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News

US EPA Annual Air Quality Trends Report 2023

Are you interested in our nation's air quality trends through 2023? Take a deep dive into data and trends of air quality throughout the United States via US EPA's [Interactive Report](#). This year's report includes monitored air measurements of criteria air pollutants and hazardous air pollutants, emission estimates, and visibility.

One highlight from the report: Since 1990, carbon monoxide levels have decreased from 9.5ppm to 1.6ppm in Sparks, Nevada!

Take the 2024 Nevada Small Business Challenges Survey

The Nevada Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is conducting an anonymous survey of Nevada based small businesses. The goal of the survey is to identify the challenges that small businesses throughout Nevada are facing and to understand how those challenges vary by stage of

business, geography, and industry. If you're a small business, consider submitting responses to the survey. The survey is available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

Fraud Alert: Notice of Violation Letter Phishing Scam

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General has issued a fraud alert regarding a new and increasingly common phishing scam that is targeting businesses with fraudulent EPA Notice of Violation Letters. The falsified Notice of Violation letters demand payments for alleged environmental violations. The deceptive letters bear the EPA logo, however the contact email provided – invoice@epa.services – is NOT affiliated with the EPA. Official U.S. government organizations use the “.gov” domain name; for example, “epa.gov.”

Businesses receiving a Notice of Violation are urged to thoroughly review the letter, including the email, and contact EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance directly at OECA.Communications@epa.gov to verify authenticity.

If you believe you have been the victim of fraud, or have knowledge of potential waste, fraud, and abuse involving EPA operations and programs, please contact the OIG Hotline at 888-546-8740 or OIG.Hotline@epa.gov.

Upcoming Events

NDEP Air Pollution Control Webinar Air Quality Recordkeeping, September 16, 2024

Do you have an air quality operating permit with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection NDEP? If so, consider registering for the upcoming webinar hosted by NDEP on Monday September 16th from 9AM to 11AM PST. The webinar will include requirements for recordkeeping, and an overview of an Excel template designed for any facility to keep track of records required in your air quality operating permit. Once you are signed up, within a week of the webinar, you will receive an Excel recordkeeping template, a completed template from the webinar, and a guidance document for how to use the template. Register for the webinar [here](#).

If you missed any of the previous air quality webinars from NDEP, recordings are available on [The Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources YouTube Channel](#). Topics include How to Read Your Air Quality Operating Permit, Source Testing, What to Expect During an Inspection, and Enforcement.

Register Today for US EPA's Working Sessions on Mid-Format Battery Recycling

The US EPA is hosting a series of four meetings on mid-format battery recycling and collection from September through November, 11AM to 1PM PST. Mid-format batteries are rechargeable batteries between 11 and 25 pounds and 300 to 2,000 watt-hour ratings. Examples of mid-format batteries include e-bikes, e-scooters, portable power stations, and outdoor power equipment. Register today [here](#) and check out the topics for the working sessions:

- September 12: Current Policies, Practices, and Trends
- October 15: Role of Manufacturers and Retailers in Promoting Safer Collection and Recycling
- October 30: Consumers Information Needs and Safety Concerns
- November 21: Ensuring Safe End-Of-Life Management

Save the Date: Reno Startup Week Begins September 16

This year's [Reno Startup Week](#) is occurring September 16th through September 20th. This week-long event celebrates and promotes the region's entrepreneurial community and startup ecosystem. Through Reno Startup Week, there will be a variety of activities, workshops, discussions, and networking opportunities to foster innovation and collaboration among entrepreneurs of all stages. Register [here](#) today!

Upcoming Drive Electric Week Programs

The following [Drive Electric Week](#) programs are coming up for the Southern Nevada Clean Cities Coalition and Clark County All-In:

- [Charge and Chat at Clark County's Downtown Government Center](#): September 24
- Data-Decisions: Tools for Greener Fleets and Lower Costs Webinar: September 25
- [Drive Electric Week Presentations and Ride and Drive at Desert Breeze Community Center](#): September 29
- [Electrification of Heavy-Duty Vehicles Webinar](#): October 2
- Not Just the Kilowatts: Considerations for EV Charging Webinar: October 3

Register for any of the programs here: <https://allinclarkcounty.com/Events>

Regulatory Updates

Amendments to the Clean Air Act Rules for Stationary Engines

On August 19, 2024, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [amended](#) the Clean Air Act rules for stationary engines. The amendments introduce electronic reporting requirements and correct minor errors in the regulations. These changes apply to the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE), as well as the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Stationary Compression Ignition (CI) and Stationary Spark Ignition (SI) Internal Combustion Engines.

The amendments do not change existing emission standards. US EPA expects the rule to improve data accessibility for regulatory agencies and the public without altering emission controls. Electronic reporting is expected to reduce administrative burden and improve data accuracy.

Click [here](#) to read more about the rule.

Updated Criteria for US EPA's Safer Choice Program

US EPA's Safer Choice Program helps consumers identify products with safer chemical ingredients that have been evaluated by the EPA. Earlier this month, the EPA strengthened standards and updated criteria for the program, the first update to the program in almost 10 years. Read the updated Safer Choice Standards [here](#). Some of the updates include:

- A new certification program for cleaning service providers that use Safer Choice products, protecting workers as well as the people who live or work in the spaces they clean
- Safer packaging criteria to ensure primary packaging does not include any unintentionally added PFAS or other chemicals of concern
- New, optional energy efficiency or use reduction criteria to encourage companies to use less water, use renewable energy, and improve energy efficiency

Sustainability Corner

Latest *Sustainable Nation* Podcast

Allison Jordan, Executive Director at California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance

Host Josh Prigge speaks with Allison Jordan to discuss:

- Keys to successful adoption of Certified California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance's program
- Interest from buyers in third party verification
- CSWA's Green Medal Award program
- How wineries are engaging with suppliers to pursue certification
- 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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US EPA P2 Webinar: A Safer Choice For Cleaning - Increasing Access to Safer Choice Products

US EPA will present a [pollution prevention webinar](#) on Sept. 19, 2024, from 2-3 pm ET on how [EPA's Safer Choice program](#) helps people find and have access to cleaning and other products made with safer ingredients and works in partnership with a broad range of stakeholders to prevent pollution. Speakers from industry, a nonprofit organization, academia and EPA will discuss the growing impact of the Safer Choice program to increase use of safer ingredients throughout the value chain and how P2 practitioners can increase use and development of safer products.

Register [here](#).

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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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