



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

Our website has a new look!

Visit our newly refreshed and updated [BEP website](#) to learn more about our program, services and many resources.

[BEP WEBSITE](#)

News & Updates

Attention Dry Cleaners!

US EPA Open Forum TOMORROW on Thursday, April 22nd

Register today to attend

US EPA Office of Air Quality and Planning Standards just announced last Friday that the agency will be hosting a roundtable discussion tomorrow, on Thursday, April 22nd, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EST, regarding a new Dry Cleaning air quality regulatory rulemaking. As required by the Clean Air Act, EPA will be performing an 8-year technology review for the current rule, [Dry Cleaning Facilities: National Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards](#). EPA is under a consent decree to propose a new rule by December 1, 2021.

EPA is looking for feedback from the dry cleaning industry to make sure the existing requirements are still relevant and match current machine configurations. Among other issues, US EPA is seeking feedback on the following:

- Industry thoughts on the use of alternative solvents to perchloroethylene in your dry cleaning operations, and in dry cleaning, in general
- Will perchloroethylene be the predominant solvent used in dry cleaning in the future? If so, why? If not, why?
- What are the dry cleaning technology expectations for the future? Will technology change? If so, how?
- How, in general, has the dry cleaning industry changed since the last US EPA air pollution rule went into effect in 2006?

Registration is required by COB, Wednesday, April 21, 2021 (today).

To register, provide your full name, organization, phone number (*the one you will use to call into the webinar*), and email address to Rhonda Wright at wright.rhonda@epa.gov. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information on how to join the webinar.

New COVID-19 Requirements Go Into Effect May 1, 2021

[Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery](#) includes mitigation measures for businesses that went into effect on March 15th, 2021. Nevada's plan calls for transitioning to local authority on May 1st.

Read more about Nevada's COVID-19 mitigation measures on nvhealthresponse.nv.gov.

Environmental Updates

New BEP Fact Sheet Available Large Quantity Generators: Contingency Plan Quick Reference Guide

When the State of Nevada updated its hazardous waste regulatory program in August 2020, many provisions from the US Environmental Protection Agency's 2016 Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule were adopted. While numerous provisions in that rule provide greater flexibility for hazardous waste generators, there are a few new provisions that are more stringent and require action on the part of generators.

One such new provision is the requirement for the large quantity generator (LQG) to prepare and submit a **Quick Reference Guide** that provides first responders with key emergency response information (see 40 CFR §262.262(b) and (c)). This new requirement became effective January 1, 2021 in Nevada and applies when a new or existing LQG is either developing or updating its hazardous waste contingency plan.

[Download](#) the fact sheet, which includes a helpful sample Quick Reference Guide, to learn more. Visit our website to learn more about [hazardous waste management](#) other requirements for [large quantity generators](#). [Contact BEP](#) with any questions.

US EPA Approves Copper Surfaces As The First Product with Residual Claims Against Coronavirus

Did you know the US EPA tests materials - such as copper alloy surfaces - to substantiate claims of effectiveness against viruses? Recently, the [EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention](#) announced the first amended registration to the Copper Development Association for an emerging viral pathogen claim to be added to the label of Antimicrobial Copper Alloys-Group 1 (EPA Reg No. 82012-1).

What does this mean? It means the *surface* of the copper alloy, made up of at least 95.6 % copper, can continuously kill viruses that come in contact with it. The US EPA expects products made up of this alloy, such as doorknobs and countertops, will eliminate 99.9% of SARS-CoV-2 within two hours.

While copper alloy surfaces are now the first material to have an amended registration stating virus kill claims, EPA's [List N Appendix](#) will contain more materials as they are approved. These product surfaces will not replace cleaning and disinfecting but they provide new tools in the fight against the spread of illness caused by viruses. "Providing Americans with new tools and information to fight the virus that causes COVID-19 is one of EPA's top priorities," said Acting Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention Michal Freedhoff.

To learn more on testing and the EPA process for approving surfaces, you can read about it [here](#). You can always find effective disinfectants on EPA's [List N tool](#). Enhance your search and look for environmentally-friendly active ingredients such as hydrogen peroxide or citric acid. Contact BEP if you have questions on safer disinfectants.

Funding Opportunities

Restaurant Relief Fund Opening Soon

Restaurants and other food and beverage businesses are eligible

Established as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the [Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#) (RRF) will soon be available to help restaurants keep their doors open. RRF will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

Download the [program guide](#) and [sample application](#). [Sign up](#) for updates on the program.

SBA's current relief efforts can be found at www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief. Keep checking this website for updates and more details about current and new programs.

Experienced business counselors at the [Nevada SBDC](#) are available to provide assistance.

Rebates Are Running Out! Act Fast to Secure A Wood Stove Change-Out Rebate in Carson City and Douglas County

Are you home more during the pandemic? Do you have an older wood stove or zero clearance wood fireplace insert that isn't getting the job done anymore or is using too much wood?

Improve the heat and comfort of your home, use less wood each winter, and save some money by replacing your old pre-1992 wood stove with a new US EPA-certified wood stove, pellet stove, or natural gas stove. You will also be helping your local community keep the air we breathe cleaner by emitting less particulate matter and soot into the atmosphere – a particular problem when there is a wintertime air inversion.

Rebates between \$600-\$1,200 are available, with a \$400 bonus rebate available for residents of the Tahoe Basin!

Visit our [website](#) to learn more and call BEP today for more information.

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We look forward to hearing from you.



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