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## **News & Updates**

### **New Sustainable Nation Podcast Chris Kline from Cardno**

In the latest Sustainable Nation podcast hosted by Josh Prigge, Chris Kline, Global Senior Principal for Sustainability and ESG (environmental, social and governance) at Cardno, a provider of integrated professional services discusses:

- Cardno's services and clientele
- Internal vs. external ESG work at Cardno
- ESG challenges and opportunities facing the solar and natural gas industries
- Defining sustainability vs. ESG
- Institutional investors' focus on ESG and sustainability
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability leaders



Is the term ESG new to you? Listen to the podcast to better understand how ESG factors are considered in investing decisions.

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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.



## Small Business Saturday November 27th, 2021

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that Saturday, November 27, 2021 is Small Business Saturday – a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for their communities. Founded by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by SBA since 2011, [Small Business Saturday](#) has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season.

Visit the Shop Small [Resources Hub](#) to access free materials, tools and social media resources.

## Environmental Updates

### Attention Large Quantity Generators: Biennial Reports Due March 1, 2022

**Is your facility a [Large Quantity Generator \(LQG\)](#)?** A LQG facility generates at least 2,200 lbs of non-acute hazardous waste, or more than 2.2 lbs of acute hazardous waste in a month. If this status applies to your facility, then a Biennial Hazardous Waste Report must be filed with the [Nevada Division of Environmental Protection](#) by March 1, 2022.

**Who must file a Biennial Hazardous Waste Report?** Any facility that generated at the LQG levels for at least one month in 2021 or is permitted as a Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF). [Small Quantity Generators](#) (SQGs) and [Very Small Quantity Generators](#) (VSQGs) that had approved [Episodic Generation](#) events in 2021 do not need to submit a Biennial Report.

**What is needed to file a Biennial Hazardous Waste Report?** For the State of Nevada, you will need to have a [RCRA Info Industry Account](#) to submit the report. The Biennial Report consists of several forms including a Site ID form, RCRA Waste Generation and Management form(s) (GM form), and for TSDFs, the RCRA Waste Received off-site and managed on-site form (WR form).

**What information is useful to have on hand when compiling the report?** Hazardous waste manifest forms, hazardous waste report forms submitted in previous years, records of the quantities of hazardous waste generated or accumulated on-site, results of laboratory analyses of your waste, contracts or agreements with off-site facilities managing your wastes, and copies of permits for on-site waste management systems will be important to have on hand when filling out your Biennial Report.

**Overwhelmed?** Give BEP a call and we can help you prepare for the upcoming Biennial Report. Organizing records now will help you to be prepared for a smooth reporting cycle. Look out for upcoming announcements of January workshops in Reno and Las Vegas to help you understand your reporting requirements and help with completing your reports. We hold the workshops in computer labs so you can log in and enter your data on the spot with our assistance.

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## **Oil and Gas Industry Emissions Reductions Small Business Virtual Training November 16- 18, 2021**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a [new rule](#) that will reduce methane and other air pollutants from new and existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry. One method for accomplishing this would include a monitoring program to require companies to find and fix leaks at new and existing site and compressor stations.

The EPA will be hosting a virtual training for [small businesses](#), tribal communities, and environmental justice communities on November 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM, PST. To register for the virtual training and to view the agenda, [CLICK HERE](#).

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## **Resources & Tools**

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### **DOE Small Business Innovation Research Topics Announced Applications due February 22, 2022**

The Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer ([SBIR/STTR](#)) provides seed funding to help small businesses develop and commercialize technology innovations. The Department of Energy SBIR/STTR topics for FY22 Phase 1 Release 2 and a list of upcoming webinars on the topics are [available here](#). Letters of intent for this round of funding are due January 3, 2022, with full applications due February 22, 2022. First-time applicants can apply for [free technical assistance](#) to help prepare their application.

For more information on the SBIR/STTR program and other participating federal agencies, [CLICK HERE](#).

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### **EPA Introduces New P2 Resource Search Tool**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a new pollution prevention (P2) search [tool](#) on its website to connect visitors to P2 resources such as case studies, webinars, articles about P2 solutions, practices, and technologies. The tool allows searches by keyword, sector, and even process type.

Interested in learning more about pollution prevention opportunities at your business? Visit our P2 [webpage](#) and [contact BEP](#) for assistance.

EPA's P2 Hub Helpline also offers information and resources about pollution prevention. You can contact the helpline at [p2hub@epa.gov](mailto:p2hub@epa.gov) or (202) 566-0799.

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## BEP's 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.

The [Action Workbook](#) provides a start to finish approach for taking advantage of energy efficiency savings. 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.

ENERGY STAR® Action Workbook  
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Updated September 2021

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The Nevada Business Environmental Program in the College of Business at the University of Nevada, Reno is proud to partner with EPA's ENERGY STAR to help provide this new energy efficiency resource for small businesses by endorsing and co-branding EPA's ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Small Business. For more information, see <https://umrbep.org>.

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ENERGY STAR® is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program helping organizations and individuals fight climate change through superior energy efficiency. Learn more at [energystar.gov/building](http://energystar.gov/building).

## Training Opportunities

### Upcoming Webinars Offered by the Nevada SBDC

#### Trademark Basics

When: November 18, 2021, 11:00am - 12:00pm PT

Fee: No fee

Format: Online Meeting (Live)

Register: [CLICK HERE](#) to register

Are you a small business owner or entrepreneur interested in learning about trademarks and how to apply for a federal registration? Jason Lott from the United State Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will be discussing what all entrepreneurs, small businesses, and startups should know about trademarks. The discussion will cover the following:

- How trademarks, copyrights, patents, domain names, and business name registrations all differ
- The benefits of federal trademark registration
- Why it is important for any new business to select a trademark that will be both federally registrable and legally protectable
- Critical factors to consider when choosing a mark
- The importance of doing a complete search and whether an attorney should be used
- The USPTO's role in the federal registration process
- How to get free and reduced-price legal help when applying for registration

#### Start Smart with Nevada SBDC

When: December 1, 2021, 1:00pm - 2:30pm PT

Fee: No fee

Format: Online Meeting (Live)

Register: [CLICK HERE](#) to register

If you are looking to start a business or have opened one recently you could benefit from attending this 90-minute virtual class on how to start your business off on the right foot. Attendees will learn about the critical first steps in starting a business and gain the knowledge they need to be successful business owners. Agenda items will include:

- Is entrepreneurship right for you?
- Business plan with a purpose
- What “problem” does your business solve?
- Who are your customers?
- Who are your competitors?
- What’s your industry?
- What are the risks?
- Is your idea profitable?

For more training opportunities, [CLICK HERE](#) to view the full Nevada SBDC training calendar.

### **Planning for a Healthy Business**

When: November 20, 2021, 9:00am - 10:30am PT

Fee: No fee

Format: Online Meeting (Live)

Register: [CLICK HERE](#) to register

The Las Vegas SCORE chapter will host this webinar on planning and decision making to start and run a healthy business. After completing the class you will be able to:

- Explain how an evolving planning process can help you make key decisions as business owners.
- Describe how to convert a vague idea into a resource plan.
- Explain the importance of a healthy personal credit score and healthy relationships with lenders.
- Describe how a business plan helps motivate stakeholders to understand and support your business ideas.
- Explain the benefits of creating a day-to-day action plan for running a small business.

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

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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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