



# 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!

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## **News & Updates**

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## BEP Announces Energy Star Action Workbook for Small Businesses in Nevada

BEP is proud to partner with EPA's ENERGY STAR to co-brand the [Action Workbook for Small Businesses](#) in Nevada. [Energy efficiency](#) is the fastest, least expensive, and largest single solution for simultaneously saving energy and money and preventing greenhouse gas emissions.

The [Action Workbook](#) provides a start to finish approach for taking advantage of energy efficiency savings including setting goals, creating and implementing an action plan, evaluating progress and recognizing achievements. There are also helpful guides for project financing and working with contractors and some specific tips for restaurants, auto dealers, hotels, grocery stores, manufacturers and home-based businesses.

Don't spend more than you need to on your utility bills. [Download](#) your free copy today and start saving money! [Contact BEP](#) if you need assistance developing your own energy efficiency strategies.



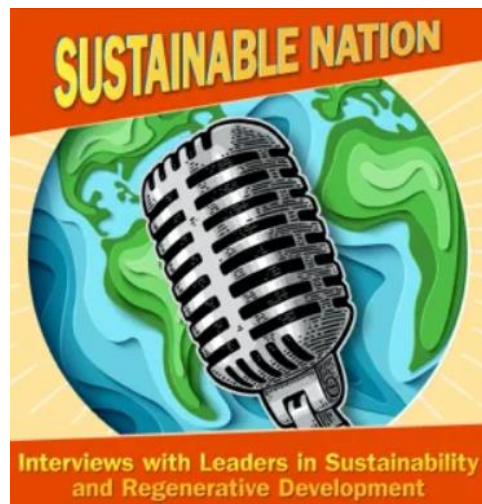
## New Sustainable Nation Podcast Cecilia Lord from Electrolux

In the latest Sustainable Nation podcast hosted by Josh Prigge, Cecilia Nord, Director of Strategy at Electrolux, discusses:

- Empowering customers to lead better and more sustainable lives through offering the right products
- Integrating a sustainability strategy to the point it becomes the strategy
- Electrolux's approach to circular design: closing the loop in materials, product as a service
- Electrolux's climate-neutral value chain goal
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability leaders

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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.



## Training Opportunities

## 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.

BEP director, Chris Lynch, will be facilitating the session on *Alternatives in Metal Finishing and Vapor Degreasing and Pollution Prevention Finance/Sustainability Accounting* on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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## Environmental Updates

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### [Final Rule](#) for the Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons Final Rule Notice Signed by US EPA Administrator September 23, 2021

#### What are hydrofluorocarbons?

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) were initially manufactured as replacements for ozone-depleting substances in refrigeration, air conditioning, aerosols, fire suppression, and foam blowing sectors. While helping protect the stratospheric ozone layer, HFCs are unfortunately also greenhouse gases that contribute to the warming climate.

#### What is required?

The American Innovation and Manufacturing Act ([AIM](#)) authorized EPA to address HFCs in three ways: (1) phasing down production and consumption, (2) maximizing reclamation and minimizing releases from equipment, and (3) facilitating the transition to next-generation technologies through sector-based restrictions. This [final rule](#) focuses on the first area - requiring the phase down of production and consumption of HFCs by 85% below baseline levels by 2036 through an allowance allocation and trading program.

#### Who is affected?

Companies that produce, import, export, destroy, use as a feedstock, reclaim, package, or otherwise distribute HFCs may be affected by the final rule. Companies may also be affected if they use HFCs to manufacture refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, foams, aerosols, and fire suppressants, or use HFCs in one of the six applications specified in the AIM Act.

For more information, visit EPA's HFC [webpage](#) and download the final rule [Fact Sheet](#) and [FAQs](#). [Contact BEP](#) for help understanding how the requirements might apply to your operation.

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### Green Chemistry and Safer Choice EPA Announces 2021 Safer Choice Award Winners

Are you wondering what products to make or buy for your business that are effective and safe for the environment? [Safer Choice](#) is a program offered by the US Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)) to encourage the manufacturing and use of products that contain ingredients that are safer for the environment and human health.

Safer Choice certified products have the Safer Choice [label](#) which provides assurances to the consumer that the product has been thoroughly evaluated and is safe to use. Companies employ [green chemistry](#) to make

or re-formulate products using safer alternatives and safer chemical ingredients. Having Safer Choice certified products can also be an asset for marketing and communicating with customers and for helping a company achieve environmental and sustainability goals.

If you are looking for Safer Choice certified products, you can go to EPA's website [database](#) and search by categories including many types of cleaning products.

EPA recently announced the 2021 [Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners](#). These include businesses, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations and others that have demonstrated a commitment to pollution prevention by reducing, eliminating, or preventing pollution at its source prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

For more information on green chemistry and safer products, visit our [Green Chemistry Compendium](#) and check out our [Educators](#) page to learn more about how green chemistry is being incorporated into educational curriculums and our [Industry](#) page to learn more about companies that are working towards or have incorporated green chemistry principles into the design and production of their products. The compendium also includes [Safer Choice Tips](#) for manufacturers and a list of green chemistry [Resources](#).

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

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