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News & Updates

Training Opportunities

Do You Need Help Preparing Your Biennial Report?

BEP Is Now Offering Weekly Office Hours and One-on-One Appointments for Biennial Reporting Assistance

Kat Olson is hosting open office hours and offering one-on-one appointments through Zoom to help Large Quantity Generators and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities with completing and submitting their Biennial Report for the 2023 reporting year.

The Biennial Report is due on Friday, March 1st, 2024, so don't wait! Come with your questions, RCRAInfo login information, manifests, and other reports. Screen share will be available to better assist you.

Office hours are weekly from 12PM to 2PM on Thursdays through Zoom for the following dates: 2/1/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24.

No prior notification is required, join anytime from 12pm to 2pm using this Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://unr.zoom.us/j/83934178006?pwd=M211eEpkFtaUcvdm1NdHNXSVN5UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 3417 8006

Passcode: 431887

One-on-one appointments can be scheduled [here](#).

Washoe County Air Quality Workshop Series

Annual Emissions Reporting In Washoe County Workshop: February 12th

Who Should Attend:

- Permit holders reporting to Northern Nevada Public Health
- Potential permit holders
- Consultants

Why Attend:

This workshop will cover:

- When facilities need to report emissions
- How facilities must report emissions
- Record keeping requirements

Workshop Details:

- **The event will take place February 12th 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

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

If you are unable to attend, we will be offering this workshop again on April 22, 2024.

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Washoe County Air Quality Workshop Series

Dust Control Permitting In Washoe County Workshop: March 5th

Who Should Attend:

- Construction companies
- Landscapers
- Contractors
- Consultants

Why Attend:

This workshop will cover:

- Who needs a dust control permit

- Control measures for dust
- Maintaining a dust control permit

Workshop **Details:**

- **The event will take place March 5th at the UNR Redfield Campus, Room 221**
- The workshop will begin at 10 AM and end at noon.
- There is no cost for the workshop
- Parking is free
- Registration is required

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

If you are unable to attend, we will be offering this workshop again on May 20, 2024.

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Washoe County Air Quality Workshop Series **Minor Source Permitting in Washoe County: March 25th**

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

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

If you are unable to attend, we will be offering this workshop again on May 6, 2024.

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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

- February 12, 2024 – Annual Emissions Reporting - [REGISTER](#)
- March 5, 2024 – Dust Control - [REGISTER](#)
- March 25, 2024 – Minor Source Permitting - [REGISTER](#)
- April 8, 2024 – Dust Control
- April 22, 2024 – Annual Emissions Reporting
- May 6, 2024 – Minor Source Permitting
- May 20, 2024 – Dust Control
- June 10, 2024 – Gas Dispensing Facilities
- June 24, 2024 – Annual Emissions

Upcoming EPA Training & Resources Webinars

I-WASTE

February 8, 2024 at 3-4 pm ET

EPA's Incident Waste Decision Support Tool ([I-WASTE](#)) is a web-based decision support tool that organizes information related to managing waste resulting from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, or animal health emergencies. I-WASTE can be used by emergency response authorities, waste industry stakeholders, as well as state, tribal and local agencies responsible for making waste management decisions. This training webinar will provide an overview of I-WASTE for new users as well as demonstrate functionality for veteran users.

[Register for the I-WASTE training webinar](#)

Chemical Safety for Sustainability (CSS) Research Online Tools

February 14, 2024 at 3-4 pm ET

EPA has a variety of computational and exposure tools and other online resources to assist in decision-making and researching the health effects of chemicals. These online resources offer chemistry, toxicity, and exposure data that is publicly accessible. This presentation will provide brief overviews of EPA's CompTox and exposure tools and resources, such as Application Programming Interfaces (APIs), CompTox Chemicals Dashboard, EcoTox, and Chemical Exposure Knowledgebase (ChemExpo), and more.

[Register for the CSS Online Tools webinar](#)

Regulatory Information

Partial Withdraw of Technical Corrections made to RCRA Regulations

As referenced in our [September 2023 Newsletter](#) the EPA issued a rule correcting typographical errors and citations, and clarifying ambiguous language in approximately 50 sections of the federal hazardous waste regulations. As of December 6, 2023, 8 amendments were withdrawn due to adverse comments received on the rule. Read the withdrawn amendments in the Federal Register [here](#).

Please note that the issued rule will not be recognized in the State of Nevada until the State completes an update to its adoption by reference of the federal RCRA regulations. Contact BEP with any questions.

EPA Publishes New Webpage with Information about the Hazardous Waste Incinerator Backlog

The webpage includes a brief overview of the hazardous waste incinerator backlog, links to the published memorandum regarding this issue, and a list of frequently asked questions. Check out the new webpage [here](#).

Proposed Clarifications to the Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Program

On December 13, 2023, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [proposed a rule](#) to clarify the relationship between the Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permit program and certain types of “applicable requirements” established under different sections of the CAA.

The proposed rule would: (1) ensure that applicable requirements established in different CAA programs are treated consistently in title V permits across the nation; (2) incentivize permitting authorities to offer opportunities for meaningful public involvement in NSR permitting actions; (3) respect the finality of NSR permitting decisions; and (4) allow the public and EPA to focus their resources on using the title V permitting process to address issues that can be most effectively resolved through title V (e.g., ensuring sufficient monitoring and compliance assurance measures).

The proposed rule was [published](#) in the Federal Register January 9th and comments are due March 11, 2024. Visit EPA's [webpage](#) and download the [fact sheet](#) for more information.

Update on Proposed Changes for Commercial Sterilization Facilities and Ethylene Oxide Emissions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [proposed amendments](#) in April, 2023 to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Commercial Sterilization Facilities. The proposed changes include addressing risks and technology reviews, specifically focusing on [ethylene oxide \(EtO\)](#) emissions from point sources and room air emissions. Additionally, the EPA wants to correct and clarify regulations related to emissions during startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM), proposing work practice standards for SSM periods. The proposal also suggests revisions to monitoring and performance testing requirements and introduces electronic reporting provisions.

For more updates regarding the proposed amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for commercial sterilization facilities, [click here](#).

2024 Compliance Calendars Now Available

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.

Sustainability Corner

Latest Sustainable Nation Podcast

Camille Richard from Back Market

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Camille Richard, Head of Sustainability at Back Market to discuss:

- How Back Market ensures quality of refurbishers
- How Back Market communicates and advocates for the Right to Repair movement
- Efforts to engage suppliers in advancing their sustainability efforts
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability leaders

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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!