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News

Nevada General Air Quality Permit for Temporary Construction Sources to be Updated

NDEP hosting webinar March 24th at 2:00pm - Attend in-person or virtually

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has announced it is renewing and updating the Class II General Air Quality Operating Permit for Temporary Construction Sources. The proposed changes apply to construction facilities (hot mix asphalt, concrete batch plant, or sand/gravel crushing and screening) that have a permit for a temporary construction source or are planning on applying for or renewing a current permit.

Proposed changes to the current general permit include:

- The addition of hot mix asphalt plants with crushers, screens, and conveyors, and concrete batch plants as temporary sources
- Added emission factors for Weigh Hopper Loading – Controlled under Concrete Batching
- Increase in the number of operating scenarios (different types of operations)
- Increase in the number of setback choices
- Increase in the choices of maximum daily operating hours

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a pdf of the current general permit with proposed changes highlighted.

The Class II General Air Quality Operating Permit for Temporary Construction Sources is up for renewal with NDEP on May 7th, 2022. The draft of the new permit will go to public notice with a 30-day hearing period on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6th, 2022.

NDEP will be hosting a workshop (in-person and virtually) to explain the changes on **Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 2:00 pm.**

The in-person workshop will be held in the Great Basin conference room located in the Bryan Building on the 4th floor at 901 South Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

To attend the workshop virtually, [click here](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Spring Cleaning at Your Facility? Consider a Planned Episodic Generation Event for Small and Very Small Quantity Generators

Are you planning a spring cleaning at your facility that could involve disposing of hazardous materials? If so, you should consider taking advantage of a new provision in Nevada which allows an annual planned episodic hazardous waste generation event to clean up and dispose of old chemicals, tank residues, and outdated lab chemicals without changing your generator status.

An important rule to follow for a planned episodic generation event is notifying the [NDEP](#) 30 days prior to the planned event. The facility will need to obtain an EPA ID number if there is not one assigned. There are several other rules to follow. BEP staff can walk you through the requirements of an episodic event.

Download the planned event [checklist](#) to help you get started with the process. Contact BEP at (800) 882-3233, at help@unrbep.org or on through our [website](#). We can work with you to help you decide if a planned episodic generation event is right for your facility.

What is an Episodic Generation Event?

According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), an episodic event is “an activity that does not normally occur during a generator’s operations and that causes the generator to exceed the threshold for its normal generator category for that month.” See [40 CFR § 262.231](#).

An episodic event can be planned or unplanned. A clean out of a large amount of old or expired chemicals that will not be used is an example of a planned event. An unplanned event might be a spill of hazardous materials that requires clean up and disposal of hazardous waste above a generator’s monthly status.

Episodic event relief is allowed only once per calendar year unless a facility petitions NDEP for relief a second time. It is important to note, however, the second event cannot be of the same type as the first. For example, if the first event was a planned clean-out, the second event must be unplanned.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Sustainability Corner

First Annual Nevada Food Waste Awareness Month

Kickoff Event April 1st: Food Waste 101 Webinar

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is kicking off the first [annual NV Food Waste Awareness Month](#) with a [Food Waste 101 Webinar](#) on April 1st that will provide an overview of food waste in Nevada including how to measure and reduce food waste. Actionable tips and tricks to reduce food waste will be presented. More [events](#) throughout April are scheduled.

While the Food Waste Awareness Month is geared for Nevada residents, information and guides exist to help Nevada businesses reduce food waste. Whether it is from employee break rooms, restaurants, or manufacturers, the EPA has guides for different types of businesses and organizations to prevent food loss and waste. Guides are in pdf formats [here](#). The EPA also provides tools and webinars for preventing and diverting wasted food [here](#).

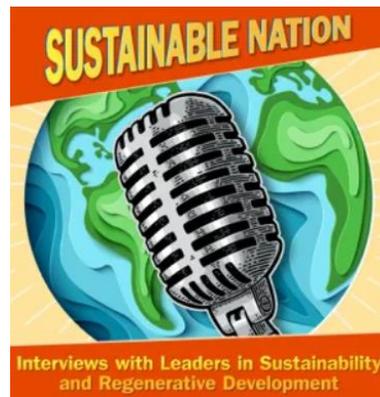
Whether at home or at work, preventing food waste is important on many levels. In 2018, the [EPA](#) estimated about 24% of landfilled waste was food generated by the commercial, institutional, and residential sectors in the U.S. Not only have we lost food that could go to communities in need, animal feed, composting, or other beneficial uses, we have wasted energy, resources, and money producing and packaging food.

For assistance in planning and developing a waste reduction program at your organization, contact [BEP](#). We can help you get started and connect you to programs, tools, and resources to help you lower your waste footprint and reduce your bottom line.

New Sustainable Nation Podcast Ellen Weinreb from Weinreb Group Sustainability and ESG Recruiting

In the latest Sustainable Nation podcast hosted by Josh Prigge, Ellen Weinreb, founder of Weinreb Group Sustainability and ESG Recruiting, discusses:

- The background and future of the CSO role
- ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) vs. Sustainability
- The future of supply and demand for sustainability professionals
- How to address the great resignation and keep people in the field
- DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) in sustainability



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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.



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 the text 'Updated September 2021'. It includes several photographs: a casino building at night, a rodeo arena, a 'made in NEVADA' logo, a gas station, and a building at night. Logos for BEIP (Business Environmental Incentive Program) and America's SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Nevada are also present. At the bottom, there is a small text block: '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://unrbep.org>.' The EPA logo is also visible in the bottom left corner.

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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