



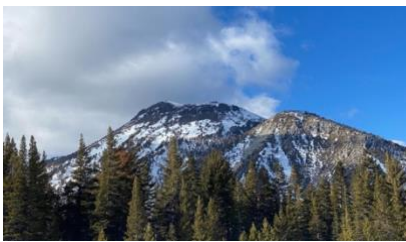
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## News & Updates

NORTHERN NEVADA  
**Public Health**

Air Quality

It's official, the Washoe County Health District is now Northern Nevada Public Health. Visit their updated [website](#).



## Electric Transportation Forum

Chris Lynch, BEP Director, will be moderating a panel about low and zero emission boats tomorrow at the [Lake Tahoe Electric Transportation Forum](#) in South Lake Tahoe.

The forum's goal is to bring together local, regional, and national leaders who share a vision of making the Lake Tahoe Basin a world-renowned model of clean transportation.

The forum is sold out, but you can still participate by live Zoom stream. [Register here](#).

## BEP Participates in First Reno Startup Week

The first [Reno Startup Week](#) was a big success! BEP Director Chris Lynch was joined by speakers from Patagonia, Sol-Up Solar, Full Circle Compost, and nZero for the *Sustainable ROI: Maximizing Business Success with Climate Responsibility* panel. We were pleased to have about 30 attendees come to learn strategies and innovative practices that allow businesses to grow while minimizing their environmental impact.



## Regulatory Information

### NDEP seeking comments on proposed amendments to administrative code chapters 445B, 459 and 468A

**Virtual Public Meeting: September 28th, 2pm - 5pm**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) will be holding a virtual meeting on Friday, September 28th to discuss proposed changes to the administrative code. NDEP is proposing:

**445B:** Adding language that relates to its responsibilities to notify the public when ambient air quality standards have been exceeded and the possible health effects of these events. This rule change will bring more awareness to the public about hazardous air quality events and how the public can get involved in

improving air quality in the area. If this is approved, the proposed rule change will be sent to the US Environmental Protection Agency for approval to be added into the Nevada State Implementation Plan (SIP).

**459:** Changing the language in this regulation relating to the chemical accident prevention program (CAPP) in order to make it more efficient and minimize the resources needed. This proposed change does not impose any new fees, requirements, or burdens on businesses.

**468A:** Repealing this regulation that relates to the administration and enforcement of the Alternative Fuels Program. This repeal would resolve inconsistencies between regulatory requirements and statutory authority and prevent confusion.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the virtual meeting.

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## Hazardous Waste Basics

### GENERATOR STATUS

Are you tracking your hazardous waste? A facility's generator status is determined by measuring the quantity of hazardous waste generated per calendar month. The higher your generator status, the more regulatory requirements your facility is subject to comply with.

- Very Small Quantity Generators generate less than 220 lbs. of hazardous waste per month
- Small Quantity Generators generate between 220 and 2,200 lbs. of hazardous waste per month
- Large Quantity Generators generate over 2,200 lbs. of hazardous waste per month

Managing certain wastes as Universal Wastes or minimizing your waste using P2 practices can help your facility go down in generator status.

### WASTE MINIMIZATION

Regulations require hazardous waste generators to minimize their waste (Section 1003(b) of RCRA). This means using source reduction and/or environmentally sound recycling methods prior to the treatment and disposal of waste. In practice, this could look like using less hazardous materials or reorganizing work flows to reduce operations. Waste minimization saves money, time, and can reduce regulatory burden for your facility.

[Contact BEP](#) to receive free, confidential assistance for tracking your waste and in improving your waste minimization measures.

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## EPA Issues Technical Corrections to the Hazardous Waste Regulations

On August 9, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a final rule that corrects typographical errors, incorrect citations, and clarifies ambiguous language in approximately 50 sections of the hazardous waste regulations, including the Generator Improvement Rule, Pharmaceutical Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule. The rule is effective on December 7, 2023, unless adverse comments are received by October 10, 2023.

[Read the rule](#) for more information and contact BEP with any questions.

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## Funding & Rebates

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It's not often that funding is available to help businesses making environmental upgrades. Below are a couple of great programs to check out.

## Southern Nevada Water Conservation

### IT'S THE LAW

Did you know that beginning in 2027, Nevada law AB 356, will prohibit the watering of nonfunctional grass at southern Nevada businesses? What is nonfunctional grass?

- *Streetscape turf*: grass location along public or private streets, sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, including business streetscape frontage areas
- *Frontage, courtyard, interior and building-adjacent turf*: grass in front of, between, behind, or otherwise adjacent to a building or buildings on a property not zoned exclusively for single-family residences, including maintenance and common areas. [Review the laws and ordinances.](#)

### Nevada Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program

Replacing nonfunctional turf makes good business sense – it can save you serious money on your water bills. According to Southern Nevada Water Authority, for the average 15,000 square foot conversion to water-smart landscaping, as much as 825,000 gallons of water can be saved every year. That's real money spent on water. Every year.

Did you know that Southern Nevada Water Authority ([SNWA](#)) is currently offering to rebate business owners up to \$3 per square foot of grass removed and replaced with desert landscaping? You can receive \$3 per square foot for the first 10,000 square feet of grass removed and \$1.50 per square foot above that. Apply online but make sure you participate in a pre-conversion site visit before completing any work – removing your grass without SNWA approval will make your conversion ineligible for any rebates.

Remember, you don't have to replace your grass with just rocks and a couple of cacti. Water smart drip irrigation is still allowed and can support a variety of attractive landscaping. Need ideas? Visit Springs Preserve or check out SNWA's list of recommended plants.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the rebate program.

### Trees Please

Las Vegas is often recognized as one of the fastest-warming cities in the United States. Properly irrigated trees help lower temperatures by providing shade. SNWA is currently offering a bonus of \$100 for every tree planted under the Water Smart Landscapes [rebate program](#) so why not increase the visual appeal of your grass removal project to include some trees?

### NV Energy -- Business Energy Services Program

[PowerShift](#) by NV Energy can help business customers reduce their monthly energy consumption. Saving energy means helping the environment and it means saving money. The business case is strong. Small business owners can tap into the program if they use less than 400,000 kWh of electricity per year. One small business in southern Nevada replaced exterior lighting with LED lighting and is saving over \$10,500 per year with an estimated payback of just one year on the upfront investment! Similarly, a small business in northern Nevada replaced exterior wall packs and other fixtures with LED lighting to save almost \$14,000 per year on electricity costs with an estimated payback of just one year on the upfront investment.

If you are still using fluorescent lighting or other older style lighting, the PowerShift program is designed with you in mind. If you use less than 400,000 kWh of electricity per year, sign up to receive a free, no-obligation energy assessment to identify your energy-saving opportunities. Then choose the projects that make the most sense to you and work with NV Energy and their contractors to make the upgrades that will save you money. Rebates are available for between 30-60% of the average cost of a small business energy efficiency upgrade but funds are limited. Sign up now and get an assessment done so you can determine which project ideas make the most sense and claim your rebates so you can start saving energy now.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about PowerShift for small business customers.

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## Sustainability Corner

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### Latest Sustainable Nation Podcast

#### Tara Brown from Jack Henry

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Tara Brown, Senior Director of Corporate Responsibility at Jack Henry, to discuss:

- The transition from a role in HR to a role in sustainability
- What it means for Jack Henry to be a purpose-driven company
- Preparing sustainability reports and reporting for SEC climate disclosures
- Getting support to pursue science-based targets
- Business Innovation groups at Jack Henry
- 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.

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### Safer Choice Partners Event

The U.S. EPA is hosting the Partner of the Year Awards Ceremony on October 2, recognizing the 2023 Safer Choice Partners of the Year for their outstanding achievement in the design, manufacture, selection, and use of products that meet the program's stringent health and environmental standards. The Stakeholder Summit from October 3-4 will include informational sessions, panelist discussions, and networking opportunities. The events are free and hosted in Arlington, Virginia. [Registration](#) is required.



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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.

If you are interested in having BEP visit your business for a free on-site assessment, 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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