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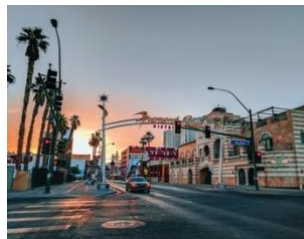
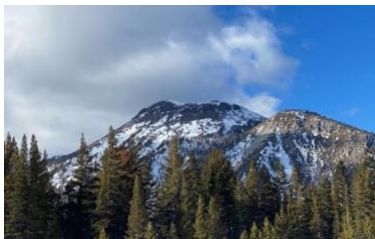
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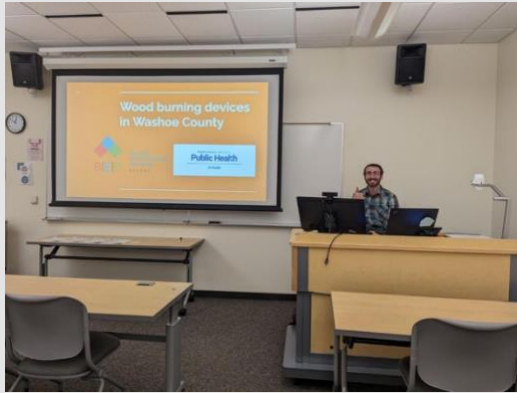
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Training Opportunities



Wood Burning Device Workshop

The BEP Air Quality Team recently presented a workshop on wood burning devices targeted to local realtors and wood burning device sellers and inspectors in Washoe County. The workshop, held on November 21, 2023, covered five main topics including how to sell a property with a wood burning device, who can sell or certify a device, what devices qualify for exemptions, who can have a wood burning device, and what the burn code means.

More Washoe County Air Quality Workshops Coming Soon

Did you miss the wood burning workshop? If so, you are in luck! The BEP team is planning to repeat this workshop and offer several more air quality related workshops in the coming months. Additional topics will include dust control permitting, minor source permitting, gas dispensing facilities, and annual emissions reporting. If any of these topics sound interesting to you, check our BEP air quality [training webpage](#) for updates on dates, times and locations.

The Air Quality Team looks forward to continuing to educate the Nevada business community on rules and regulations that apply and assisting with air quality permitting questions. If you have any questions regarding future workshops, please [contact us](#).

Hazardous Waste 101 Workshops Update Additional Hazardous Waste 101 in Reno; Las Vegas Waitlist

Due to demand, BEP will be offering an additional Hazardous Waste 101 Course in **Reno** on Wednesday, December 20th at UNR Redfield Campus from 9AM to 12PM. Spots are limited, and registration is required. Register [here](#) today! Note: if you were on the waitlist for the December 19th course, you have been automatically registered for the course on December 20th.

The Hazardous Waste 101 Course scheduled for Wednesday, 12/13 in **Las Vegas** is now full! Contact Kat Olson to be added to the waitlist at katolson@unr.edu.

Regulatory Information

NNPH Proposes Revisions to Fees Workshop Tomorrow, November 30th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH, formerly Washoe County Health District) is [proposing revisions](#) to Environmental Health Services and Air Quality Management fees, due to higher costs to perform these services.

Review the proposed changes:

- [Air quality management fee revisions](#)
- [EHS fee revisions](#)

Comments on business impacts from the proposed fee increases can be submitted by filling out this [survey](#) by November 30th.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest information from NNPH and the details to attend the November 30th workshop (virtual or in-person). You can review an online recording of a previous workshop on the fee changes [here](#).

EPA Proposes Trichloroethylene (TCE) Ban Comments due by December 15th

In October 2023, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to ban the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of trichloroethylene ([TCE](#)) for all uses.

Widely used as a solvent in industrial, commercial and consumer applications, the proposed rule would rapidly phase down manufacturing, processing, distribution, and industrial and commercial use of TCE for all uses, most of which would be fully phased out in one year.

EPA is proposing to prohibit the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of TCE for all consumer uses, including in:

- Cleaners and degreasers
- Automotive care products (brake cleaner and parts cleaner, tire cleaner)
- Aerosol cleaner
- Non-aerosol cleaner
- Lubricants and greases (tap and die fluid, lubricants and penetrating oils)
- Adhesives for arts and crafts
- Solvent based mold release
- Solvent based adhesives and sealants

EPA's proposed rule would also prohibit all industrial and commercial uses, with longer compliance timeframes for certain uses.

Comments will be accepted on the [proposed rule](#) until December 15, 2023. EPA hosted a webinar on November 14, 2023 about the proposed risk management rule. [View the materials from the webinar.](#)

New Rule in the Works: End-of-Life Solar Panels and Lithium Batteries as Universal Wastes

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced on October 23rd that they are [planning to propose new rules](#) to improve the management and recycling of end-of-life [solar panels](#) and [lithium batteries](#). Some solar panels, though not all, contain enough metals to meet the definition of hazardous waste and lithium batteries can cause fires when improperly discarded or mismanaged. If solar panels are added to the universal waste regulations and tailored universal waste standards are added for lithium batteries then generators could benefit from streamlined regulatory requirements.

Note: any universal waste designations will not be recognized in the State of Nevada until there is a final US EPA rule *and* the State completes an update to its adoption by reference of the federal RCRA regulations.

Please contact BEP with any questions on how to properly manage and dispose of solar panels and lithium batteries under current regulation.

Hazardous Waste Basics

Is your facility taking advantage of episodic events?

Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) and Small Quantity Generators (SQGs) can register for a planned or unplanned episodic event which allows hazardous waste generators to exceed their generator status without being subject to all the rules for the next higher generator category. Events such as a planned inventory cleanout or accidental spills qualify for the episodic event provision, as long as the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Sustainable Materials Management is properly notified. Note: A generator can typically have just one episodic event per year unless they petition for a second event and follow certain requirements.

Find more information about episodic events [here](#) on our website. BEP is available to answer questions and provide guidance, just [contact us](#).

Sustainability Corner



Safer Choice Proposed Updates Webinar

On December 19, 2023 from 2-3p.m. ET, the EPA will hold a webinar to provide information on the proposed updates to the Safer Choice Standard, which identifies the requirements that products and their ingredients must meet to earn EPA's Safer Choice label or Design for the Environment (DfE) logo.

[Register here for the webinar](#), and submit any comments about the proposed updates to docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0520 on [regulations.gov](#) by January 16, 2024.

Latest Sustainable Nation Podcast

Rachel Kaufman from Avantor

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Rachel Kaufman, Senior Director, Global Sustainability at Avantor to discuss:

- Avantor's internal sustainability program: Science for Goodness
- Achieving consistent GHG reductions year over year
- How Avantor is addressing product use
- Avantor's responsible supplier program
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability professionals



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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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