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THE NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT PRESENT A

Free Mercury Collection Event

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Southern Nevada Health District's Main Office
280 S. Decatur Blvd
Las Vegas, NV 89107
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We will accept elemental Mercury in **household quantities**.

- The mercury must be delivered in a sealed, undamaged, or original plastic or metal container that does not leak.

We will **NOT** accept:

- Commercially-generated elemental mercury
- Light fixture ballasts
- Fluorescent lights, HID lamps, or CFL bulbs
- Blood pressure gauges
- Mercury combined with any other compounds (PCBs, fluorides, chlorides, bromides, iodides, etc.)

<https://ndep.nv.gov/land/mercury>

This event is proudly supported by:

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[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Bureau of Air Pollution Control Improvement Survey

Our partners at the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) Bureau of Air Pollution Control (BAPC) are currently surveying their air quality permittees to get a better understanding of how NDEP can improve its services to support permittees and reduce the number of violations found during inspections.

If your business holds an **active** air permit with NDEP, we highly encourage you to take this opportunity to provide NDEP with your feedback through this **100% anonymous** survey. Results will be used by NDEP to evaluate existing programs and to develop new education tools and programs to better help facilities successfully maintain compliance with their air quality permits and reduce the number of violations.

The final date to submit this survey is April 18th, 2024. Here is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/s3fsRiYKStUtC9vD9>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us at 800.882.3233.

Training Opportunities

Upcoming Washoe County Air Quality Workshops

Annual Emissions Reporting Workshop - April 22, 2024 at 10am

[Annual emissions reporting workshop](#)

In our annual emissions reporting workshop we will be covering when facilities permitted by Northern Nevada Public Health in Washoe County 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.

- 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

Regulatory Information

US EPA Finalizes Stronger Clean Air Standards for Chemical Plants

On April 9, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a final action intended to provide additional health protections to communities near chemical plants. The action aims to reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants, including chloroprene and ethylene oxide (EtO), while also decreasing pollution contributing to smog. This rule implements sections 111 and 112 of the Clean Air Act, strengthening regulations for various equipment and processes used in chemical plants, including those producing synthetic organic chemicals, polymers, and resins like neoprene.

US EPA anticipates this final rule will significantly reduce cancer risks associated with air toxics, particularly EtO and chloroprene, known to cause serious health effects. Upon full implementation, the rule is expected to reduce over 6,200 tons yearly of more than 100 air toxics from chemical plants. Additionally, new emissions limits for dioxins and furans are being issued and the rule is expected to cut over 23,000 tons of annual emissions of smog-forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Read more about the [final rule](#).

State of Nevada Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP)

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) received a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop plans to reduce Nevada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) is the first of two plans funded by this grant and was approved by US EPA on March 12, 2024. The main goal of the plan was to identify and prioritize near-term measures for GHG emissions reduction and on April 1, 2024, NDEP submitted an application to the US EPA requesting \$99 Million in funding to implement high-impact and near-term measures that reduce GHG and criteria pollutant emissions across the State of Nevada.

The PCAP includes a GHG inventory, emission projections, and priority measures across six focus areas, each accompanied by emissions reduction estimates, benefits analysis for low-income and disadvantaged communities, and implementation authority descriptions. The PCAP will be followed by the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), covering all emission sectors, with further public engagement.

The six focus areas of Nevada's PCAP include:

- Transportation
- Buildings
- Energy Systems
- Industry

- Waste Reduction, and
- Restoring Landscapes and Sequestering Carbon.

BEP is proud to support this important initiative for Nevada. Look for future updates in our newsletter. If you are interested in reading more about this initiative, you can find the Plan [here](#).

Northern Nevada Public Health Seeking Feedback on Draft Second 10 year Maintenance Plan for Particulate Matter (PM10)

Public Comments Due May 5th

The Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) Air Quality Management Division (AQMD) is seeking public feedback on its Draft Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Truckee Meadows 24-Hour Particulate Matter 10 micrometers or less (PM10) Maintenance Area.

This plan addresses air quality in Washoe County's southern portion which has held US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designation as being in attainment with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 since January 2016. Previously, in 2001, US EPA had designated the region in serious nonattainment for PM10 but NNPH was able to successfully address various dust emitting activities and the region achieved attainment designation eight years ago. At that time, US EPA also approved the region's First 10-Year Maintenance Plan. Now, AQMD has developed a Draft Second 10-Year PM10 Maintenance Plan which is available for review.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to review the draft plan and provide comments via a public comment form. For more information on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) designation process, residents can visit the US EPA's website.

[To view the complete 10-Year Maintenance Plan please click here.](#)

NNPH AQMD is accepting public comments for the Draft Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan through 11:59 p.m. on May 5, 2024. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to HealthAirQuality-Planning@nnph.org, dropped off or mailed to AQMD's drop box located in the hallway of Building B at 1001 E. 9th St, Suite B171, Reno, NV 89512. All correspondence must include first and last name, mailing address, and other contact information.

Sustainability Corner

Has Your Business Implemented Sustainable Practices that Deserve Recognition?

US EPA Announces 2024 Pollution Prevention (P2) Recognition Program for Businesses!

US EPA Region 9 in San Francisco is looking to recognize businesses and non-profit organizations that have gone above and beyond to prevent pollution and encourage sustainable practices. Has your business implemented environmental improvements worthy of recognition? If yes, contact BEP and we can help you with an awards application.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the award and how to apply. Applications are due May 24, 2024.

April is Earth Month!

What are some ways your business can celebrate and contribute to a cleaner environment?

Implement Green Initiatives: Launch initiatives within the company to reduce energy consumption, such as installing energy-efficient lighting, implementing recycling programs, or promoting carpooling among employees.

Carbon Offset Programs: Offset the company's carbon footprint by investing in carbon offset programs or renewable energy projects.

Employee Engagement: Encourage employees to participate in Earth Month activities by offering incentives or recognition for sustainable actions taken both at work and in their personal lives.

Promote Sustainable Transportation: Encourage employees to commute by bike, walk, or use electric vehicles by providing incentives such as subsidies for public transportation or bike-sharing programs.

[Contact BEP](#) for help getting started with your sustainability strategy or fine tuning your sustainability initiatives.

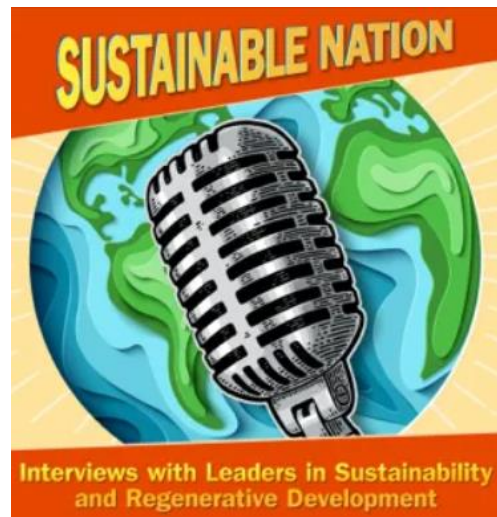
Latest *Sustainable Nation* Podcast

Derek Young from CBL Properties

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Derek Young, Vice President ESG at CBL Properties to discuss:

- Engagement with tenants in sustainability initiatives
- Best practices for sharing data and fostering communication between landlord and tenant
- Whether the politicalization of ESG has impacted the approach to ESG at CBL or in the industry at large
- Advice and recommendations for sustainability professionals

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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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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