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News & Updates

Requirements Change For Use Of Emergency Engines

On August 10th the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a [final rule](#) which removes the provision for using emergency engines for demand response. Previously, a Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) could operate for up to 100 hours for non-emergency situations and these 100 hours could be used for emergency demand response. An emergency demand response is where the facility is compensated by their power utility to operate during periods where there is a grid emergency that could lead to a blackout situation. With the publication of this final rule this is no longer acceptable and the operation of emergency engines is limited to emergency situations.

For more information about RICE and emergency engines requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

You can also view the [final rule](#) and [fact sheet](#).

More Federal Funds for EPA's Clean School Bus Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced it would nearly double the funding awarded for clean school buses this year following increased demand for the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebates. In May, EPA had announced the availability of \$500 million, but given overwhelming demand from school districts across the country, including in low-income communities, Tribal nations, and territories, EPA is nearly doubling the amount of funding that will be awarded to \$965 million. The current round of funding is closed and EPA expects to issue awards in October.

Did you miss this round? It is not too late! This is the first of several multi-year funding opportunities and EPA intends to offer a grant program in addition to the rebate program in 2023.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information current and future clean school bus funding. [Sign Up](#) to receive updates on the Clean School Bus Program funding.

Upcoming Training

P2 West: EPA Region 9 & 10 Pollution Prevention Roundtable October 18 - 20, 2022

Consider attending this annual P2 conference of technical assistance providers, green business programs, sustainability experts, and zero waste and pretreatment professionals working with businesses and industry to reduce pollution. This year's event will feature keynote speaker Jennie Romer, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pollution Prevention within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, US EPA.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more and register.

Sustainability Corner

New Sustainable Nation Podcast - Stacy Hauk, Head of Sustainability at Shopify

In the latest Sustainable Nation podcast, host Josh Prigge speaks with Stacy Hauk, Head of Sustainability at Shopify to discuss:

- How Shopify began and continues to evaluate quality carbon offsets for investment
- Shopify acting as a customer and a demand signal for high quality investments; especially for startups
- How is Shopify engaging customers in the fight against climate change
- Shopify's carbon removal playbook
- 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.

EPA Kicks off "Pollution Prevention Works" A Storytelling Challenge for Students

Under a new challenge launched by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last month, high school and college students can win up to \$5,000 by telling stories about pollution prevention (P2) using videos, written

stories, infographics or story maps. These stories will illustrate how businesses identified through EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) are reducing toxic chemical releases through innovative P2 practices and positively impacting the environment and communities.

EPA is holding a [webinar](#) on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. EDT, to educate students about the challenge. [Register](#) to attend.

Submissions are due by Feb. 17, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

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

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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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