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News & Updates

2024 Compliance Calendars Now Available Make Recordkeeping Easy in 2024!

Download our 2024 Hazardous Waste Compliance Calendar! The calendar includes space for your facility to document weekly inspections, staff training, waste determinations, and more. The calendar also contains compliance tips and QR codes to helpful resources to keep your facility in compliance with hazardous waste regulations. Download the calendar [here](#).

The 2024 Dry Cleaner Calendar is also available for download [here](#). If you use perchloroethylene, or perc, as your dry cleaning solvent then this calendar can help you maintain compliance with state and local air quality regulations throughout the year. If you use perc, do not forget to keep an eye on US EPA's proposed 10 year total phase-out for the use of perc in dry cleaning, with compliance dates depending on the type of machine used.

Employment Opportunities:

Our colleagues at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection have two openings in the Bureau of Air Pollution Control for engineers in the Permit Writing Section:

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the job descriptions for the two open positions.

NDEP employs all types of engineers and no previous experience with air pollution is required. The Division seeks hard-working individuals with enthusiastic, positive attitudes, and a culture open to improvements as necessary to help keep Nevada's air quality great.

For benefits with the State of Nevada, including retirement and insurance, please see <https://nvjobs.nv.gov/Applicants/EB/>. If you have questions about this, contact Ashley Taylor at ashley.taylor@ndep.nv.gov.

Training Opportunities

Biennial Reporting Workshops: January 9th (Reno) and January 11th (Las Vegas)

If you generated at a large quantity generator (LQG) status (greater than 2,200 lbs of hazardous waste in a calendar month) for any month during 2023, you must complete a biennial report through RCRAInfo. BEP is offering two FREE workshops in January 2024 to help generators complete and submit their report.

The workshops will be conducted in a computer lab where BEP staff will assist users with the RCRAInfo software and allow users to begin the biennial reporting process. Please bring your RCRAInfo login information and reporting paperwork if you would like to work on your report during the workshop.

Registration is required.

- The Reno workshop will be held on January 9, 2024 from 9AM to 12PM at the UNR Redfield Campus. Register [here](#).
- The Las Vegas workshop will be held on January 11, 2024 from 9AM to 12PM at Nevada State University and is co-sponsored by the Nevada State University

Sustainability Council and the Environmental and Resource Science Program.
Register [here](#).

*Note that if your facility generated at a LQG status during an approved episodic event, you are not required to complete a biennial report for that activity.

For the latest information on BEP's upcoming workshops, visit our [training webpage](#).

Gas Dispensing Facilities In Washoe County Workshop: December 21st

Who Should Attend:

- Gas dispensing facility owners/operators
- Gas tanker truck owners/operators
- Consultants

Why Attend:

This workshop will cover:

- How gas dispensing facilities can comply with National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs)
- Record keeping requirements
- Control measures for vapor emissions
- Common violations during inspections

Workshop Details:

- **The event will take place December 21st at the UNR Redfield Campus, Room 216**
- The workshop will begin at 10 AM and end at noon.
- There is no cost for the workshop
- Parking is free
- Registration is required

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Questions? Contact Zack Rice at (775) 834-3682 or zrice@unr.edu

If you are unable to attend, we will be offering the gas dispensing facilities workshop again on June 10, 2024. For the latest information on BEP's upcoming workshops, visit our [training webpage](#).

Wood Burning Devices in Washoe County: January 8th

The rules and regulations set in place by Northern Nevada Public Health concerning wood burning devices help keep the air we breathe clean, especially during wintertime air inversions. These regulations, however, can sometimes be confusing. If you have questions about these regulations please plan to attend our next wood burning device workshop.

Who Should Attend:

- Realtors
- Device sellers & inspectors
- Homeowners & general public
- Consultants

Topics Covered:

- Buying or selling a property with a wood burning device
- Wood burning device exemptions
- Who can have a wood burning device
- Understanding the burn code

Workshop Details:

- **The event will take place January 8th at the UNR Redfield Campus, Room 224**
- The workshop will begin at 10 AM and end at noon.
- There is no cost for the workshop
- Parking is free

Registration is required. [CLICK HERE](#) to Register
 Questions? Contact Zack Rice at (775) 834-3682 or zrice@unr.edu

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Minor Source Permitting in Washoe County: January 22nd

BEP is hosting a Workshop on **Minor Source Permitting in Washoe County**.

Who Should Attend:

- Minor source permittees
- Potential minor source permittees
- Businesses looking to expand or open a new facility in Washoe County
- Consultants

Topics Covered:

- Who needs a permit
- Different permit categories and what permit is needed for each category
- Forms you will need for your application
- How to maintain your permit
- When and how to submit permit modifications

Workshop Details:

- **The event will take place January 24th at the UNR Redfield Campus, Room 224**
- The workshop will begin at 10 AM and end at noon.
- There is no cost for the workshop
- Parking is free

Registration is required. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.
 Questions? Contact Zack Rice at (775) 834-3682 or zrice@unr.edu

If you are unable to attend, we will be offering the minor source permitting workshop again on May 6, 2024. For the latest information on BEP's upcoming workshops, visit our [training webpage](#).

Upcoming Washoe County Air Quality Workshops

The BEP Air Team has more workshops coming up! For more information and dates on these workshops, please visit the BEP air quality training [webpage](#). We will update this [webpage](#) with registration links once they are available. If you have any questions about these workshops or have specific topics you want covered, please contact the BEP team

- December 21, 2023 – Gas Dispensing Facilities – [REGISTRATION OPEN](#)
- January 8, 2024 – Wood Burning Devices – [REGISTRATION OPEN](#)
- January 22, 2024 – Minor Source Permitting – [REGISTRATION OPEN](#)
- February 12, 2024 – Annual Emissions
- March 5, 2024 – Dust Control
- March 25, 2024 – Minor Source Permitting
- April 8, 2024 – Dust Control
- April 22, 2024 – Annual Emissions

- May 6, 2024 – Minor Source Permitting
- May 20, 2024 – Dust Control
- June 10, 2024 – Gas Dispensing Facilities
- June 24, 2024 – Annual Emissions

Regulatory Information

EPA Requests Comment on Draft Memorandum Implementing Climate Resilience in Hazardous Waste Permitting

On December 12, [EPA is requesting public comment](#) on a draft memorandum that would provide guidance to EPA Regions, states, and territories on when and how to consider potential adverse climate change impacts in the hazardous waste permitting process under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

This draft guidance includes expectations for conducting climate change vulnerability screenings and assessments for treatment, storage, and disposal facilities to determine whether there are climate vulnerabilities that hazardous waste permits should address. Read the draft memorandum [here](#).

Submit comments by emailing RCRAPost@epa.gov by January 26, 2024.

Hazardous Waste Basics Get Your Facility Back to Basics for the New Year!

Minimize your waste and save money for 2024!

Don't forget, if you generate hazardous wastes, then you are certifying on your hazardous waste manifests at item 15 that you "have a program in place to reduce the volume and toxicity of waste generated to the degree... to be economically practicable" if you are a large quantity generator. Small quantity generators are also certifying that they are making "a good faith effort to minimize... waste generation."

Some helpful tips and strategies include:

- Purchase less hazardous materials where possible; seek products on the US EPA Safer Choice certified products list whenever possible
- Design your processes without the use of hazardous materials
- When you cannot design hazardous materials out of your processes, use hazardous materials as efficiently as possible
- Create a schedule to routinely manage your inventory and minimize expired products; use a first-in, first-out inventory management system
- Adopt in-house recycling systems

Want to ensure your facility is set up for success in 2024? [Contact BEP](#) for free and confidential consulting on hazardous waste management, tailored for your facility's needs.

Sustainability Corner

School Bus Rebate Program NOW OPEN!

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting new applications for 2023.

The [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebates](#) process includes [SAM.gov](#) account registration, rebate application submission, review and selection by EPA. Selectees will then submit purchase orders to request payment and then receive payment, which is followed by new bus delivery, existing bus replacement, and project close out.

Clean School Bus Rebate Application Form

This form is used by applicants to apply to the rebate program. Once applications are submitted to EPA, EPA utilizes a selection process that is outlined in Sections 2 and 6 of the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebate Program Guide \(pdf\)](#) (September 2023, EPA-420-B-23-032) and reviews the applications. If an application is awarded for funding, a Payment Request Form needs to be completed (see section below).

Go to [Clean School Bus Rebates: Online Application Forms](#) webpage for more information on the application form and to access the applicant dashboard.

Nevada Help

Additional technical and financial assistance is available through the [Nevada Clean Energy Fund](#). Check out their available resources page for more information.

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 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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