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## News & Updates

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**NEVADA SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE FAIR 2024**

FREE

Welcome Remarks by Governor Joe Lombardo at 10:30 a.m.

Powered by State of Nevada Department of Business & Industry

The Library District Las Vegas Clark County FREE TO BE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Sahara West Library 9600 W. Sahara Ave.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity for small business owners! Whether you're thinking of launching a new venture or currently operating a business, please join us to make new connections and access FREE resources.

- Networking Zone
- A Learning Session
- Government & Nonprofit Exhibitors
- On-Site Food Trucks

THE ROADMAP

GETTING HELP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, FUNDING, CERTIFICATIONS & CONTRACTS, HIRING, BUSINESS LICENSING, MARKETS & MARKETING, TRAINING, PLANNING

Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged.

2024-small-business-fair.eventbrite.com

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it is proud to participate in the Nevada Small Business Resource Fair. Parking may be limited. Street parking is available on S. Grand Canyon Dr. and Peckness Pass.

## Nevada Small Business Resource Fair - Mark Your Calendars!

The 2024 Nevada Small Business Resource Fair, powered by Nevada's Department of Business & Industry, will be hosted on Wednesday, May 1 from 10AM to 2PM at the Sahara West Library, 9600 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. Welcome remarks by Governor Joe Lombardo will be given at 10:30AM. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is encouraged [here](#). [Download the flyer](#) and spread the word!

Don't miss this opportunity to make new connections and access FREE resources with various exhibitors. Stop by BEP's table to say hello and get all your environmental regulatory compliance and permitting questions answered.

## Training Opportunities

### Upcoming Washoe County Air Quality Workshops

**BEP is excited to announce our upcoming air quality workshops in April will be hosted virtually!**

In April, BEP will be hosting two workshops covering dust control permitting as well as annual emissions reporting in Washoe County under the jurisdiction of Northern Nevada Public Health.

To register for these virtual workshops please see the links below.

#### [Dust control workshop](#)

In our dust control workshop we will be covering who needs a dust control permit, dust control measures, as well as maintaining your dust control permit.

#### [Annual emissions reporting workshop](#)

In our annual emissions reporting workshop we will be covering when facilities need to report emissions, how facilities need to report their emissions, and record keeping requirements.

To learn more about our air quality workshop series, please visit our website's air quality workshop [page](#) and check out our [Events Calendar](#). If you have any questions please contact Zack Rice at [zrice@unr.edu](mailto:zrice@unr.edu).

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

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## Regulatory Information

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### US EPA Finalizes Rule Banning Use of Asbestos

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a final rule on March 18, 2024, prohibiting ongoing uses of chrysotile asbestos, the only form currently used in or imported to the United States. This ban is the first under the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), aiming to address health risks associated with asbestos exposure, including various cancers.

The rule includes strict compliance deadlines for transitioning away from asbestos use, especially in the chlor-alkali sector. It also bans asbestos use in various products and requires workplace safety measures.

US EPA is also evaluating other types of asbestos fibers for further regulation.

[Read more about the rule.](#)

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### US EPA Finalizes "Commonsense" Standards for Gasoline Distribution Facilities

On March 14, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it was implementing new standards to reduce toxic air pollution from gasoline distribution facilities, excluding gas stations. These rules target storage tanks, loading operations, and equipment leaks, aiming to cut emissions of air toxics and volatile organic compounds significantly. The regulations consider public input and include adjustments to enhance environmental protection while minimizing impacts on small businesses and gas prices.

Gasoline distribution facilities are required to adopt cost-effective practices and control technologies, with provisions for emissions during startup, shutdown, and malfunction, as well as monitoring and reporting requirements.

[Read the final rule.](#)

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## **US EPA Issues Final Rule for Ethylene Oxide Sterilization Facilities**

On March 14, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced final decisions regarding the regulation of Commercial Sterilization Facilities under the Clean Air Act. This includes defining affected sources, establishing emission standards for previously unregulated sources, and making amendments to address ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions from various vents and room air emissions. Additionally, the EPA is correcting and clarifying regulations related to emissions during startup, shutdown, and malfunction periods, removing exemptions for these periods.

Owners and operators will now be required to demonstrate compliance using EtO continuous emissions monitoring systems, with exceptions for very small users. These amendments are expected to reduce EtO emissions from this category by approximately 21 tons per year. According to the US EPA, the Clean Air Act standards EPA is finalizing will reduce lifetime cancer risks associated with EtO emissions from commercial sterilizers down to or below the benchmark of 100 cancer cases per million people exposed.

Click [here](#) to view the final rule or visit the US EPA website [here](#) for a summary.

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## **Resources for Household Wastes: e-Cigarette Disposal Fact Sheet and Household Medication Disposal Website**

On February 23, 2024, US EPA published a new fact sheet on how individual consumers can dispose of e-cigarettes safely. Individuals should dispose of e-cigarettes as a household hazardous waste and not put them in household trash or recycling bins. The lithium batteries inside e-cigarettes can become damaged and cause fires; and the nicotine inside the devices is toxic, posing a risk to both workers and the environment. Access the new fact sheet [here](#).

On February 26, 2024 US EPA launched a new website to provide information to households about proper disposal of leftover medications, why proper disposal of household medication is needed, and what households should and should not do with their unwanted medications. The website also provides collectors of household medications with information about what they should do with the medications they collect. Check out the website [here](#).

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## **Revisions to Standards for the Open Burning/Open Detonation of Waste Explosives Upcoming US EPA Webinar; Public Comment Period Open**

On March 20, 2024, US EPA [proposed changes](#) that would amend the standards for facilities to use open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) to treat waste explosives. The proposed revisions would reduce OB/OD of waste explosives and increase control of air emissions through improved implementation of existing requirements that facilities must evaluate and use safe and available alternative technologies in lieu of OB/OD.

US EPA will host a webinar on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 10AM PST that will provide an overview of the proposed revised regulations, answer clarifying questions, and explain how to submit comments through the federal docket. Register [here](#) to attend.

The US EPA is accepting public comment on this proposal through May 20, 2024. Read the proposal and submit public comment by reviewing the [Federal Register](#).

## Sustainability Corner

### Latest Sustainable Nation Podcast

#### Norman Vosschulte from the Philadelphia Eagles

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Norman Vosschulte, Eagles' Fan Experience & Sustainability Director to discuss:

- How the strong sustainability program for the Eagles began and evolved. Go Birds!
- Material issues and initiatives of the Eagles' sustainability program
- How the Eagles have achieved 99.9% of waste diversion
- The approach to engaging fans in sustainability
- Utilization of the hydrogen refueling station
- Ideas for making sustainability more mainstream across sports



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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### Electronics Scrap Recycling Advancement Prize

The US Department of Energy launched the [Electronics Scrap Recycling Advancement Prize](#) and will award up to \$4 million to competitors to substantially increase the production and use of critical materials recovered from electronic scrap, known as e-scrap. The cash prizes and assistance awarded in Phases 1 and 2 are intended to support teams as they advance in the competition.

E-scrap—which includes mobile phones, home appliances, medical or office equipment, and anything else powered by electricity—represents the fastest growing waste stream globally. Recovering e-scrap faces numerous roadblocks, including a fragmented recycling value chain, a complex and dynamic feedstock, and a rapidly evolving end-use market.

The Phase 1 submission period is currently open and closes on September 4, 2024. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about this prize.

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## **Free & Confidential Environmental Assistance We look forward to hearing from you.**

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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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