



# Business Environmental Program NEVADA

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## News

### **1-bromopropane (1-BP) Listed as Hazardous Air Pollutant**

New permit requirements may apply to some Nevada businesses

Effective February 4, 2022, the US EPA listed 1-bromopropane (1-BP), also known as n-propyl bromide (nPB), as a Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) that “may reasonably be anticipated to cause adverse effects to human health”. The addition of 1-BP to the HAP list could have an impact on the air quality permitting requirements for some businesses in Nevada. Used primarily as a cleaning solvent, 1-BP may be found in a wide variety of industries and products such as solvent cleaning operations in the electronics and metal cleaning industries; surface coatings; adhesive spray applications; dry cleaning; aerosols; the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and agricultural products; and as stain removers.

If your facility uses 1-BP you should calculate your annual emissions to determine if you may need to apply for a new permit or how this listing change might impact any current air quality permit you hold. If you already hold an air quality permit when your next permitting action is due, whether it is a renewal or a revision, you will have to include 1-BP in your HAP emissions calculations. For certain businesses, this may have an impact on which permit you apply for. If you were at or near the thresholds for HAP emissions, you may have to apply for a permit with higher emissions thresholds. The HAP thresholds for the different permit classes are:

**Class I:** Typically for facilities that emit more than 25 tons per year total HAP or emit more than 10 tons per year of any one HAP.

**Class II:** Typically for facilities that emit less than 25 tons per year total HAP and emit less than 10 tons per year of any one HAP.

For more information about the addition of 1-BP to the Hazardous Air Pollutants List you can access the final rule along with a Q & A document and a Fact Sheet [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, call BEP at (800) 882-3233 or email our air quality specialist, Eric Florio, at [eflorio@unr.edu](mailto:eflorio@unr.edu).

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## Biennial Reports are Due By March 1, 2022.

Take advantage of BEP's Help Desk today to complete and submit your report on time!

If your facility is or was a [Large Quantity Generator](#) for any one month in 2021 and did not take advantage of the [Episodic Provision](#), then a Biennial Report needs to be submitted by March 1, 2022. This report requires each facility to electronically notify the [Nevada Division of Environmental Protection](#) and the [EPA](#) of all hazardous waste generated, shipped off-site and/or received from off-site during the 2021 reporting period. The report also requires an updated [Site Identification](#) form.

The form is not difficult to complete but does require all hazardous waste generation information from 2021. This information can be gathered from manifests, waste analysis reports, previously submitted biennial reports, records of hazardous wastes generated and accumulated on-site, and other records.

At BEP, we are here to help you submit your report on-time. Need help getting started? New this year are the Biennial Report Help Desk Hours! **Our last Biennial Report Help Desk is February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm on Zoom.** Register for access to the [BEP Help Desk](#) or find more information on BEP's Training and Events [page](#). Participants can access via phone or computer. Clients have utilized the help desk to ask quick questions, view a demo of a Biennial Report submission, and show their own screens to get specific problems addressed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at (800) 882-3233 or contact [efutch@unr.edu](mailto:efutch@unr.edu).

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## Sustainability Corner

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### Environmental Friendly Purchasing

Did you know that the federal government has great resources to help your organization further its sustainability efforts? While intended for federal purchasing departments, recently updated guidance and information is beneficial for any organization looking to purchase products and services with lower carbon footprints, safer chemicals, and/or pollution prevention measures in place. [The Sustainable Marketplace](#) page contains guidance not only for federal purchasers but also for manufacturers, institutional purchasers, and consumers.

If your organization has plans to eliminate certain chemicals from your products and services, the [Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels](#) web page allows you to search by product category to find the Ecolabel or Standard that addresses the product type. For example, if you

are in the market to recarpet your offices you can go to the [Recommendations](#) page, scroll down to the Construction products and click on [Carpet](#). You are then presented with recommendations of the types of standards such as [Cradle to Cradle](#) that provide guidance on avoiding chemicals in carpet. When you are ready to purchase carpet, choosing products that are certified by organizations recommended by the EPA gives you assurance that the carpet you purchase is truly environmentally friendly and healthy for your staff and customers.

The latest updated information addressed by the EPA are Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances or PFAS in products. This helpful [guidance](#) outlines how each standard or ecolabel addresses PFAS in products. Again, choosing products with the standard or ecolabel that certify products without PFAS in them, not only gives you greater confidence in your purchasing choices but also helps make sense of the many ecolabels from which to choose.

We at BEP are available to help with your purchasing plans and sustainability initiatives, [request our assistance](#) or give us a call at (800) 882-3233.

## EPA Sustainability Framework Webinar - March 2nd

The Biden-Harris [Federal Sustainability Plan](#) outlines a path to achieve net-zero emissions from federal procurement by 2050, increase the sustainability of federal supply chains, and avoid the procurement of products containing PFAS, among other key strategies. EPA will use the newly released [Framework for the Assessment of Environmental Performance Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing](#) under its [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing \(EPP\) program](#), to update and expand the recommendations to support the administration's priorities and Federal Sustainability Plan.

EPA will hold a webinar on **March 2, 2022, at 2:00 PM** to provide more information on the [updated framework](#) and initial plans to expand the recommendations. [Register for the webinar](#) and provide questions in advance via the box on the registration page.

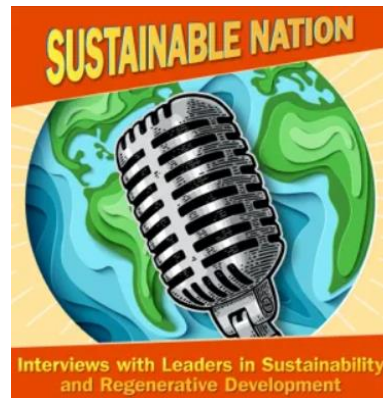
## New Sustainable Nation Podcast Kristen Sullivan from Deloitte

In the latest Sustainable Nation podcast hosted by Josh Prigge, Kristen Sullivan, a partner from Deloitte & Touche LLP who leads Sustainability and ESG Services, works with clients to help address their sustainability and non-financial disclosure strategy needs. In the podcast Kristen discusses:

- The role of assurance professionals in ESG
- The future of comparability of data across the industry - a building blocks approach
- The shift in approach to ESG toward integration
- Where we are in transformational change in business
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability professionals

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The Sustainable Nation Podcast is made available through a partnership with the Nevada Business Environmental Program., be sure to also check out the full [library](#) of podcasts.



## Resources

### Coming Soon! Wood Stove Change-Out Rebates in Carson City and Douglas County

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.

Start planning your project! Rebates between \$600-\$1,200 will soon be available. Visit our [website](#) for the most current information and call BEP with any questions.

### 2022 Compliance Calendars

Don't let casual recordkeeping at your business trip you up! Download your free copies of BEP's 2022 [Hazardous Waste](#) and [Dry Cleaner](#) Calendars to help you stay in compliance with environmental requirements.



The image shows the cover of the 'ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Small Business'. The cover features the Energy Star logo, the title 'ENERGY STAR Action Workbook for Small Business', and a 'made in NEVADA' logo. It includes several photographs: a large fountain at night, a rodeo arena, a green train, and a building at night. Logos for BIEIP (Business Environmental Program Nevada) and AMERICA'S SBDC NEVADA are also present. Text on the cover includes 'Updated September 2021' and a paragraph describing the workbook as a resource for small businesses, endorsed and co-branded by EPA. A URL 'https://unrbep.org' is provided for more information. The EPA logo is at the bottom left, and a small disclaimer is at the bottom right.

### Start off 2022 Saving Money on Your Energy Bills

[Download](#) a copy of BEP's Action Workbook for Small Businesses to get started identifying some energy-saving opportunities for your business.

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.

[Learn More](#) about energy efficiency.

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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 from 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday.

We are 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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