



# Business Environmental Program NEVADA

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

The Nevada Business Environmental Program ([BEP](#)) at the University of Nevada, Reno has proudly remained open and staffed during the COVID-19 emergency with a statewide team providing free and confidential business advisory services to Nevada businesses and regulated entities.

If you have any environmental or energy questions, do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Our confidential toll-free hotline is taking calls and we are promptly answering all emails. We are staffed as always from 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday.

We are also pleased to announce that we are now scheduling on-site assessment visits again. If you are interested in having BEP visit your business, give us a call. 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)

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## **News & Updates**

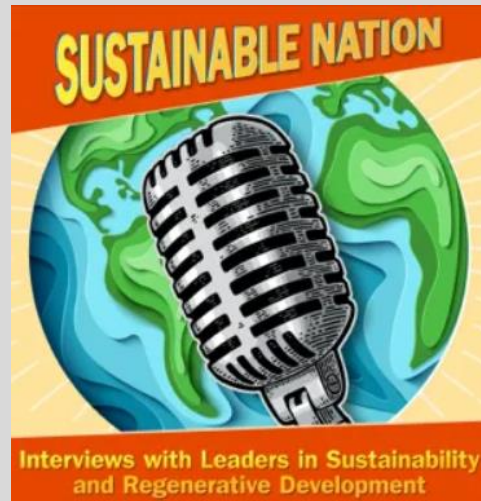
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## New Sustainable Nation Podcast Available Through BEP

In the latest Sustainable Nation [podcast](#) hosted by Josh Prigge, **Erin Meezan**, Interface's Chief Sustainability Officer, discusses creating carbon negative carpet tile and resilient flooring products (without offsets), how to balance sustainability with performance and cost, using the Carbon in Construction Calculator (EC3) as a tool for making better choices in building, and Interface's Net-Works Program and other innovative waste diversion programs.

[LISTEN NOW](#)

Be sure to also check out the full [library](#) of podcasts.



The Sustainable Nation Podcast is made available through a [partnership](#) with the Nevada Business Environmental Program.

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## Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Nevada Businesses and New Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard

On June 24, 2021, the Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Nevada OSHA) issued [updated COVID-19 guidance](#) for Nevada businesses which includes a new OSHA Healthcare [COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard](#). Nevada OSHA adopted the Federal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) and it became effective in Nevada on July 1, 2021. Employers must comply with most provisions within 14 days and with the remaining provisions within 30 days.

The ETS is aimed at protecting workers facing the highest coronavirus hazards such as those working in health care settings where suspected or confirmed coronavirus patients are treated. This includes employees in hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities; emergency responders; home health care workers; and employees in ambulatory care settings.

A flow chart to help determine if a workplace is covered is available at: [Is Your Workplace Covered by the ETS?](#)

If you have questions about the updated guidance and ETS, call Nevada OSHA at 702-486-9020.

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## Training Opportunities

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### EPA Webinar on Development of Proposed Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) Data Reporting Rule - July 27th

Date: July 27, 2021  
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm PT  
Format: Webinar

Fee: Free  
Registration: [Register](#)

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public webinar to collect initial feedback on the development of a [proposed rule](#) to collect data to help inform each step of the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) risk evaluation and management process. To provide oral comments during the webinar, register by July 22nd.

EPA will also consider written comments which should be submitted to docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0436 on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) on or before August 15th, 2021.

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

Date: July 27, 2021  
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am PT  
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 your business.

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## **Public Workshop: Nevada Proposing to Adopt California Low Emission Vehicle and Zero Emission Vehicle Programs Effective Model Year 2025**

Hosted by the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection

Date: July 28, 2021  
Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm PT

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is proposing to adopt the California Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) and Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) programs for new vehicle sales beginning with the 2025 model year. On July 28, 2021, NDEP will be hosting a public workshop to solicit comments on this proposal. The proposed amendments, workshop agenda, and related materials are available on the NDEP website at: [Workshop on Proposed Amendments to Nevada Administrative Code – Air Pollution 445B | NDEP \(nv.gov\)](#).

The workshop will be held:

- in person in Carson City at NDEP's offices at 901 South Stewart Street (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- by videoconference in Las Vegas at NDEP's offices at 375 East Warm Springs Road (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

- by weblink at <https://call.lifesizecloud.com/9956724>, or
- by phone at (877) 422-8614, Conference ID: 9956724#

If adopted, this regulation may be submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the Nevada State Implementation Plan (SIP). This proposal is part of the [Clean Cars Nevada](#) rulemaking process that NDEP initiated on June 22, 2020.

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## Environmental Updates

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### **1-Bromopropane (1-BP) To Be Added To Hazardous Air Pollutants List: EPA is Seeking Input Before Setting Standards** Comments are due July 26th

On June 11, 2021, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) as a next step before adding of [1-Bromopropane](#) (1-BP) to the Clean Act's list of Hazardous Air Pollutants ([HAP](#)). EPA intends to add 1-BP to the HAP list by the end of 2021. More information is available in the US EPA [fact sheet](#) on this proposal.

1-BP is commonly used in degreasing operations for cleaning metals, plastics and electronic, and optical components; adhesive spray applications; dry cleaning; and solvent sprays used in operations like asphalt production, aircraft maintenance, and synthetic fiber manufacturing, and aerospace manufacturing.

EPA is soliciting data and information on 1-BP usage, emission controls, and associated costs to ensure that the regulatory infrastructure is in place to control the emissions of 1-BP effectively and efficiently. After 1-BP is added to the list, EPA must promulgate standards to address emissions of 1-BP.

If your facility uses 1-BP, now is the time to provide any data or information. [Comments](#) are due July 26th and may be submitted electronically or by sending an email to [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov), Attention Docket ID No. EPAHQ-OAR-2014-0471.

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### **EJSCREEN: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed a new screening and mapping tool based on national data. The tool combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. While developed for the agency in its goal to better protect human health and the environment, the [EJSCREEN tool](#) can be used by organizations and communities to support environmental justice efforts and inform policy, research, and decision-making efforts. An overview of the tool and its purpose and function can be found on the [EJSCREEN Fact Sheet](#).

Prior to using the [EJSCREEN Tool](#), the EPA has set up a step-by-step guide, video tutorials and a downloadable user guide which can all be found on the [Learn To Use EJSCREEN](#) webpage. There is also a list of tools developed by several states and other environmental databases and tools.

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### **New Guide for Non-hazardous Secondary Material Regulations Released by US EPA**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new document for the regulated community that provides guidance on [40 CFR part 241](#) - *Solids Wastes Used as Fuels or Ingredients in Combustion Units*. The guide explains how the regulations apply to a non-hazardous secondary material (NHSM), such as construction and demolition wood and biosolids, when it is burned as fuel.

The [Guide for Waste/Non-Waste Determinations](#) provides a detailed explanation and flow chart to help generators determine if a NHSM is a solid waste or not when it is combusted, and which Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements apply to the combustion unit.

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **EPA Announces Anaerobic Digestion Grant Opportunity for Food Waste Management Projects**

Informational Webinar August 2nd

If you are a local, Tribal or state organization or you are a non-profit school or hospital addressing food waste using anaerobic digestion (AD), your organization may be eligible for a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The US EPA anticipates awarding up to \$2 million in total anaerobic digestion funding, with individual project funding ranging from \$50,000-\$200,000.

Projects must develop new capacity or expand existing AD capacity for processing food waste; demonstrate solutions and/or approaches for increasing food waste AD utilization that is replicable; or support state, Tribal, and/or local government programs that seek to use AD to increase food waste diversion rates.

The grant application period closes on October 7, 2021. For more information, review the [grant solicitation](#) on [grants.gov](#) and visit EPA's sustainable management of food [website](#). To learn more about who is eligible and what types of projects are under consideration, [register](#) to attend a free informational [webinar](#) on August 2, 2021 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST.

Need help in reducing food waste and other waste streams? [Contact us](#) to discuss your goals and sustainability strategies. We can help you think through possibilities to meet your waste reduction goals.

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### **Grants and Incentives in Nevada**

Don't forget the Nevada Department of Business and Industry maintains a [list](#) of current funding opportunities in Nevada. This is a great source of funding options for businesses and organizations.

The list includes links to private, federal, state, and local [COVID-19 grant funding opportunities](#) which are posted as they become available.

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### **Only a Few Left! Secure A Wood Stove Change-Out Rebate in Carson City and Douglas County**

Have you been 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? Get ready for next winter by replacing your old wood stove now.

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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