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## **NEW Compliance Tools**

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**Take Advantage of BEP's New Hazardous Waste Management Tools**

### **Weekly Inspection Tools for SQGs and LQGs of Hazardous Waste**

State and Federal law require small and large quantity hazardous waste generators to inspect their central accumulation areas once per week. BEP's new comprehensive Weekly Inspection Tools for SQGs and LQGs will help keep your facility in compliance. The tool can be used digitally as a fillable PDF. Have questions on the requirements for your weekly inspections? Contact us for free, confidential assistance.

[SQG Weekly Inspection Tool](#)

[LQG Weekly Inspection Tool](#)

### **Hazardous Waste Determination Tool**

Identifying whether your waste is hazardous or not can be tricky. BEP's new [Hazardous Waste Determination Tool](#) takes you step by step through the process of evaluating your waste, connects you to relevant regulations, and keeps recordkeeping organized and thorough. Need help with determining your waste? Check out BEP's [Hazardous Waste Determination Factsheet](#) and [contact us](#) for free, confidential assistance.

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## **Regulatory Updates**

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In this section we provide a summary and highlights of relevant proposed regulatory changes. [Contact BEP](#) with any questions about how these proposed rules and changes may impact your operations and how to provide input before they are finalized.

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## Proposed Phase-Down of Methylene Chloride Public Comment Due by July 3rd

Methylene chloride is widely used in many industries for paint removing, degreasing, cleaning, manufacturing, and more. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing a rapid phase-down for its use. The [proposed rule](#) would:

- Prohibit manufacturing, processing and distribution of methylene chloride for all consumer uses
- Prohibit most industrial and commercial uses of methylene chloride
- Create strict workplace protections to ensure that for the remaining uses, workers will not be harmed by methylene chloride use.
- Require manufacturers (including importers), processors, and distributors to notify companies to whom methylene chloride is shipped of the prohibitions and to maintain records.

Do you use methylene chloride in your facility? If so, this proposed rule will most likely affect you. Comments can be submitted by July 3<sup>rd</sup> [here](#).

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## Proposed Reforms to New Chemical Review Process Under TSCA Public Comment Due by July 25th

The EPA proposed amendments to regulations that govern the review of new chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

[Read the Federal Register notice and submit a public comment by July 25.](#)

These amendments would update the regulations to:

- Include the five statutory determinations EPA must make for each new chemical submission;
  - Eliminate eligibility exemptions from the full safety review process for PFAS and other persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals; and
  - Make the new chemicals review process more efficient, including clarifying the level of detail needed in new chemical notices and amending the procedures for EPA's review of notices that have errors or are incomplete.
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## Washoe County's Draft Ozone Wildfire Mitigation Plan Public Comment Due by July 28th

The Washoe County Health District's Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) has issued a call for public comment on its [draft Ozone Wildfire Mitigation Plan](#). The plan outlines AQMD's strategies to address high levels of ozone resulting from wildfires and is a requirement by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The 2023 draft plan, open for public input until July 28, 2023, mirrors the previously established Wildfire Mitigation Plan for Particulate Matter (PM) but focuses specifically on ozone. The plan covers various aspects, including the impact of wildfires on Washoe County's ozone levels, public notification procedures, and the implementation of mitigation measures.

Review the plan [here](#). Comments on the draft plan can be submitted via email to [HealthAirQuality-Planning@washoecounty.gov](mailto:HealthAirQuality-Planning@washoecounty.gov). Be sure to include the sender's first and last name, as well as a complete mailing address in the correspondence.

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## **EPA Proposes Ban on Perchloroethylene (PCE) Public Webinar July 19th Public Comment Due by August 15th**

### **What is the Proposed Rule?**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has [proposed a rule](#) which bans most uses of perchloroethylene (PCE), a chemical commonly used in brake cleaners, adhesives, dry cleaning, and various industrial settings. The ban would apply to consumer uses but allow many industrial and commercial uses to continue under strict workplace controls. Key exceptions include uses related to national security, aviation, critical infrastructure, and efforts to combat climate change.

The ban would phase out most consumer uses and many industrial and commercial uses within 24 months. Businesses such as commercial screen printers, petroleum manufacturing, soap and detergent manufacturers, and synthetic rubber makers may be affected by this proposed ban.

### **What About Dry Cleaners?**

While many dry cleaners have already started to phase out the use of PCE, many are still heavily reliant on the chemical. As part of the PCE ban, dry cleaning with PCE would undergo a 10-year phaseout, providing time to transition to alternative methods. This will likely include buying new equipment and sourcing new chemicals to replace PCE. President Biden's budget proposal includes some funding for pollution prevention which may help offset these costs.

### **How Do I Learn More and Provide Feedback?**

EPA will host a public [webinar](#) to discuss the proposed program in detail on **July 19th 2023 at 1:00 p.m. EDT**. Participants may register [here](#) as either a participant or a listener. If you would like to provide remarks please register by July 12th and select "attend and make a comment" when registering. If you plan to attend as a listener only you must register by July 18th.

The EPA is accepting public comment on the proposed rule for PCE until August 15, 2023, via docket [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2020-0720 at www.regulations.gov](#).

To learn more about the proposal, visit [EPA's website](#).

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## **Sustainability Corner**

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### **Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution Available for Review Submit Comments by July 31st**

EPA recently developed the draft National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution to shift toward a restorative circular approach to plastics management, with objectives to:

- Reduce pollution during plastic production
- Improve post-use materials management
- Prevent trash and micro/nanoplastics from entering waterways and remove escaped trash from the environment

The EPA is seeking comment from organizations engaged in post-consumer materials management and infrastructure. Read the [draft strategy](#) and submit your comments by July 31<sup>st</sup> [here](#).

## Latest Sustainable Nation Podcast

### Pam Klyn from Whirlpool

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Pam Klyn, Senior Vice President, Corporate Relations & Sustainability at Whirlpool, to discuss:

- How Whirlpool established themselves as a leader in sustainability
- The importance of consumer education for best product usage practices
- Whirlpool's 2022 sustainability report
- Whirlpool's partnership with Habitat for Humanity including Build Better with Whirlpool
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability professionals



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