



Business Environmental Program NEVADA

If you have questions, we still have answers.

The Nevada Business Environmental Program ([BEP](#)) at the University of Nevada, Reno continues to remain 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 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.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about why it makes sense to work with BEP!

Hotline: (800) 882-3233 Email: help@unrbep.org

[BEP WEBSITE](#)

News & Updates

NDEP Air Quality Staffing Updates

If you hold an Air Quality Permit through the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) there are some internal changes you may want to know about.

Jennifer Schumacher was recently appointed as the Chief of the Bureau of Air Pollution Control. Before assuming her new position, Ms. Schumacher was the Supervisor for Class I Air Quality Permitting. Her contact information remains the same, email jschumacher@ndep.nv.gov.

Travis Osterhout recently departed the Bureau of Air Pollution Control where he served as the Compliance Supervisor. If you need to contact the compliance group with any questions or concerns, the best way to do that is through email. The compliance group can be reached at aircompliance@ndep.nv.gov

To find out more information about air quality permitting and other compliance requirements you can visit the [BEP](#) or [NDEP](#) websites.

US EPA Pollution Prevention Week September 20-26

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is celebrating 30 years of pollution prevention (P2) with [Pollution Prevention Week](#), from September 20 - 26, 2021.

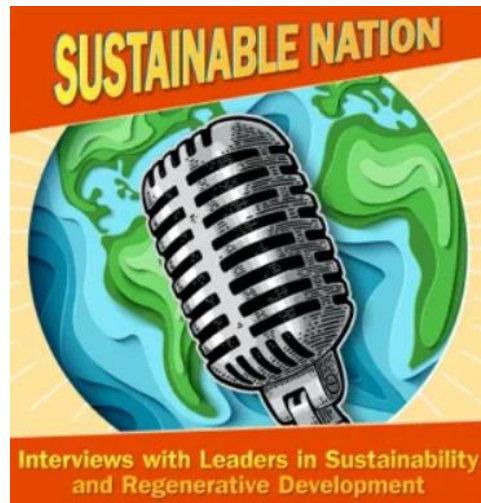
The 1990 [Pollution Prevention Act](#) established the P2 program to help reduce or eliminate waste at the source by modifying production processes. P2 strategies also promote using nontoxic or less toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and reusing materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

For help determining how your operation could become more environmentally sustainable by integrating P2 strategies to reduce waste and operating costs, [contact BEP](#). or visit our [website](#).

Sustainable Nation Podcasts Available Through BEP

Are you looking for advice from experts on how to make your business more sustainable? Be sure to check out the full [library](#) of podcasts and hear first-hand from sustainability leaders at companies such as Samonsite, Procter & Gamble, United Airlines, Levi Strauss, Kohlers and Rothy's.

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



Training Opportunities

Webinar: Nature-Based Pollution Prevention Tactics for Implementation, Reporting and Partnerships

Are you looking for ideas to take your pollution prevention efforts to a new level? The [Wildlife Habitat Council](#) is offering a webinar to present best practices for nature-based pollution prevention.

Nature-based solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural and modified ecosystems in ways that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, to provide both human well-being and biodiversity benefits. [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#).

Webinar Details:

Date: September 15, 2021
Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am PT
Cost: Free
Register: [CLICK HERE](#)

Pollution Prevention Roundtable - October 20, 21, 27 and 28

The Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center ([PPRC](#)) is sponsoring a virtual pollution prevention (P2) roundtable, [P2 West: Inspiration, Innovation, and Implementation](#) on Oct 20, 21, 27, and 28 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm PT each day.

This event is intended for P2 technical assistance providers, green business programs, sustainability experts, and zero waste and pretreatment professionals working with small businesses and industry to reduce pollution.

Environmental Updates

Episodic Events in Nevada: Information Now Available on BEP's [Website](#)

What happens when a very small quantity generator ([VSQG](#)) or small quantity generator ([SQG](#)) goes over the limit for their generator status and generates more hazardous waste for just a month due to something like a planned annual clean-out or cleaning up an accidental spill? Does the business move up in generator status and need to follow all the rules that apply to the higher generator category? Not necessarily!

The [State of Nevada](#) adopted the [Subpart L – Alternative Standards for Episodic Generation](#), (40 CFR 262 Subpart L) in August of 2020. In order to take advantage of the episodic relief provisions, certain conditions must be met and rules followed.

BEP recently posted detailed information on our [website](#) that explains the new provisions and how they could apply to an episodic event at your facility. We have also included checklists for [unplanned](#) and [planned](#) episodic generation events that can be printed and used to help guide you through the process.

The key for taking advantage of the episodic generation event provisions is notification. If you have a planned event for which you will be generating higher amounts of hazardous waste than usual (for example, an annual clean-out), be sure to provide a minimum of 30 days advance notification to NDEP. If you have a spill or other unplanned event that generates large amounts of hazardous waste, be sure to provide NDEP with notification within 72 hours of the unplanned event. Failure to provide the necessary notifications will prevent a facility from being able to take advantage of these provisions.

Have questions about episodic generation and how it applies to your facility? [Contact BEP](#).

Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory

Did you know that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) maintains a list of all "existing" chemicals called the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory? This is a requirement of Section 8(b) of the [Toxic Substances Control Act](#).

Why is this important? If you plan to manufacture a chemical you must first check the TSCA Inventory to see if the chemical exists and if there are any importing or manufacturing restrictions. If the chemical does not exist, you must follow EPA's [review process](#) for evaluating new chemicals.

To access the TSCA Inventory and instructions, [CLICK HERE](#).

For questions on other environmental requirements pertaining to manufacturing your product in Nevada, [contact BEP](#). We can help you determine what regulations, if any, could apply.

Beware of Unsafe or Ineffective Antimicrobial Products

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced violations by a Southern California company that was selling unregistered antimicrobial products that resulted in a \$150,000 fine for the company. The company claimed their product could kill or repel microbes through a water filtration system that had not been tested or approved by the EPA. The danger to purchasers lies in the potential ineffectiveness of the product and/or harm to the user.

Antimicrobial products that claim to kill or repel bacteria or germs are considered pesticides so manufacturers must comply with the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act ([FIFRA](#)) which includes registering the products with EPA. Any product that is registered with EPA as an antimicrobial undergoes thorough testing to ensure the product is effective in its stated purpose and will not pose an unreasonable risk to human health.

There has been a significant rise in products claiming to be effective in the fight against COVID-19. To make sure the products you use are safe and effective, check the [EPA List N](#). Type the EPA registration number, found on the product label, into the search function to find your product. You can then verify if the product you are using is legitimately registered and serves the purpose of an antimicrobial.

When you are evaluating new disinfectant product purchases, the EPA List N is a great place to start. You can search by various parameters such as active ingredient, formulation type, and if there is an emerging pathogen claim. The List N Tool allows users to cross reference the environmentally friendly cleaners they are using against the list to ensure the products are effective against viruses such as SARS-CoV-2.

If you have questions on how to use the [EPA List N Tool](#) to choose effective products which are best for the health of your staff and the environment, [contact BEP](#). For more information on cleaning and disinfection, visit our [website](#).

Funding Opportunities

Secure A Wood Stove Change-Out Rebate in Carson City and Douglas County Before They Run Out!

Now is the time to plan for winter weather! 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.

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