



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

[BEP WEBSITE](#)

News & Updates

Nevada COVID-19 Updates

Updated Nevada COVID-19 Roadmap to Recovery

As of May 1st, [Nevada's Roadmap to Recovery](#) mitigation measures are transitioning to local authority. Visit nvhealthresponse.gov to review the [county plans](#) endorsed by the COVID-19 Mitigation and Management Task Force.

Nevada OSHA Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Businesses

On May 14th, [Nevada OSHA](#) revised their [COVID-19 Guidance for Business Operations](#) to be consistent with the new CDC guidelines issued May 13th. The measures contained in the guidance are required of each business and should be applied to all employees of that business.

Sustainable Nation Podcast Now Available Through BEP

The Nevada Business Environmental Program announces a new [partnership](#) with the *Sustainable Nation* podcast.

[Listen in](#) for new ideas and advice for your business by checking out the latest podcast, an interview with Ratish Namboothiry. Mr. Namboothiry is the Director of Innovation for Good & Sustainability at Kohler Company, a global leader in the manufacture of kitchen and bath products. He has been a sustainability champion throughout his career at Kohler – including bringing new water efficient plumbing products to market and leading innovation at the company.



In this [podcast](#) hosted by Josh Prigge, founder and CEO of Sustridge Sustainability Consulting, global thought leaders are interviewed to get their take on current environmental sustainability issues and to discuss initiatives their organizations are taking to advance sustainability.

Be sure to also check out the full [library](#) of podcasts with notable sustainability leaders including:

- William McDonough, co-author of *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things*
- Cheri Chastain with Sierra Nevada Brewing Co
- Catherine Kummer at NASCAR
- Pranav Jampani with Las Vegas Sands Corp
- Yalmaz Siddiqui at MGM Resorts International, and
- Scott Paul at Taylor Guitars

Training Opportunities

TOMORROW, May 20th - EPA WEBINAR: Introduction to the Toxics Release Inventory

Date: May 20, 2021
Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm
Format: Webinar
Fee: Free
Registration: [Sign-Up](#)

Facilities that meet [Toxics Release Inventory](#) (TRI) reporting criteria must submit TRI data to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the relevant state or tribe by July 1 of each year. Attend EPA's TRI Program to learn about:

- The right-to-know principle and the basics of the TRI Program,
- Data and information facilities report,
- How to easily access data for a specific location from the TRI homepage,
- How to use TRI data, and
- Resources you can find on the TRI website.

See the article below in Environmental Updates to learn about EPA's plans to update the Toxics Release Inventory to advance environmental justice.

WEBINAR: Greening Your Bottom Line in the Food and Beverage Business - Friday, May 21st

Date: May 21, 2021
Time: 10:00am
Format: Webinar
Fee: Free
Registration: [Sign-Up](#)

Join food and beverage businesses around the country to learn new ways to use less toxic cleaning and disinfection products while maintaining food safety. Experts will also review the safety of products and explore how businesses can use cleaning and disinfection products more efficiently and effectively.

This event is part of a series of webinars, supported by the US Environmental Protection Agency and hosted by the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy ([CEERE](#)) at University of Massachusetts Amherst to help food and beverage businesses make improvements that save money and reduce their environmental impact. Future webinars include Waste Reduction & Diversion, Energy Efficiency, Water Efficiency and how to Review and Communicate Your Successes. Check out the free series of webinars [here](#).

Have questions on safer disinfectants and cleaning products? [Contact us](#) and visit our [website](#) for information on cleaning and disinfection.

Nevada SBDC WEBINAR: Cottage Food Requirements in Clark County - July 27th

Date: July 27, 2021
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Format: Webinar
Fee: Free
Registration: [Sign-Up](#)

In 2013, the Nevada Legislature passed the Cottage Food bill. This bill allows certain foods to be prepared and sold from a person's home. The Southern Nevada Health District is the health authority for Clark County.

- Have you ever wondered what the process would be like to register?
- Are you curious which foods you can make under this registration?

- Does your product label have all the required verbiage?

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this webinar, which includes a presentation by the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD), to learn more the cottage food industry, what foods are covered, and how to make the registration a little easier for yourself.

Environmental Updates

Small Quantity Generator Re-Notification Due September 1, 2021

Is your facility a Small Quantity Generator (SQG) of hazardous waste? If so, you must re-notify the state of your status as a SQG by September 1st of this year. To re-notify, businesses must submit the [EPA Site Identification](#) form known as Form 8700-12. This form can be submitted online into EPA's information system at the [RCRA Info](#) website. If you do not have an account in the system, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has [step by step instructions](#) to help you set it up. Not only can you re-notify through this website, but you can also submit manifests through your RCRA Info account.

If you prefer not to use the online system you may submit a paper notification, with an ink signature, to the state by sending your completed Form 8700-12 to:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Sustainable Materials Management
Attn: Notification Program
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

Regardless of how you submit the form, it is helpful to include the reason for the submittal on the form. Box number 18 on Form 8700-12 provides space for your comments. Providing a comment such as "This form is submitted to fulfill our SQG Re-notification requirement", will assist the state in processing the information.

While the requirement is straightforward, it does take some time to complete the form. Summer will go by fast! Fill out your form early and enjoy the summer without this deadline looming at the end of the season. Need help in filling out your form? [Contact us](#) for assistance.

Don't have time to prepare and submit the form now? Sign up to get reminders throughout the summer by sending an email to efutch@unr.edu and let us know you want to be added to BEP's SQG email list.

US EPA Announces Plan to Update Toxics Release Inventory to Advance Environmental Justice

On April 29, 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced in a [press release](#) that it would be reviewing and updating the [Toxics Release Inventory](#) program to advance Environmental Justice, improve transparency, and increase access to environmental information. The comprehensive plan for updating the TRI program includes:

- Expanding TRI reporting to include certain contact sterilization facilities that use ethylene oxide (EtO) and are not currently required to report this information,

- Adding TRI reporting requirements for other [industry sectors](#) including natural gas processing facilities and [TRI-listed chemicals](#) including additional per and polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS) and ethylene oxide, and
- Adding additional tools for TRI [communities](#) including launching a [Spanish version](#) of the TRI website.

Read the full [press release](#) to learn more. For questions on TRI reporting, [contact us](#).

American Lung Association Releases Air Report for 2021

The [American Lung Association](#) recently released its [State of the Air Report for 2021](#). This report analyzes data from official air quality monitors across the United States that is collected by the federal, state, local and tribal governments to gather information such as ozone and particulate matter pollution.

According to the American Lung Association, one in every four Americans is living in a location with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution and people of color are over three times more likely to be breathing the most polluted air. Las Vegas-Henderson is ranked 12th on the American Lung Association's list of 25 cities most polluted by ozone.

The staff at [BEP](#) assists business owners and managers with understanding and complying with environmental regulatory requirements, air quality permitting, and exploring cost-effective ways to reduce wastes and emissions. If you would like help evaluating strategies to reduce your environmental impact, contact BEP at (800) 802-3233 or help@unrbep.org.

Funding Opportunities

Restaurant Relief Fund Now Open

Restaurants and other food and beverage businesses are eligible

Established as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the [Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#) (RRF) is now 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. The following entities are eligible:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products

For more information, visit the RRF [website](#) and review the [program guide](#). A full listing of SBA's current relief efforts can be found at www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief.

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

Don't Miss 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.

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

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