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Flood Risk Management

In January 2015, President Barack Obama issued an [Executive Order](#) (EO) establishing a new flood risk management standard for new and rebuilt federally funded structures in and around floodplains. The standard, published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is available [here](#).

The standard is intended to ensure that projects are built in floodplains only where there are no practical alternatives. It requires projects to consider risks, changes in climate, and vulnerability in order to ensure projects that are built in floodplains last as long as intended. The standard provides agencies the flexibility to select one of three approaches for establishing the flood elevation and hazard area. They can:

- Use data and methods informed by best-available, actionable climate science;
- Build two feet above the 100-year (1%-annual-chance) flood elevation for standard projects, and three feet above for critical buildings (e.g., hospitals and evacuation centers); or
- Build to the 500-year (0.2%-annual-chance) flood elevation.

The standard closely tracks flood elevation requirements already adopted in at least 350 jurisdictions across the country. It does not alter flood standards for levees and will not affect the standards or rates of the National Flood Insurance Program.

In addition, FEMA also issued [draft flood risk management standard implementing guidelines](#). The guidelines will be used by federal agencies (including military departments) to develop their own agency-specific guidelines and procedures in order to comply with requirements in the standard.

For additional information, view this [fact sheet](#) released by the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) or this White House [news article](#).

Region 8

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AIR

OPEN BURNING The Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control adopted [final amendments](#) to its rules governing prescribed burning. The revisions create minimum standards for conducting prescribed burns in any area of the state, except for prescribed burns conducted by an agency of the federal government. The final rule was effective 30 JAN 15. For more information, contact [Melissa Lineberger](#) at (303) 239-5879.

TOXICS

RADIATION CONTROL FEES The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is [proposing](#) to increase the fees it charges for services under the Radiation Control Services rules. CDPHE is proposing fee increases ranging from 16-25%, which will affect approximately 975 specific and general radioactive materials licensees and all radiation machine registrants. Additionally, CDPHE is proposing a new radiation machine facility registration fee of \$50 per year per facility. A [public hearing](#) is scheduled for 18 FEB 15. For more information, contact James [Jarvis](#) at (303) 692-3464.

WASTE

WASTE TIRES CDPHE [repealed](#) the Waste Tire Processor and End User Reimbursement Program, 6 CCR 1007-2 Part 4. This action is part of a larger effort to repeal all existing rules governing waste tires and to adopt new rules into a single section of the state rules. The repeal was effective 14 JAN 15. For more information, contact [Brandy Valdez Murphy](#) at (303) 692-3467.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Colorado 2015 legislative session](#) began 14 JAN 15 and adjourns 11 MAY 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>Colorado Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				
* HB 1134 <i>Representative Don Coram (R)</i> Proposes to extend an exemption from emission testing for heavy-duty diesel vehicles for an additional two years (to the sixth model year) for certain heavy-duty vehicles that are model year of 2014 or newer.	✓			

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<p>*SB 92 <i>Senator John Cooke (R)</i> Proposes to require that any plan by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to reduce carbon emissions (in accordance with pending federal regulations) be approved by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission. Requires the plan to meet specified requirements and restrictions.</p>	✓			
ENERGY				
<p>*HB 1118 <i>Representative Timothy Dore (R)</i> Proposes to define hydroelectricity as a renewable energy resource for the purpose of the state renewable energy standard.</p>	✓			
<p>*SB 44 <i>Representative Ray Scott (R)</i> Proposes to amend state renewable energy standard mandates. Reduces the amount of renewable energy that retail electric providers must generate from recycled energy and renewable energy resources. Applies to investor-owned electric providers and cooperative electric associations.</p>	✓			
<p>*SB 46 <i>Senator Kevin Grantham (R)</i> Proposes to allow electric utilities to triple-count renewable energy from "retail distributed generation" (e.g., rooftop solar panels) for the purpose of meeting state renewable energy standard mandates. Allows cooperative electric associations to use purchases from community solar gardens to meet the renewable energy standard.</p>	✓			
LAND USE				
NATURAL RESOURCES				
<p>*SB 22 <i>Senator Ellen Roberts (R)</i> Proposes to transfer funds to the state wildfire risk reduction grant program and to make changes to the program. Loosens restrictions on the grant program and expands applicability.</p>	✓			
OTHER				
<p>*SB 21 <i>Senator Randy Baumgardner (R)</i> Proposes to repeal the interstate pest control compact that was adopted by Colorado in 2007 to coordinate and fund interstate pest control efforts.</p>	✓			
WASTE				
<p>*SB 76 <i>Senator Kevin Grantham (R)</i> Proposes to allow the disposal of cathode ray tubes, including electronic devices that contain them at hazardous waste disposal sites. Current law generally prohibits land disposal of electronic devices, including cathode ray tubes.</p>	✓			
WATER				
<p>*HB 1013 <i>Representative Don Coram (R)</i> Proposes to implement pilot projects to lower the water table near Gilcrest/LaSalle and Sterling in areas that are experiencing damaging high groundwater levels. Addresses state engineer review of augmentation plans.</p>	✓			

<i>Colorado Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
* HB 1016 <i>Representative Don Coram (R)</i> Proposes to encourage more precipitation harvesting pilot projects. Increases the type of projects that may be conducted.	✓			
* HB 1038 <i>Representative Jeni Arndt (D)</i> Proposes to amend rules governing beneficial use of irrigation water rights. Creates a more flexible change in use system.	✓			
* HB 1093 <i>Representative Timothy Dore (R)</i> Proposes to repeal rules requiring water-efficient indoor plumbing.	✓			
* SB 8 <i>Senator Ellen Roberts (R)</i> Proposes to address water demand management. Requires the Colorado Water Conservation Board to develop and implement a training program for state water managers. Promotes improved water demand management and water conservation.	✓			
* SB 10 <i>Senator Mary Hodge (D)</i> Proposes to repeal a law that, effective 1 JUL 15, would have changed withdrawal requirements for the Dawson aquifer.	✓			
* SB 55 <i>Senator Mary Hodge (D)</i> Proposes to permit the use of a "tail ditch" to return variable amounts of water to a stream. Prohibits the state engineer from requiring the delivery of a minimum amount of water to the stream, except as required by a court decree.	✓			
* SB 64 <i>Representative Jerry Sonnenberg (R)</i> Proposes to prohibit the federal government from imposing conditions on a water right in exchange for permission to use federal land.	✓			
* SB 84 <i>Senator Mary Hodge (D)</i> Proposes to prohibit a judge from reducing the quantification of a water right's actual historical use in a change of water right.	✓			



LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Montana 2015 legislative session](#) began 5 JAN 15 and adjourns 27 APR 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>Montana Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				

<i>Montana Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
ENERGY				
LAND USE				
*SB 215 Senator Jennifer Fielder (R) Proposes to revise public land laws. Prohibits future sale of land granted or transferred to the state.	✓			
NATURAL RESOURCES				
OTHER				
WASTE				
WATER				



TOXICS

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: TRACKING AND DISPOSAL The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) [extended](#) the public comment period on its proposal to enact [new](#) and [amended](#) regulations to properly manage technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive materials ([TENORM](#)) associated with the oil and gas industry. The regulations, intended to protect human health and the environment, address registration of generators and transporters, tracking of waste, reporting, and landfill disposal. The public comment period was extended to 2 MAR 15. For information about TENORM, view this [fact sheet](#). For more information, contact [NDDOH](#) at (701) 328-5150.

WATER

GENERAL PERMIT FOR DEWATERING AND HYDROSTATIC TESTING NDDOH [announced](#) that it intends to reissue North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) General Permit NDG070000 regulating discharges from temporary dewatering and hydrostatic testing activities in the North Dakota. The permit will establish effluent requirements based on technology and water quality considerations, prohibitions, best management practices, and other conditions applicable to these types of wastewaters. Comments are due 21 FEB 15. For more information, contact the department at (701) 328-5210.

GENERAL PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER NDDOH [is proposing](#) to reissue NDPDES General Permit NDR10-0000 authorizing discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 122.26(b)(14)(x) and small construction activity as defined in 40 CFR part 122.26(b)(15). Regulated construction activities include clearing, grading, and excavating that result in land disturbance equal to or greater than one acre and to disturbance of less than one acre if the activity is part of a larger construction plan that will disturb one acre or more. The permit requires the implementation of a pollution prevention plan to reduce erosion and sediment impacts to surface waters. It specifies discharge conditions based on prohibitions, best management

practices, water quality standards, and other considerations. Comments are due 21 FEB 15. For more information, contact the department at (701) 328-5210.

WATER DRAINAGE RULES The State Engineer and the State Water Commission [adopted amendments](#) to North Dakota Administrative Code [Articles](#) 89-02 (Drainage of Water), 89-03 (Water Appropriations), 89-04 (Water Management Plans for Surface Coal Mining Operations), 89-08 (Dams, Dikes, and Other Devices), 89-12 (Municipal, Rural, and Industrial Water Supply Program), and 89-14 (Stream Crossings). The [final rules](#) were effective 1 JAN 15. For more information, contact the [commission](#) at (701) 328-4941.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [North Dakota 2015 legislative session](#) began 6 JAN 15 and is estimated to adjourn 29 APR 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>North Dakota Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				
* SB 2372 <i>Senator Jessica K. Unruh (R)</i> Proposes to prohibit the Department of Health from requiring installation or operation of emission reduction equipment that received federal, state, or local funding.	✓			
ENERGY				
* HB 1334 <i>Representative Mark Owens (R)</i> Proposes to impose fees for electric vehicles.	✓			
LAND USE				
NATURAL RESOURCES				
* HB 1197 <i>Representative Curt Hofstad (R)</i> Proposes to prohibit the purchase of a conservation easement with public funds.	✓			
* SB 2311 <i>Senator Larry Luick (R)</i> Proposes to amend state rules related to protection of human burial sites. Provides for penalties.	✓			
OTHER				
WASTE				
* HB 1113 <i>Government And Veterans Affairs</i> Proposes to amend rules governing land used for the disposal of radioactive material. Amends rules related licensing and confidentiality of radioactive material records. Provides for penalties.	✓			
* HB 1114 <i>Energy And Natural Resources</i> Proposes to address resource recovery from solid waste.	✓			

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WATER				
* HB 1061 <i>Legislative Management</i> Proposes to amend and reenact section 54-35-02.7 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the water topics overview committee.	✓			
* HB 1175 <i>Representative Keith Kempenich (R)</i> Proposes to create new rules governing dredge permits.	✓			
* HB 1269 <i>Representative Marvin Nelson (D)</i> Proposes to provide for rules on navigable waters by the state water commission and certain enforcement.	✓			



WATER

SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources [adopted](#) amendments to its surface water quality rules. Amendments to rules 74:51:01, 74:51:02, and 74:51:03 update designated beneficial use classifications and water quality standards. The [final rules](#) were effective 12 JAN 15. For more information, contact Patrick Snyder at (605) 773-3351.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [South Dakota 2015 legislative session](#) began 13 JAN 15 and is estimated to adjourn 30 MAR 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>South Dakota Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				
ENERGY				
* HB 1029 <i>Committee On State Affairs</i> Proposes to revise high performance building design and construction standards for newly constructed or renovated state-owned buildings.	✓			
LAND USE				
NATURAL RESOURCES				
OTHER				
WASTE				

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WATER				
* SB 2 <i>Senator Jason Frerichs (D)</i> Proposes to establish river basin natural resource districts and repeal certain provisions regarding county drainage management.	✓			



WATER

EFFLUENT STANDARDS The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) [adopted amendments](#) to R317-1-3 (Requirements for Waste Discharges). The amendments incorporate a technology-based effluent limit of 1.0 milligram per liter phosphorus into Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for all non-lagoon treatment works that discharge into surface waters of the state. For lagoon treatment systems, the change establishes a cap of 125% times the current average annual phosphorus load being discharged. Four exceptions are defined in the rule change. Where conditions of exception are demonstrated, no technology based limits or loading cap will be applied. The amendments also remove language referring to extensions to deadlines for compliance. The [final rule](#) was effective 1 JAN 15. For more information, contact [Judy Etherington](#) at (801) 536-4344.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Utah 2015 legislative session](#) began 16 JAN 15 and is estimated to adjourn 12 MAR 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>Utah Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				
* HB 17 <i>Representative Lee Perry (R)</i> Proposes to modify provisions relating to visible motor vehicle emission limits.	✓			
* HB 110 <i>Representative Patrice Arent (D)</i> Proposes to allow the Division of Motor Vehicles to suspend a vehicle's registration for failure to meet air emission standards.	✓			
* SB 87 <i>Senator Gene Davis (D)</i> Proposes to repeal provisions prohibiting the Division of Air Quality from adopting rules more stringent than those in the federal Clean Air Act.	✓			
ENERGY				
* HB 15 <i>Representative Stephen Handy (R)</i> Proposes to create the Conversion to Alternative Fuel Grant Program. Promotes conversion equipment to allow a motor vehicle to operate on alternative fuel.	✓			

<i>Utah Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
*SB 69 <i>Senator Scott K. Jenkins (R)</i> Proposes to establish fuel efficiency requirements for government vehicles.	✓			
LAND USE				
NATURAL RESOURCES				
*HB 59 <i>Representative Mike McKell (R)</i> Proposes to address invasive species. Regulates killing of feral swine.	✓			
OTHER				
WASTE				
WATER				
*HB 25 <i>Representative V. Lowry Snow (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Modifies procedures associated with water rights changes.	✓			
*HB 43 <i>Representative Kay L. McIff (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Modifies requirements associated with water rights change applications.	✓			
*HB 47 <i>Representative Kay L. McIff (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Defines state public trust obligations and declares that certain water rights constitute property rights protected by the Utah Constitution.	✓			
*HB 58 <i>Representative Keith Grover (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Requires that applications for a permanent or temporary water right meet certain requirements.	✓			
*HB 161 <i>Representative Kay L. McIff (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Allows for the transfer of water shares in a mutual benefit corporation, subject to conditions.	✓			
*SB 15 <i>Senator Margaret Dayton (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Modifies provisions relating to abandonment or forfeiture of water.	✓			
*SB 35 <i>Senator Margaret Dayton (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Requires that applications for a permanent or temporary water right meet certain requirements.	✓			
*SB 40 <i>Senator Margaret Dayton (R)</i> Proposes to address water rights. Authorizes an individual to withdraw an application for the use of water.	✓			



LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Wyoming 2015 legislative session](#) began 13 JAN 15 and is estimated to adjourn 9 MAR 15. An * indicates the first time a bill appears in the 2015 Review.

<i>Wyoming Bill Number, Sponsor, and Description</i>	<i>Bill Introduced</i>	<i>Passed 1st House</i>	<i>Passed 2nd House</i>	<i>Status</i>
AIR/CLIMATE CHANGE				
ENERGY				
* HB 9 <i>Revenue Committee</i> Proposes to address taxation of alternative fuels.	✓			
LAND USE				
* SB 5 <i>Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee</i> Proposes to acquire the Quebec 1 missile alert facility state historic site, subject to certain conditions.	✓			
* SB 30 <i>Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee</i> Proposes to address how grazing fees from military lands may be used. Creates a fund for grazing fees from military training areas. Specifies fund expenditures for range management operations. Establishes reporting requirements.	✓			
NATURAL RESOURCES				
* SB 6 <i>Senator Bruce Burns (R)</i> Proposes to address aquatic invasive species. Amends requirements for collection and evidence of inspection fees.	✓			
* SJR 6 <i>Senator Larry Hicks (R)</i> Proposes to address sage-grouse management. Requests that Congress recognize and encourage state primacy in sage-grouse management by granting an extension of time to allow development and implementation of state sage-grouse conservation plans.	✓			
OTHER				
WASTE				
* HB 27 <i>Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee</i> Proposes to seek delegation of authority from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to regulate source materials from uranium mining, milling, and recovery operations. Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to oversee the program after delegation of authority.	✓			
WATER				

Department of Defense Activity

SUNZIA TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE THROUGH WSMR APPROVED The Department of the Interior [granted final approval](#) to build the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, a 515-mile high voltage transmission line that will cross the northern tip of White Sands Missile Range (WSMR). In order to gain approval, the developer agreed to bury a five-mile portion of the transmission line to eliminate conflicts with training and weapons testing on White Sands' northern extension.

Federal Activity

AIR

2012 PM2.5 AIR QUALITY DESIGNATIONS The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule establishing air quality designations for most areas of the U.S. for the 2012 fine particulate matter (PM2.5) primary national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) of 12 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) based on a three-year average ([80 FR 2205](#)). EPA classified areas as attainment; nonattainment (moderate); unclassifiable/attainment where data is insufficient to make a determination but forthcoming data will likely allow a determination to be made; or unclassifiable where data is insufficient to determine whether the area is meeting NAAQS or contributing to a nearby violation. For more information, contact [Beth Palma](#) at (919) 541-5432, visit the [rulemaking website](#), or [click here](#) and scroll down to view designations by state.

NAAQS FOR LEAD EPA is proposing to retain the primary and secondary NAAQS for lead ([80 FR 277](#)). EPA has concluded that available evidence supports retaining the current primary and secondary standards of $0.15 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (based on a three-month average) without revision. Comments are due 6 APR 15. For more information, contact [Deirdre Murphy](#) at (919) 541-0729 or view this [fact sheet](#).

NESHAP FOR MAJOR SOURCES: INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL BOILERS AND PROCESS HEATERS EPA is reconsidering its final [31 JAN 13](#) national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) from new and existing industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters at major sources ([80 FR 3089](#)). EPA is seeking comment on three issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration (to view, [click here](#) and scroll to the supplementary information section). In addition, EPA is proposing amendments and technical corrections to the final rule to clarify definitions, references, applicability, and compliance issues. The agency also is proposing to delete rule provisions for an affirmative defense for malfunction in response to a recent court decision on the issue. Comments are due 9 MAR 15. For more information, contact [Jim Eddinger](#) at (919) 541-5426.

AREA SOURCE BOILER RULE EPA is reconsidering its final 1 FEB 13 NESHAP for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers (Area Source Boilers Rule) ([80 FR 2871](#)). EPA is seeking comment on five issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration (to view, [click here](#) and scroll to the supplementary information section). In addition, EPA is proposing a limited number of technical corrections and amendments to the final rule to correct inadvertent errors and to clarify certain applicability and implementation issues. The agency also is proposing to delete rule provisions for

an affirmative defense for malfunction in response to a recent court decision on the issue. Comments are due 9 MAR 15. For more information, contact Mary [Johnson](#) at (919) 541-5025.

NSPS AND EG FOR EXISTING SOURCES: COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE INCINERATION UNITS EPA is reconsidering its final 7 FEB 13 new source performance standards (NSPS) and emission guidelines (EG) for commercial and industrial solid waste incineration (CISWI) units ([80 FR 3017](#)). EPA is seeking comment on four issues raised in the petitions for reconsideration (to view, [click here](#) and scroll to the supplementary information section). In addition, EPA identified regulatory provisions that require clarification and editorial correction to address inconsistencies and errors. The proposed amendments provide additional clarity and improve the implementation of the [February 2013 final CISWI standards](#). Comments are due 9 MAR 15. For more information, contact [Toni Jones](#) at (919) 541-0316.

LABORATORY ODS USE EXEMPTION EXTENDED EPA extended the laboratory and analytical use exemption for the production and import of class I ozone-depleting substances (ODS) through 31 DEC 21 ([80 FR 3885](#)). The exemption allows the production and import of controlled substances in the U.S. for laboratory and analytical uses that have not been already identified by EPA as nonessential. The final rule was effective 26 JAN 15. For more information, contact [Jeremy Arling](#) at (202) 343-9055.

INTEGRATED SCIENCE ASSESSMENT: NO₂ EPA released the [draft integrated science assessment](#) prepared as part of the review of the primary (health-based) NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) for public comment ([80 FR 5110](#)). The document provides the scientific basis for EPA decisions on the adequacy of the current NAAQS and the appropriateness of possible alternative standards. Comments are due 31 MAR 15. For more information, contact Molini Patel at (919) 541-1492.

COLORADO SIP: STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EPA approved revisions to the Steamboat Springs portion of the Colorado State Implementation Plan (SIP) ([80 FR 2827](#)). The revisions include a revised maintenance plan for the area to maintain NAAQS for coarse particulate matter (PM₁₀). The revised maintenance plan addresses maintenance of the PM₁₀ standard for a second 10-year period beyond the area's original redesignation to attainment. In addition, EPA approved the revised maintenance plan's 2024 transportation conformity motor vehicle emissions budget (MVEB) for PM₁₀. The final rule is effective 23 MAR 15. For more information, contact [Crystal Ostigaard](#) at (303) 312-6602.

MONTANA SIP EPA approved revisions to the Montana SIP that amend the state's prevention of significant deterioration program (PSD) ([80 FR 4793](#)). The revisions contain amended and renumbered rules that, among other things, address the proper treatment of air pollutants under the Montana PSD program. The final rule is effective 2 MAR 15. For more information, contact [Kevin Leone](#) at (303) 312-6227.

SOUTH DAKOTA SIP EPA approved revisions to the South Dakota SIP that address attainment of NAAQS for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) (1997 and 2006); lead (2008); ozone (2008) and NO₂ (2010) ([80 FR 4799](#)). EPA also approved SIP revisions that update PSD program and provisions regarding state boards. The final rule is effective 2 MAR 15. For more information, contact [Abby Fulton](#) at (303) 312-6563.

COMPLIANCE

E-ENTERPRISE FOR ENVIRONMENT PORTAL In an effort to reduce regulatory burden and optimize information technology resources across government entities, EPA is developing a website that would function as a point of access to information and tools ([80 FR 3962](#)). The focus of the so-called "E-Enterprise for the Environment" portal is to provide smart tools to help regulated entities understand their environmental obligations and associated permitting and reporting requirements. The portal would also be used to streamline preparation and submittal of information. EPA is seeking comment on the value of establishing a portal; the functions that it should provide; and whether the name "portal" effectively characterizes the effort. A series of webinars is scheduled for 19 and 23 FEB and 5 MAR 15.

Comments are due 90 days from 26 JAN 15. For more information, contact Shana Harbour at (202) 566-2959 or visit EPA's [website](#) for the E-Enterprise Portal.

ENERGY

DEFINITION OF ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking to develop a [common definition for zero energy buildings](#) (ZEBs) and is requesting public comment and information related to zero energy definitions, nomenclature, and implementation guidelines ([80 FR 499](#)). DOE expects to use the definitions and guidelines in DOE projects that provide guidance on the design or operation of zero energy buildings, and in any DOE programs that recognize or track zero energy buildings. Comments are due 20 FEB 15. For more information, contact [Sonia Punjabi](#) at (202) 287-1866.

RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUSINESS DIRECTORY The U.S. Departments of State, Commerce, and Energy are launching the pilot phase of an interactive directory of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions ([80 FR 3219](#)). They are developing an interactive application (app) to serve as a mobile business directory for U.S. clean energy exporters. The app will showcase a diverse array of clean energy goods and services, including renewable energy equipment (solar, wind, geothermal), biofuels, fuel cell power, smart grid technologies, energy efficiency solutions, and U.S.-based services critical to the deployment of clean energy supplies. For more information, contact [Helaina Matza](#) at (202) 647-0716.

HAZMAT

MAILING STANDARDS FOR LITHIUM BATTERIES The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) adopted new standards for mailing lithium batteries ([80 FR 3996](#)). The final rules revise [Publication 52](#) (Hazardous, Restricted, and Perishable Mail). The revisions align USPS requirements with recently revised Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regulations governing the transport of lithium batteries. USPS will continue to allow mailings of lithium metal or lithium-ion batteries packaged with the equipment they operate and lithium-ion batteries packaged without equipment (individual batteries) in domestic air transportation. Under the new standards, packages must not contain more than eight lithium cells or two batteries. Cells and batteries must be within USPS limitations for lithium metal content (or watt-hour rating). Packages must comply with marking requirements and be accompanied by documentation. The final rule is effective 2 MAR 15. For more information, contact Joan Hall at (212) 330-5332.

HAZMAT PACKAGING AND TRANSPORT: ALIGNMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS PHMSA amended its [hazardous materials regulations](#) ([80 FR 1075](#)). The amendments align federal rules with international standards, effective 1 JAN 15. The amendments are intended to ensure that domestic hazard classification, hazard communication, and packaging requirements are consistent with those employed throughout the world. For more information, contact Steven Webb at (202) 366-8553.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REGULATIONS PHMSA is proposing to make updates and clarifications to its hazardous material regulations ([80 FR 3787](#)). Among the proposed amendments: removing the packing group (PG) II designation for certain organic peroxides, self-reactive substances and explosives; incorporating requirements for trailers of manifolded acetylene cylinders; and providing requirements to allow for shipments of damaged wet electric batteries. In addition, PHMSA is proposing to revise requirements for the packaging of nitric acid, testing of pressure relief devices on cargo tanks, and shipments of black or smokeless powder for small arms. Comments are due 24 MAR 15. For more information, contact Neal Suchak at (202) 366-8553.

NATURAL RESOURCES

NEPANODE is a geospatial and document management system made freely available to federal staff and contractors working to implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related environmental review and permitting

processes. It is a pilot effort to provide a shared service for NEPA staff hosted on the cloud and using only free and open source software.

ENHANCING COORDINATION OF NATIONAL EFFORTS IN THE ARCTIC President Obama issued [EO 13689](#) (Enhancing Coordination of National Efforts in the Arctic) on 26 JAN 15. The EO establishes an Arctic executive steering committee tasked to provide guidance to executive departments and agencies and enhance coordination of federal Arctic policies. The steering committee is required to establish a working group tasked to identify potential areas of overlap and duplication between and within agencies with respect to implementation of Arctic policy and strategic priorities. The working group will develop recommendations to increase coordination, reduce duplication of effort, and address potential gaps in implementation. The Deputy Secretary (or equivalent) of Defense is assigned membership to the steering committee.

FEDERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES GUIDEBOOK The [Federal Resource Management Ecosystem Services Guidebook](#) is a website that serves as a training manual to streamline the management of ecosystem services. With the guidebook, resource managers can create clear, workable plans that prioritize the work needed to establish and maintain resilient communities. It discusses ways ecosystem services are and can be integrated into federal resource management, provides answers to "frequently asked questions," and provides guidance. The website has a section on how federal agencies are using it and tools for stakeholder engagement, ecological assessment, integrating social measures, monetary valuation, and multi-criteria evaluation.

STRATEGIC GROWTH POLICY FOR THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) finalized [a policy](#) to implement a strategic approach to the growth of the National Wildlife Refuge System ([80 FR 2119](#)). The policy prioritizes acquisitions within existing refuge boundaries, expansion of existing refuges, and establishment of new refuges. It focuses protection measures on priority conservation features to make the most of limited resources. The policy identifies threatened and endangered species, migratory birds of conservation concern, and waterfowl (or the surrogate species that represent them) as priority conservation features. For more information, contact Brian Salem at (703) 358-2397.

OTHER

FACT CHECKING SCIENCE-BASED CLAIMS [FactCheck.org](#) launched [SciCheck](#), a new site that focuses exclusively on false and misleading scientific claims made by partisans to influence public policy. The new science feature was made possible by a grant from the Stanton Foundation, founded by the late Frank Stanton, president of CBS from 1946 to 1971.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

NORTHERN LONG EARED BAT FWS is proposing to create a species-specific rule under section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to conserve the [northern long-eared bat](#) (*Myotis septentrionalis*), should the service determine the species warrants listing as threatened ([80 FR 2371](#)). A species-specific rule modifies the standard protections for threatened species with tailored prohibitions and exceptions. In addition, the service reopened the public comment period on its [2 OCT 13](#) proposal to list the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species. [Comments](#) are due 17 MAR 15. In EPA Region 8, the species is found in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. Overall, the species is found in 38 eastern, midwestern, and southern states. For more information, contact Tony Sullins at (612) 725-3548.

TOXICS

LEAD-BASED PAINT: TRAINING REQUIREMENTS EPA is proposing to revise training requirements associated with the 2008 [Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting \(RRP\) rule](#) and the 1996 [Lead-based Paint \(LBP\) Activities rule](#) ([80 FR 1873](#)). EPA is proposing to eliminate the requirement that renovator refresher training have a hands-on component. The agency is also proposing to remove jurisdiction-specific certification and accreditation requirements under the LBP

Activities program. In addition, EPA is proposing to add clarifying language to the requirements for training providers under both the RRP and LBP Activities programs. Comments are due 13 FEB 15. For more information, contact [Marc Edmonds](#) at (202) 566-0758.

TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY EPA released the [2013 Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\) National Analysis](#) report. The TRI report is available in a new interactive format that features analyses and interactive maps showing data at state, county, city, and zip code levels. For more information, contact [Rachel Deitz](#) at (202) 564-1807.

WASTE

RECYCLING: EXCLUSION FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE RULES EPA published a final rule revising several recycling-related provisions associated with the definition of a solid waste ([80 FR 1693](#)). The revisions are intended to ensure that recycling regulations encourage reclamation in a way that does not result in increased risk to human health and the environment. The revisions allow certain materials that would otherwise need to be managed as a hazardous waste to be recycled, as long as certain conditions are met. Under the exclusion, a facility that recycles the newly excluded materials (rather than dispose of them as hazardous waste) must send the material to a “verified recycler” that has obtained a variance from EPA or the authorized state. The revisions also add requirements for storage of recyclable materials (meet a new definition of “contained”), recordkeeping, and emergency preparedness and response. The final rule is effective 13 JUL 15. For more information, contact [Tracy Atagi](#) at (703) 208-8672.

WATER

SPILL RESPONSE EPA is proposing to amend rules governing the use of dispersants, certain chemical and biological agents, and other spill mitigating substances when responding to oil discharges into waters of the U.S. ([80 FR 3379](#)). The proposal includes amendments to requirements for notifications, monitoring, and data reporting. The proposed amendments establish monitoring requirements for underwater application of dispersants, dispersants used for an extended period of time, and dispersants used in cases of major oil discharges. The amendments are intended to ensure that On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), Regional Response Teams (RRTs), and Area Committees (ACs) have sufficient information to support agent preauthorization or authorization of use decisions. Comments are due 22 APR 15. For more information, contact [Gregory Wilson](#) at (202) 564-7989 or view this [fact sheet](#).

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION STANDARDS FOR URANIUM MINING In advance of formal publication in the Federal Register, EPA is [proposing](#) new groundwater protection standards for a type of uranium mining referred to as uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) or in-situ leach uranium mining. The proposed rule would regulate byproduct materials resulting from uranium ISR. The proposed rule includes both surface and subsurface standards, with a major focus on groundwater protection, restoration, and stability.

DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE U.S.: CONNECTIVITY REPORT EPA released the final report titled [Connectivity of Streams and Wetlands to Downstream Waters: A Review and Synthesis of the Scientific Evidence](#) (408 pages) ([80 FR 2100](#)). The report summarizes current understanding about the connectivity and mechanisms by which streams and wetlands affect the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of downstream waters. The report informs development of [a rule](#) proposed by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intended to clarify the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act. The report addresses three main questions related to connectivity: What are the physical, chemical, and biological connections to, and effects of:

- ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial stream on downstream waters?
- riparian or floodplain wetlands and open-waters on downstream waters?
- wetlands and open-waters in non-floodplain settings on downstream waters?

For more information, contact [Laurie Alexander](#) at (703) 347-8630, or visit [EPA’s website](#) to view this [fact sheet](#).

ARSENIC IN GROUNDWATER AT PETROLEUM SPILL SITES A long-term field study by the U.S. Geological Survey has found increased concentration of arsenic in groundwater at a petroleum spill site. The study, which investigated natural attenuation of a petroleum hydrocarbon spill in a shallow aquifer, found that the breakdown of petroleum hydrocarbons underground can release naturally occurring arsenic into groundwater. While arsenic is naturally present in most soils and sediments at various concentrations, it is not commonly a health concern until it is mobilized by a chemical reaction and dissolves into groundwater. At the study site, arsenic concentrations in the hydrocarbon plume were as high as 230 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$), or 23 times the current drinking water standard of 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$. Arsenic concentrations in groundwater outside (upgradient and downgradient) of the plume were less than 10 $\mu\text{g/L}$. The study highlights the need for long-term monitoring of arsenic and other chemicals that pose a water quality concern in areas associated with petroleum hydrocarbon leaks and spills. For more information, visit the [study website](#) or read the [study abstract](#).

Professional Development

DoD TRAINING SOURCES

USACE PROSPECT TRAINING USACE announces course availability for the FY15 PROSPECT (i.e., Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training) program. Courses are open to all federal, state, county, and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity. Please refer to the [Course Catalog](#) and [List of Classes and schedule](#) for details.

NAVY AND ISEERB ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING The Navy and the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Environmental Training schedule is available. Course topics include environmental overview and management, law planning and sustainability, pollution prevention, restoration, conservation, supplemental and Internet/computer-based training, and more.

AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL TRAINING The Air Force Civil Engineering School offers a variety of environmental management courses and seminars, including ISEERB offerings. Courses offered by the Civil Engineer School are available to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. government, free of charges. Travel costs are borne by the student.

DEFENSE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING/AWARENESS The U.S. Army offers numerous environmental training courses (classroom and online). Explore training opportunities on the [US Army Environmental Command \(AEC\) website](#), which has links to training provided by DoD organizations.

FEDERAL TRAINING SOURCES

FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER - [FedCenter.gov](#) is the federal government's home for comprehensive environmental stewardship, compliance assistance, and professional development information. FedCenter.gov provides a wide variety of information in the following areas:

- Program development (e.g., environmental management systems, green procurement program);
- Federal and state regulatory requirements for various facility activities;
- Regulatory Watch for information on new or changed laws or regulations;
- P2 opportunities and best management practices;
- EPA enforcement notices;
- Links to state environmental programs;
- Access to [environmental assistance](#);

- Access to free, FedCenter-sponsored courses:
 - [Environmental Compliance for Federal Laboratories](#) (FedCenter membership required);
 - [Environmental Management Systems](#) (FedCenter membership required);
 - [Underground Storage Tanks](#) (FedCenter membership required);
- Environmental [conferences](#), meetings, [training](#), and workshop information;
- Applicable laws and Executive Orders; and
- Industry sector-specific newsletters.

FedCenter also provides member assistance services such as:

- Collaboration tools for workgroups,
- Environmental reporting tools, and
- Daily newsletter and subscription services.

ONLINE TRAINING: SCHEDULED EVENTS

SERDP AND ESTCP WEBINAR SERIES The DoD environmental research and development funding programs ([SERDP and ESTCP](#)) are launching a [webinar series](#) to promote the transfer of innovative, cost-effective and sustainable solutions developed using SERDP and ESTCP funding. Live webinars will be offered every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:00 PM ET (9:00 AM PT) for 90 minutes. Most webinars will feature two 30-minute presentations and interactive question and answer sessions, on topics targeted for DoD and DOE audiences. Prior presentations are archived for viewing any time.

- Management of Contaminated Sediments Sites (20 NOV 14)
- Waste to Energy Technologies (4 DEC 14)
- Energy Audits (18 DEC 14)
- DNAPL (Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid) Source Zone Management (8 JAN 15)
- Sustainable Materials (22 JAN 15)
- Acoustic Methods for Underwater Munitions (5 FEB 15)
- Solar Technologies (19 FEB 15)
- Lead Free Electronics (5 MAR 15)
- Bioremediation Approaches at Chlorinated Solvent Sites (19 MAR 15)
- Resource Conservation and Climate Change (26 MAR 15)
- Blast Noise Measurements and Community Response (16 APR 15)
- Munitions Mobility (7 MAY 15)
- Managing Munition Constituents on Training Ranges (28 MAY 15)

FEMP eTRAINING COURSES The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) offers interactive, online eTraining courses to help federal agencies develop core competencies and comply with energy-efficiency and renewable-energy water-management and sustainability requirements. FEMP is partnering with the National Institute of Building Sciences' Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) to host these comprehensive, FEMP-developed eTraining courses. [Promotional materials](#) are available to help federal agencies encourage the completion of FEMP's eTraining courses. For more information about FEMP eTraining courses, contact [Beverly Dyer](#) at (202) 586-7753. The following courses are available:

- [Advanced Electric Metering in Federal Facilities](#) (3.5 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Building Automation Systems for Existing Federal Facilities](#) (3.5 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Commissioning for Existing Federal Buildings](#) (4.5 hours, .50 CEUs)
- [Energy-Efficient Federal Purchasing](#) (4.5 hours, .50 CEUs)
- [Energy Savings Performance Contracting](#) (8.5 hours, .90 CEUs)
- [Federal On-Site Renewable Power Purchase Agreements](#) (2.5 hours, .30 CEUs)

- [Launching a Utility Energy Services Contract \(UESC\): Getting to Yes!](#) (3 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Managing Water Assessment in Federal Facilities](#) (3.5 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Measurement and Verification in ESPCs](#) (3 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Planning an Energy Assessment for Federal Facilities](#) (4 hours, .50 CEUs)
- [Selecting, Implementing, and Funding Photovoltaic Systems in Federal Facilities](#) (3.5 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Sustainable Institutional Change for Federal Facility Managers](#) (3 hours, .40 CEUs)
- [Utility Service Contracts and Energy Project Incentive Funds](#) (90 minutes)

ENERGY STAR WEBCASTS. Among the offerings:

- [Federal Guiding Principles Checklist](#) – This webcast shows federal energy and sustainability professionals how to use the ENERGY STAR® measurement and tracking tool, Portfolio Manager, to help ensure compliance with the Guiding Principles for High Performance Sustainable Buildings required by Executive Orders 13423 and 13514. The focus is on the Guiding Principles for Sustainable Existing Buildings.
- [Portfolio Manager 101](#) – This webcast demonstrates the core functionality of EPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager tool. Attendees will learn to navigate the new Portfolio Manager, add a property and enter details, enter energy and water consumption data, share properties, generate performance reports to assess progress, and respond to data requests.
- [Portfolio Manager 201](#) – This webcast will explore advanced functionalities of EPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager tool, including managing and tracking changes to property uses over time; using spreadsheet templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; generating and using custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES This [webinar series](#) was developed to inform scientists, land managers, and the public about potential and predicted climate change impacts on fish and wildlife and to help guide resource management decisions across the United States. Video recordings with closed captioning are made available one to two weeks after each presentation.

READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM – Webinar Series The REPI Webinar Series is presented by DoD in partnership with the [Land Trust Alliance](#). This online series covers best practices, tutorials and knowledge sharing on REPI partnerships that support military mission and accelerate the pace and rate of conservation. All webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern unless otherwise noted. Previously scheduled webinars are available anytime.

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY Learn about key issues, successful projects, and a variety of best management practices for creating waste management programs, from the series of live and archived webinars. Building on the familiar concept of [Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#), sustainable materials management (SMM) is a systemic approach that seeks to reduce materials use and their associated environmental impacts over their entire life cycle, starting with extraction of natural resources and product design and ending with decisions on recycling or final disposal. The format is a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session.

ITRC INTERNET BASED TRAINING The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a state-led coalition working with federal partners, industry, academia, and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of environmental technologies. In conjunction with EPA’s Technology Innovation and Field Services Division, ITRC delivers training courses to reach a geographically dispersed audience of regulators, consultants, and other members of the environmental community. The training sessions last approximately two hours, cover technical and regulatory information specific to environmental technologies and innovative approaches, and are supported by consensus-based ITRC guidance documents. Visit the site often to view upcoming internet-based training events.

ONLINE TRAINING: AVAILABLE ANYTIME

CLIMATE READY WATER UTILITIES EPA's Climate Ready Water Utilities initiative assists the water sector (drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities) in addressing impacts from climate change. This information helps utility owners and operators better prepare their systems for the impacts of climate change. The website has links to [tools and resources](#), new and recorded [training webinars](#), and more.

WATER'S IMPACT ON THE ENERGY SECTOR This on-demand webinar features Stacy Tellinghuisen, senior energy/water policy analyst at Western Resource Advocates, who shares new research on the national impacts of water scarcity on the energy sector, including how the expanded use of renewable energy and energy efficiency can help reduce the potential impacts that prolonged droughts will have on the energy sector.

EPA RCRA TRAINING RCRA-related online courses, seminars, webinars, podcasts, and videos are posted throughout EPA's waste website. Introductory and advanced courses are included for federal and state regulators, the regulated community, organizations, associations, and consumers interested in environmental laws, regulations, and implementation. Topics include general RCRA, RCRA corrective action, Environmental Management Systems (EMS), e-waste, groundwater characterization and cleanup, land revitalization, land disposal restrictions, sustainable materials management web academy, and environmental justice and RCRA permitting.

AREA SOURCE BOILER RULE VIDEO SERIES This [EPA video series](#) explaining the Area Source Boiler Rule consists of modules regarding:

- An overview of rule applicability, including specific rule requirements and compliance dates;
- How to conduct an energy assessment;
- How to conduct a boiler tune-up; and
- Recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the rule.

Area sources are commercial (e.g., laundries, apartments, hotels), institutional (e.g., schools, churches, medical centers, municipal buildings) or industrial (e.g., manufacturing, refining, processing, mining) facilities that emit or have the potential to emit less than 10 tons per year (tpy) of a single hazardous air pollutant, or less than 25 tpy combined hazardous air pollutants. The Area Source Boiler Rule affects boilers at these facilities that burn coal (including coal refuse, petroleum coke, or synthetic fuels derived from coal), oil or other liquid fuel, biomass, and non-waste materials.

BEST PRACTICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT FOR FEDERAL FACILITIES This comprehensive water management training provides federal facility and energy managers with knowledge and skills to assist in meeting water-related legislative and executive order requirements. Learners will develop skills in increasing water efficiency and reducing water use through sound operations and maintenance practices and water-efficient technologies. Several methods for meeting needs for non-potable water through alternate water sources, such as rainwater harvesting, reclaimed wastewater, and gray water are discussed. Water metering is covered, as well as life cycle costing and establishing the overall economics for strategic water management.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT AND SITE INSPECTION (PA/SI) WEBINAR SERIES The CERCLA Education Center (CEC) is offering archived versions of its nine-part Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI) [webinar series](#). PA/SI is an intermediate training course designed for personnel who are required to compile, draft, and review PA, SI, and hazard ranking system (HRS) documentation records and packages submitted for sites proposed for the National Priorities List (NPL). More information is available at www.clu-in.org.

DISTRIBUTED-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS: FROM PLANNING TO PROJECT CLOSEOUT This 2.5 hour webinar focuses on the planning and implementation of distributed-scale renewable energy projects (i.e., those smaller than 10 megawatts). The on-demand course outlines a detailed 10-step process from technology screening to project closeout. It explores online tools and resources for renewable energy projects on federal sites.

EPA AIR POLLUTION TRAINING INSTITUTE (APTI) EPA's [Air Pollution Training Institute](#) (APTI) offers a variety of online self instructional courses and videos for air pollution professionals. Although APTI courses are designed for state and local government officials, the courses, webinars, and videos are available to anyone.

AVERT TUTORIAL EPA launched its new on-demand training on how to use its Avoided Emissions and generation tool (AVERT). AVERT estimates the potential of energy efficiency/renewable energy (EE/RE) programs to displace electricity system-related SO₂, NO_x, and CO₂ emissions in the continental United States. The tool can be used to evaluate county, state and regional level emissions displaced by energy efficiency and renewable energy programs without the need to specialized resources or electricity system expertise.

FEMP TRAINING SEARCH TOOL FEMP recently launched the FEMP Training Search, a web tool that lists free training opportunities to help agencies meet federal energy, water, and sustainability laws and requirements. The new search tool provides options to easily find and select training offerings by topic area, topic series, course format and type, and by level of difficulty—introductory (101), intermediate (201), and advanced (301).

EPA TMDL AND NPDES PERMIT TRAINING EPA developed three web-based training modules on topics related to TMDLs and NPDES permitting. The presentations are intended for TMDL developers and NPDES permitting staff to gain a better understanding of TMDL implementation through NPDES permits. Each module is offered as a recorded presentation that enables participants to review the material on demand in a self-paced environment. The modules are also available as unrecorded PowerPoint presentations with slides and scripts. Each recorded session is approximately 2 hours long.

Module 1: Understanding TMDLs: A Primer for NPDES Permit Writers

Module 2: Understanding Waste Load Allocation Implementation in Permits: A Primer for TMDL Developers

Module 3: Understanding TMDLs with Stormwater Sources and the NPDES Stormwater Permitting Process

CLASSROOM/INTERNET TRAINING SOURCES

EPA NPDES TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS Training courses, workshops, and webcasts explain the regulatory framework and technical considerations of the NPDES Permit program. They are designed for permit writers, dischargers, EPA officials, and other interested parties. Topics include vessel general permits, combined sewer overflows, energy management, green infrastructure, pesticides, pretreatment, sanitary sewer overflows, and stormwater.

How the Regional Offices Work for You

When used within the framework of ISO 14001, the *Western Region Review* can be part of an installation's procedures to satisfy Section 4.3.2 (Legal and other requirements) of ISO 14001. Information in the *Review* is intended for general guidance, and the reader should refer to cited source documents for more detailed information to determine the applicability and scope of the referenced legislation and regulations.

The US Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices monitor state legislative and regulatory actions on your behalf. If a proposed state action has (1) critical mission impact; (2) conflicts with a federal requirement; and/or (3) a disproportionate effect on the Army or DoD, we coordinate with the potentially affected installations, commands, and/or other military Services to further assess the potential impact. If action is needed on a proposed measure we work with Army or Service regulatory experts to communicate DA/DoD position, coordinating with the affected installations and commands. Comments are combined from all parties in a single DoD/Army package and formally submitted to the state.

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Acronyms

ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ACUB	Army Compatible Use Buffer
AFFF	aqueous film forming foam
ARM	Administrative Rules of Montana
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
BACT	best available control technology
BART	best available retro-fit technology
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BTU	British thermal unit
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAFE	corporate average fuel economy
CATEX	categorical exclusion
CCR	Code of Colorado Regulations
CDNR	Colorado Department of Natural Resources
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation
CH ₄	methane
CNOR	candidate notice of review
CO ₂	carbon dioxide
CO ₂ e	carbon dioxide equivalent
CrVI	hexavalent chromium
CSB	Chemical Safety Board
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWQCC	Colorado Water Quality Control Commission
DA	Department of Agriculture
DO	dissolved oxygen
DoD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPS	distinct population segment
ECF	emission comparable fuel
EIS	environmental impact statement
EO	Executive Order
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EQC	Environmental Quality Council
ESA	Endangered Species Act of 1973
ESTCP	Environmental Security Technology Certification Program
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FIFRA	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FONSI	finding of no significant impact
FS	Forest Service
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	fiscal year
GAO	Government Accountability Office
GHG	greenhouse gas
GSA	General Service Administration
HCFC	hydrochlorofluorocarbon
HFC	hydrofluorocarbon
HFE	hydrofluorinated ethers

INRMP	integrated natural resource management plan
ISEERB	Interservice Environmental Education Review Board
ITRC	Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council
JLUS	Joint Land Use Study
LBP	lead-based paint
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
LID	Low-Impact Development
MACT	maximum achievable control technology
MBER	Montana Board of Environmental Review
MCL	maximum contaminant level
MCLG	maximum contaminant level goal
MDEQ	Montana Department of Environmental Quality
MDNRC	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
MERIT	Materials of Evolving Regulatory Interest Team
MGA	Midwestern Governors Association
MOU	memorandum of understanding
MMS	Minerals Management Service
MS4	municipal separate storm sewer system
MSGP	multi-sector general permit
N ₂ O	nitrous oxide
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
NDDOH	North Dakota Department of Health
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NESHAP	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
NF ₃	nitrogen trifluoride
NHTSA	National Highway Transportation Safety Administration
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
NOx	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRC	National Research Council
NSPS	New Source Performance Standard
NSR	New Source Review
OIE	Office of Energy Initiatives
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ORCR	Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery
ORW	outstanding resource water
P2	pollution prevention
PBDE	polybrominated diphenyl ethers
PFC	perfluorocarbons
PFOA	perfluorooctanoic acid
PFOS	perfluorooctane sulfonic acid
PM	particulate matter
PM _{2.5}	particulate matter 2.5 microns in diameter or less
PM ₁₀	particulate matter 10 microns in diameter or less
POP	persistent organic pollutant
ppb	parts per billion
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
PWS	public water system
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
RoC	Report on Carcinogens
RoHS	European Union's Restriction of Hazardous Substances

RRP	Renovation, Repair, and Painting
SDDENR	South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
SERDP	Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program
SI	spark-ignition
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SNAP	significant new alternatives policy
SNUR	significant new use rule
SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
SO _x	sulfur oxides
SPCC	spill prevention, control, and countermeasures
TMDL	total maximum daily load
tpy	tons per year
TRI	Toxics Release Inventory
TSCA	Toxic Substance Control Act
UDEQ	Utah Department of Environmental Quality
UDNR	Utah Department of Natural Resources
UFC	Unified Facilities Criteria
ug/m ³	micrograms per cubic meter
UPDES	Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
U.S.	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USAEC	United States Army Environmental Command
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UST	underground storage tank
USTCA	Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act
VOC	volatile organic compound
WCI	Western Climate Initiative
WDEQ	Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality
WGA	Western Governors' Association
WOSL	Wyoming Office of State Lands
WRAP	Western Regional Air Partnership

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