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Latest News

New US EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin

On January 29, 2025, Lee Zeldin was sworn in as the 17th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Administrator Zeldin will work closely with the dedicated career officials at the agency to fulfill the agency's mission to protect human health and the environment.

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Regulatory Updates

US EPA Issues Final Rule on Banning Trichloroethylene (TCE)

In December 2024, the US EPA issued a final rule regulating TCE. The rule bans the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution in commerce of TCE for all uses, with longer

compliance timeframes and stringent worker protections for some processing and industrial and commercial uses until the prohibitions come into effect. The EPA will prohibit most TCE uses, including manufacturing and commercial processing, within one year, protecting consumers and workers. Limited industrial uses will be phased out over longer timeframes with stringent worker protections, such as a Workplace Chemical Protection Plan and inhalation exposure limits.

TCE is used in several small business industries: TCE is used as a solvent in consumer and commercial products such as cleaning and furniture care products, degreasers, brake cleaners, sealants, lubricants, adhesives, paints and coatings, arts and crafts spray coatings, cleaning medical equipment and is also used in the manufacture of some refrigerants. Exemptions for certain critical uses, like cleaning aircraft parts, manufacturing battery separators, and refrigerants, allow time to transition to alternatives while maintaining national security and infrastructure. Full prohibition of TCE is planned for all uses.

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

US EPA Signs a Final Rule on Banning Perchloroethylene (PCE)

Signed on December 20th, 2024, the final rule addresses the technology review of the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Perchloroethylene Dry Cleaning Facilities (referred to as the PCE Dry Cleaning NESHAP). The PCE Dry Cleaning NESHAP was finalized in 1993 and applies to major and area sources of dry cleaners that use the chemical perchloroethylene (PCE) in the U.S.

A recently finalized action issued by EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) prohibits the manufacture, processing, and distribution of PCE in dry cleaning and spot cleaning through a 10-year phaseout under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA). The TSCA rule will reduce total emissions of PCE.

Because of the ban under TSCA, and the 10-year phaseout of PCE in dry cleaning and spot clean, EPA determined it is not necessary to amend the current PCE Dry Cleaning NESHAP under the technology review for this source category.

For more information, visit [Dry Cleaning Facilities: National Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards](#).



New US EPA Webpage on Electronic Cigarette

Electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes, contain both nicotine and lithium batteries, making them a hazardous waste when disposed of. The EPA posted a new webpage to help schools and other agencies who may not typically generate hazardous waste dispose of e-cigarettes safely and according to regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The webpage provides step-by-step instructions for safely storing e-cigarettes, determining your generator status, and identifying disposal options.

Check out the new webpage [here](#), and contact BEP with your questions on e-cigarette disposal.

Upcoming Training

Clark County All-In Sustainability Webinar Series

Clark County is offering a new webinar series: [Sustainability Now: All-In for a Climate-Smart 2025](#).

This virtual series is designed to equip individuals and communities with the knowledge, tools, and support needed to take meaningful steps toward a more sustainable world.

Each session features expert insights, practical tips, and actionable strategies that empower you to make a real impact on the climate crisis. Whether you're just starting your sustainability journey or looking for ways to deepen your commitment, the series offers something for everyone.

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Virtual Working Session: Best Practices and Labeling Large-Format Batteries

The US EPA is hosting a webinar to gather input on best practices for collecting large-format batteries to increase recycling, as well as labeling batteries to improve collection and recycling. Large format batteries are rechargeable batteries over 25 pounds or more than 200 watt-hours and often used in electric, hybrid, and internal combustion engine vehicles; other motive equipment; and stationary energy storage systems.

Register at the link below:

- Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 11AM PST: [Expanding End of Life Management for Large Format Batteries – Recycling and Refurbishing](#)
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Resources & Tools

Start 2025 with Free Air Quality Assistance from BEP!

Will you be starting a business in 2025 that may have emissions? Do you have an air quality permit with NDEP that expires this year? Do you need help with recordkeeping for your permit with NDEP? Contact BEP for free and confidential assistance in 2025! We offer phone calls, 1-on-1 meetings, and on-site visits to help your business get started and/or stay compliant with air quality regulations.

[Contact Us](#) with your questions and we will be glad to help.

2025 Hazardous Waste Compliance Calendar

Download BEP's [2025 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 state and federal hazardous waste regulations.

Sustainability Corner

Latest *Sustainable Nation* Podcast

Meredith Lindvall - Cox Enterprises

Host **Josh Prigge** speaks with **Meredith** to discuss:

- Steps to achieving 90% waste diversion rate
- Employee engagement strategies and initiatives, including translating zero waste to KPIs
- Cost benefits of moving to zero waste
- 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.

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