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## News

### **Governor Lombardo Orders Freeze on State Regulations**

Nevada Governor Joe Lombardo signed two new executive orders on January 12, 2023. Both executive orders follow Governor Lombardo's commitment to streamlining regulations and licensing processes in Nevada.

In [Executive Order 2023-003](#), Governor Lombardo ordered freezing the issuance of new regulations and requiring a review of existing regulations by all executive branch agencies, departments, boards and commissions. Each entity is also required to recommend at least 10 regulations to be eliminated.

In [Executive Order 2023-004](#), Governor Lombardo directed all Nevada occupational and professional licensing boards to suspend the issuance of any new regulations, show cause for all occupational licensing requirements and to provide a recommended pathway for facilitating licensure reciprocity.

### **EPA Seeks Input on Inflation Reduction Act Programs to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Associated with Construction Materials and Products**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public input on new programs focused on lower carbon construction materials made possible by a \$350 million investment from President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. The Agency will hold three public webinars and will accept written feedback on establishing new grant and technical assistance programs, and a carbon labeling program for construction materials with substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions.

- **March 2, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EST: Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Construction Materials Prioritization and Environmental Data Improvement** – This webinar will ask for feedback on how to prioritize construction materials and products and how to improve data on embodied greenhouse gas emissions through measurement, standardization, transparency and reporting criteria. [Register here.](#)
- **March 22, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EST: Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Grants and Technical Assistance for Environmental Product Declarations** – This webinar will ask for feedback on new grant and technical assistance programs to help businesses calculate and report the greenhouse gas emissions data for construction materials and products through Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs). [Register here.](#)
- **April 19, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. EST: Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Carbon Labeling** – This webinar will ask for feedback on how EPA could develop a carbon labeling program for construction materials and products with substantially lower embodied greenhouse gas emissions. [Register here.](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

## Regulatory Updates



**NEW!**

**2023 Compliance  
Calendars**

[Hazardous Waste  
Compliance](#)

and

[Dry Cleaners](#)

### Download the 2023 Hazardous Waste Compliance Calendar

Make recordkeeping easy this year with the [2023 Hazardous Waste Compliance Calendar](#)! The calendar includes space for your weekly inspections, tracking monthly generation quantities, documenting staff training, and more.

### Download the 2023 Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendar

The [2023 Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendar](#) is also available for download! It includes monthly logs and helpful pollution prevention tips.

## Hazardous Waste Basics

Certain types of hazardous waste can be managed as universal waste. In the State of Nevada these wastes include:

- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Fluorescent lamps
- Mercury containing equipment

Waste streams managed as universal waste are not counted towards a generator's monthly hazardous waste generation if the universal waste regulatory requirements are properly followed. This is a great way for your facility to keep your generator status down and reduce the regulatory burden of managing these waste streams as hazardous. Check out BEP's [webpage](#) on universal waste management for more information or call BEP to learn more.

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## Be Aware! Nevada OSHA Penalties Increase for Workplace Violations

New Nevada OSHA penalty amounts became effective January 17, 2023:

- For willful violations, where Nevada OSHA demonstrates that an employer knowingly failed to comply with an OSHA standard, or demonstrated a plain indifference for employee safety, the maximum penalty increases from \$145,027 to \$156,259
- For repeated violations, maximum penalties will increase from \$145,027 to \$156,259
- Penalties for serious violations, where workplace hazards that could cause an injury or illness that would most likely result in death or serious physical harm, the maximum penalty increases from \$14,502 to \$15,625
- For each other-than-serious violation, the maximum penalty increases from \$14,502 to \$15,625
- In instances where employers were previously cited and failed to correct violations, the maximum penalty increases from \$14,502 to \$15,625 per day unabated beyond the abatement date
- For each posting requirement violation, the maximum penalty increases from \$14,502 to \$15,625

Consider contacting the Nevada Department of Business and Industry's Safety Consultation and Training Section [SCATS](#) to learn more about this free on-site consultation program designed to help employers recognize and control potential safety and health hazards at workplaces, improve safety and health programs, and assist in training employees.

## Attention Meat & Poultry Producers: Important February 1st Deadline

### EPA is Seeking Input from Small Entities on Meat and Poultry Products Wastewater Guidelines Rulemaking Revision

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is assembling a Small Business Advocacy Review Panel to gather input from Small Entity Representatives (SERs). This panel will focus on EPA's development of a proposed rule to establish new or update existing industrial wastewater pollutant limits that would affect some of the approximately 7,000 meat and poultry products facilities across the US. In this rulemaking, EPA is considering potential new pretreatment standards and new or stricter limits on phosphorus and other pollutants. The Agency intends to propose the rule in December 2023.

EPA seeks [self-nominations](#) directly from the small entities that may be subject to the rule requirements. Other representatives, such as trade associations that exclusively or at least primarily represent potentially

regulated small entities, may also serve as SERs. **Self-nominations must be received by February 1, 2023.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Meat and Poultry Products Effluent Limitations Guidelines.

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## Training & Workshops

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### Successful Hazardous Waste 101 Trainings

BEP hosted two Hazardous Waste 101 trainings this month in both Reno and Las Vegas. The trainings were well attended and covered the basics of hazardous waste management. Thank you to all who attended!

If you missed the training, BEP is planning to host a virtual session of Hazardous Waste 101 later this year to provide access to this training for the business community in other parts of the state. Stay tuned for details! Contact Kat Olson at [katsolson@unr.edu](mailto:katsolson@unr.edu) to be notified about upcoming trainings.

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## February 2-3, 2023 Nevada Clean Energy & Transportation Conference

This event is almost sold out. [CLICK HERE](#) to view details on the conference website.

February 2, 2023: Regional Clean Transportation Forum at the Peppermill Resort Hotel

February 3, 2023: Nevada Clean Energy Forum at the UNR Innevation Center

This exciting two day event will include: a review and forecast for clean energy transportation issues in the upcoming Nevada legislative session; updates on innovative projects around the state; information on grants, financing and incentives; and investment opportunities.

Chris Lynch, BEP's executive director, will be moderating a panel on tax credits and other incentives for battery electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles, and EV charging at the conference on Thursday.

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## Sustainability Corner

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## New Sustainable Nation Podcast

### Michael Cooke from [Jabil](#)

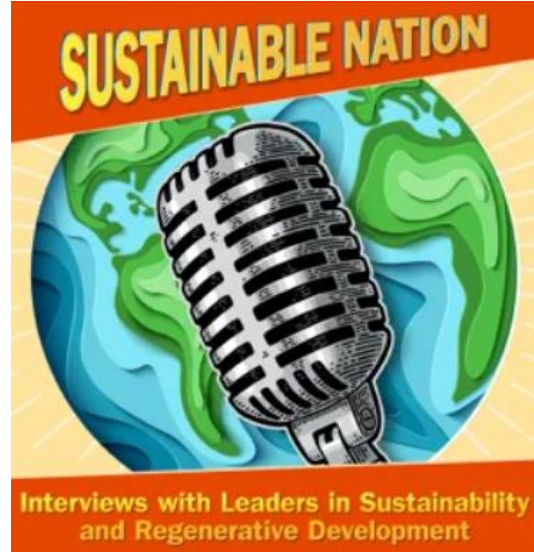
Host Josh Prigge speaks with Michael Cooke, Vice President Social & Environmental Responsibility at Jabil to discuss:

- The history of sustainability at Jabil
- How to engage a large number of employees across many sites with sustainability goals
- Jabil's strategy to achieving reduction in emissions without purchasing carbon credits: reduce, produce, procure
- The challenges to achieving scope 3 emissions reductions a large number of suppliers
- The importance and incorporation of health and wellness into Jabil's strategy
- 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.



## Attention High & College School Students:

**Tell a story about how a company that reports to TRI has taken steps to reduce pollution and win up to \$5000!**

### Pollution Prevention Works: A Storytelling Challenge for Students

Do you know a creative high school or college student? Maybe an intern or young employee at your organization? EPA recently launched a Challenge promoting innovation in pollution prevention at industrial and federal facilities. The Challenge invites high school and college students to use the [TRI P2 Search Tool](#) to identify a TRI facility that has reported implementing source reduction practices and tell a compelling story about how those practices or techniques benefit the business and positively impact communities and the environment. The challenge is open now and all entries must be submitted by February 17, 2023.

The team at BEP is available to review and provide feedback on draft submissions.

[LEARN MORE](#). Entries are due by February 17, 2023.

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**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 for 2023. 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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## **Opportunity to Join BEP**

BEP is recruiting for an Air Quality Specialist. The Air Quality Specialist provides air quality-related environmental regulatory compliance and permitting advisory services to businesses operating in Nevada. The position is located in the Nevada Business Environmental Program (BEP) which is based at the College of Business at the University of Nevada, Reno.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Job Posting.

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