continue to operate under strict social distancing requirements at 25% capacity.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full list of impacted businesses and requirements.

### New Federal Stimulus Package Resources for Small Businesses

The recently passed federal stimulus package includes a number of provisions to further support small businesses during the pandemic. A [detailed summary](#) of the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Package provided on ASBDC's federal resources [website](#) for U.S. small businesses affected by COVID-19 includes an overview of the bill's provisions including \$284 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), extending PPP through March 31, 2021, and \$20 billion for the EIDL Grant Program.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the latest information. Counselors at the [Nevada Small Business Development Center](#) are available to assist you. Call (800) 240-7094 for more information.

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## ***Upcoming Webinars and Trainings***

### **Back by Popular Demand: BEP Hazardous Waste Virtual Training for Waste Generators**

Additional training session to be held January 13th

Date: January 13, 2021  
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PST)  
Fee: No Fee  
Format: Webinar (Zoom)  
Registration: [Sign Up](#)

Over 120 representatives of business, industry and government facilities attended our trainings in November and December. Due to the high demand, we will be offering another three hour training for waste generators in Nevada which will cover hazardous waste management and present information to help you maintain compliance. We will also be highlighting some of Nevada's updated hazardous waste regulations. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the BEP team to obtain hazardous waste knowledge for your organization.

Have questions about the training? Email Liz Futch at [efutch@unr.edu](mailto:efutch@unr.edu).

### **Selling a Small Business and Succession Planning**

Nevada SBDC webinar January 13th

Date: January 13, 2021  
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (PST)  
Fee: No Fee  
Format: Webinar  
Registration: [Sign Up](#)

Join the Nevada SBDC to learn about Selling a Small Business and Succession Planning with Steven Ness from US Bank. We will provide an overview of your options of how to change ownership- selling, closing, or transferring your business, establishing your exit strategy through succession planning, and ensuring you are properly positioning your company for a transition.

### **Start Smart Nevada**

Nevada SBDC webinar January 21st

Date: January 21, 2021  
Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (PST)  
Fee: No Fee  
Format: Webinar

Registration: [Sign Up](#)

Anyone who is looking to start a business or has opened one recently is invited to attend this 90-minute virtual class on how to start your business off on the right foot. Attendees will learn about the critical first steps in starting a business and gain the knowledge they need to be successful business owners.

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## ***Environmental News***

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### **New Option in Nevada: Consolidation of Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Hazardous Waste with Large Quantity Generator (LQG) Wastes**

#### **Part of Nevada's 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](#) is the added option for VSQGs (previously known as Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators or CESQGs) to consolidate their wastes with that of an off-site LQG that is under the "control" of the same "person" as the VSQG.

To use this option, the VSQG must mark the containers with:

1. The words "Hazardous Waste" and
2. An indication of the hazards of the contents such as the applicable hazardous waste characteristic, a Department of Transportation label or placard, an OSHA hazard statement or pictogram, or a National Fire Protection Association hazard label.

Have questions on how to use this option? Give BEP a call at (800) 882-3233 or email us at [help@unrbep.org](mailto:help@unrbep.org).

Learn more about hazardous waste management at your facility by attending our upcoming BEP Hazardous Waste Virtual Training for Waste Generators in Nevada on January 13th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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### **Nevada DEP State and Local Emission Inventory System (SLEIS)**

Available by February 2021 for air quality reporting

**Attention all Air Quality Class I and II Permitted Facilities:** The Nevada DEP State and Local Emission Inventory System ([SLEIS](#)) will soon be open for emissions reporting. SLEIS is a web-based application where permitted facilities are required to compile and submit their annual point source emissions inventory data to NDEP. The program is meant to make emissions reporting easier and more efficient for facilities. If you are submitting your annual emissions report through SLEIS for the first time, please watch the tutorial which can be [found here](#). The login page to submit your information can be [found here](#).

Have questions about SLEIS? Email Eric Florio at [eflorio@unr.edu](mailto:eflorio@unr.edu).

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### **EPA Issues Final Risk Evaluation for Perchloroethylene (PCE)**

Public webinar January 14, 2021, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM EST

The U.S. EPA issued a [final risk evaluation](#) for [perchloroethylene](#) (PCE) in December 2020. The uses of PCE include the production of fluorinated compounds, dry cleaning and vapor degreasing. PCE is also used in lubricants, adhesives, and sealants. PCE has a limited number of consumer uses in products like adhesives for arts and crafts and stainless steel polish.

The [risk evaluation](#) showed an unreasonable risk to human health but no unreasonable risk to the environment. Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA has up to one year after issuing a final risk evaluation to propose [risk management](#) actions followed by a public comment period and final rule.

Under TSCA, possible actions the EPA can take to address an evaluation that finds an unreasonable risk include banning a chemical; restricting the manufacturing, processing, distribution, or disposal of the chemical; requiring warning labels and testing; and requiring manufacturers to notify distributors of any unreasonable risks.

EPA is looking for any input they should take into account for managing what it has determined are unreasonable risks. To learn more about the final risk evaluation for PCE, plan to attend EPA's [public webinar](#) on January 14th from 1:00 - 3:30 PM EST. If you [register](#) by January 11th, you can also sign up to make a comment during the webinar.

EPA also expects to conduct a [Small Business Advocacy Review \(SBAR\) Panel](#) to gain input from small entities on the agency's development of a proposed rule to address unreasonable risks. If you are a small manufacturer, importer, formulator, commercial user, or retailer of PCE or products containing PCE you may be eligible to serve on the panel. Individuals who are interested in potentially serving should send an email message to [RFA-SBREFA@epa.gov](mailto:RFA-SBREFA@epa.gov) by no later than January 19, 2021.

## EPA Releases Final Risk Evaluation for Asbestos, Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos

In December 2020, the U.S. EPA issued a [final risk evaluation](#) for asbestos, part 1: chrysotile asbestos. Although there are several types of asbestos, the only form known to be imported, processed, or distributed for use in the United States is chrysotile. Raw chrysotile asbestos is used exclusively by the chlor-alkali industry. Certain products like sheet gaskets, brake blocks, and aftermarket automotive brakes and linings also contain chrysotile asbestos.

EPA found in the [risk evaluation](#) that there is unreasonable risk to human health but no unreasonable risk to the environment and has begun the risk management process. EPA has also started planning for part 2 of the risk evaluation for asbestos and will engage stakeholders during its development. Part 2 will include legacy asbestos uses and associated disposals of asbestos.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about EPA's actions to protect the public from exposure to asbestos.

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**We look forward to hearing from you.**



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

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