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The **WESTERN REGION 8 REVIEW** provides current information on natural resource, energy, and environmental issues relevant to Department of Defense interests in the six states that comprise Federal Region 8. The Review is intended to be a tool useful to DoD and Army leaders, planners, and program managers in carrying out their responsibilities. The Western Region 8 Review monitors and targets proposed and final regulations and legislation that may affect Army or DoD operations. To receive a copy of this electronic publication, send an email request to nancy.l.reese2.ctr@mail.mil.

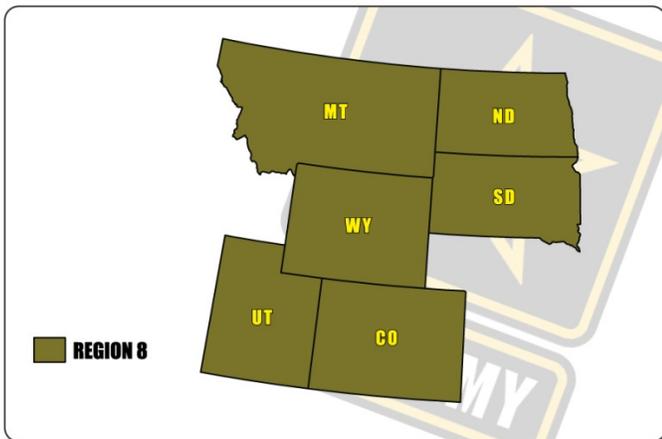


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Western Governors’ Policy Resolutions

The Governors of [22 western states and territories](#) approved [eight new policy resolutions](#) at the [Western Governors’ Association](#) (WGA) winter meeting, held 11 DEC 13 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The resolutions include:

Water Resource Management in the West Western Governors re-assert that states are the primary authority for [water supply planning and management](#) within their boundaries. Their water management priorities are (1) state primacy, (2) new infrastructure, (3) innovative water management, and (4) reliable water data.

Water Quality in the West States and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) work together as co-regulators under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). In this resolution, the Governors lay out their [views on water quality issues](#) and federal water regulation, including the preservation of state authority in managing water resources.

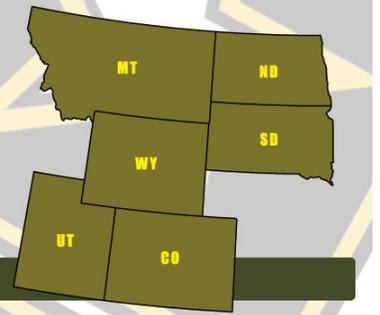
Transportation and Storage/Disposal of Radioactive Waste Western Governors assert that [transportation of radioactive wastes](#) should be in accordance with the [Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act](#) and that [new radioactive waste storage/disposal facilities](#) be developed in cooperation with the Governors of affected states.

Regulation of Coal Combustion Waste Western Governors assert that their states should continue to be the principal regulatory authorities for [coal combustion residual waste](#) and urge EPA not to create unnecessary additional federal regulation.

The remaining resolutions address royalties from federal lands, school funding, and mine reclamation. All resolutions can be [downloaded](#) from WGA’s website.

Region 8

For more information on any state issues in Region 8, contact [Julia Miller](#), Region 8 Program Coordinator (303) 844-0952.



NATURAL RESOURCES

PRESCRIBED BURNING REGULATION The Colorado Department of Agriculture [adopted an emergency rulemaking](#) that establishes requirements for a prescribed burning program in the state. The emergency rulemaking expires 28 FEB 14. The department intends to promulgate permanent rules to replace the emergency rulemaking before it expires. This action is being taken in response to [Senate Bill \(SB\) 13-083](#), which required the state to develop a prescribed burning program for the state by 1 DEC 13. For more information, contact [Melissa Lineberger](#) at (303) 239-5879.

EMERALD ASH BORER The Colorado Department of Agriculture is proposing to make permanent an emergency quarantine against Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) that was adopted on 12 NOV 13. The permanent rule establishes a quarantine against EAB, sets forth definitions and specific terms used in the rule, establishes quarantine areas, specifies regulated articles, specifies restrictions established on regulated articles, and specifies rule violations for which penalties may be imposed. This action would revise Title 8, Colorado Code of Regulation (CCR) 1203-24. A [public hearing](#) was held 7 JAN 14. For more information, contact [Jenifer Gurr](#) at (303) 239-4102.

COLORADO NOXIOUS WEED ACT The Colorado Department of Agriculture is proposing revisions to the state noxious weed list. The revisions add species to the watch list, develop and implement state noxious weed management plans for List B species, revise rules pertaining to roadway and water vectors, add management plan maps to accompany new management plans, and make general housekeeping changes. A [public hearing](#) is scheduled for 28 JAN 14.

TOXICS

TRANSPORTATION OR HAZARDOUS AND NUCLEAR MATERIALS The Colorado Department of Public Safety [is proposing](#) to amend rules governing the permitting and transportation of hazardous and nuclear materials in the state. The amendments correct route additions that were inadvertently omitted in the prior rule, align federal and state requirements, and make housekeeping changes to improve clarity. This action would amend 8 CCR 1507-25. A public hearing is scheduled for 24 JAN 14. For more information, contact [Joshua Downing](#) at (303) 273-1910.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Colorado 2014 legislative session](#) began 8 JAN 14 and is estimated to adjourn 7 MAY 14.



NOXIOUS WEEDS The Montana Department of Agriculture [adopted](#) amendments to the state noxious weed list. The amendments change the priority listing for several weeds and modify the definition of a priority 1A weed designation.

The changed designations allow local weed districts to prioritize aquatic weeds based on aquatic weed presence, county noxious weed priorities, and resource availability. The final rule was effective 27 DEC 13. For more information, contact Cort Jensen at (406) 444-3144.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

Montana does not hold a regular legislative session in 2014.



WATER

NPDES PERMIT: DISCHARGES FROM WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND POTABLE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) [announced](#) it intends to issue North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) General Permit NDG52-0000 to regulate discharges from water treatment facilities and potable water distribution systems. Comments are due 16 JAN 14. For more information, contact the department at (701) 328-5210.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS NDDOH [repealed and replaced](#) its regulations on septic system servicing. This action replaces the existing rule with streamlined regulations that incorporate the requirements of [SB 2308 \(2013\)](#). The final rule was effective 1 JAN 14. For more information, contact NDDOH at (701) 328-5210.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

North Dakota does not hold a regular legislative session in 2014.



LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [South Dakota 2014 legislative session](#) begins 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 MAR 14.



AIR

CACHE COUNTY I/M PROGRAM The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ) [adopted](#) an amendment that incorporates by reference the most recent version of the Utah State Implementation Plan (SIP), Section F adopted by the Utah Air Quality Board. The board amended SIP Section X Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program, Part F, Cache County, by adding a description of Cache County I/M programs. The I/M program is a test-and-repair program that exempts vehicles less than six years old as of January 1 of any given year from requirements for an emissions inspection. The [final rule](#) was effective 7 NOV 13. For more information, contact [Mark Berger](#) at (801) 536-4000.

WATER

MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGES The UDEQ issued a [draft general Multi-Sector General Permit \(MSGP\)](#) for discharges associated with industrial activity (UTR000000). The permit [covers discharges](#) from activities identified under [industrial sector P](#). Stormwater drainage areas covered by the permit include motor freight transportation, passenger transportation, railroad transportation, U.S. Postal Service transportation facilities, and petroleum bulk oil stations and terminals. Areas on industrial sites that are not regulated do not need not be managed under this permit, provided that storm water from unregulated and undisturbed areas does not mix with storm water from regulated areas. Comments on the draft permit were due 23 DEC 13. For more information, contact [Michael George](#), or view the department's [fact sheet/statement of basis](#).

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Utah 2014 legislative session](#) begins 27 JAN 14 and is estimated to adjourn 5 MAR 14.



AIR

INFRASTRUCTURE SIPs: OZONE, NO₂, SO₂ The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) is soliciting public comment on three draft infrastructure SIPs that address national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard, the 2010 1-hour nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) standard, and the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) standard. When finalized, the SIPs will be submitted to EPA for approval. A [public hearing](#) is scheduled for 15 JAN 14. Comments are due the same day. For more information, contact Steven Dietrich at (307) 777-7391.

SO₂ SIP WDEQ is soliciting public comment on revisions to the Wyoming SO₂ SIP that would incorporate all existing federal SO₂ ambient standards. A [public hearing](#) is scheduled for 15 JAN 14. Comments are due the same day. For more information, contact Steven Dietrich at (307) 777-7391.

REGIONAL HAZE PROGRESS REPORT WDEQ is soliciting public comment on a 5-year progress report on its Regional Haze SIP. The progress report is a periodic revision to the Regional Haze SIP that assesses reasonable further progress. When finalized, the progress report will be submitted to EPA as a SIP revision. A [public hearing](#) is scheduled for 15 JAN 14. Comments are due the same day. For more information, contact Steven Dietrich at (307) 777-7391.

AIR QUALITY STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS WDEQ [adopted](#) revisions to several chapters of its air quality regulations. The revisions amend:

- [Chapter 3](#), Section 2 (Emission Standards for Particulate Matter) - revise to address the treatment of excess emissions;
- [Chapter 4](#), Section 5 (Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators) - update to align state regulations with federal guidelines;
- [Chapter 5](#), Section 2 (New Source Performance Standards) and Section 3 (National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants) - update to reflect changes in the federal versions of these rules;
- [Chapter 6](#), Section 4, (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) - update to specifically list new minor source baseline dates for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), include revised federal language on the treatment of condensable particulate matter (PM), and clarify when the maximum allowable increment is exceeded for PM;

- [Chapter 8](#), (Nonattainment Area Regulations) - reorganize and add new Section 5 (Ozone Nonattainment Emission Inventory Rule) to establish requirements for the submittal of emission inventories from facilities or sources located in an ozone nonattainment area; and
- [Chapter 11](#), Section 2 (Acid Rain Program) - update annually portions of the state air quality regulations adopted by reference from the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR).

Other amendments update the edition of the CFR incorporated by reference to 1 JUL 12 and update portions of the SIP (Chapter 3, Sections 2 and 9; Chapter 6, Sections 4 and 14; and Chapter 8, Sections 5 and 10). The final rule was effective 22 NOV 13. For more information, contact [Christine Anderson](#) at (307) 675-5624.

LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

The [Wyoming 2014 legislative session](#) begins 10 FEB 14 and is estimated to adjourn 6 MAR 14.

Department of Defense Activity

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2014 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS [Nominations](#) for the [Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards](#) to be presented in 2014 are due to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) (ODUSD(I&E)) by 3 MAR 14. Each military service and defense agency may submit one nomination for each of the award categories for achievements during the period 1 OCT 11 through 30 SEP 13. Awards categories include natural resources conservation, environmental quality, sustainability, environmental restoration, cultural resources, and environmental excellence in weapons system acquisition.

ENERGY

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS AND MISSION COMPATIBILITY EVALUATION DoD issued a final rule on 5 DEC 13 outlining the evaluation process for determining whether proposed energy projects, such as wind farms, could interfere with military testing or training activities ([78 FR 73085](#)). The rule applies to proposed commercial renewable energy projects referred to DoD from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for projects that could affect navigable airspace. Under the rule, the [DoD Siting Clearinghouse](#) will have 30 days to determine whether potential projects would have an adverse impact on military operations and readiness. For projects determined to potentially interfere with military operations, DoD and the project proponent would have 90 days to reach an agreement on measures to mitigate the adverse impact. If the two are unable to reach an agreement, the final rule establishes a process to resolve conflicts and issue final determinations regarding whether a proposed project interferes with DoD readiness. This final rule was developed in response to a provision in the 2011 defense authorization bill calling for DoD to outline procedures to ensure commercial renewable energy projects do not pose a risk to national security. The final rule was effective 6 JAN 14. For more information, contact [Bill Van Houten](#) at (703) 571-9068.

DFARS: PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES DoD issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to clarify rules of origin under trade agreements for photovoltaic devices to be utilized under covered DoD contracts ([78 FR 76993](#)). The interim rule makes two clarifications regarding "country of origin" determination and certification. According to the ruling, DoD can now buy solar panels from a U.S. manufacturer or a company in a country that currently has a free trade agreement with the U.S., 20 nations, or a member of a select group within the World Trade Organization. Photovoltaic devices from China do not meet requirements for purchase by DoD. The final rule was effective 20 DEC 13.

BIO-FUEL FOR HELICOPTERS The Army [is testing](#) a new bio-jet fuel blend as a “drop-in” replacement for jet propellant 8 (JP-8) in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. The bio-fuel, known as ATJ-8 (alcohol-to-jet), is made from renewable [isobutanol](#). This action was undertaken in support of Army efforts to certify its air platforms on renewable fuels.

NATURAL RESOURCES

SENTINEL LANDSCAPES On 13 DEC 13, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Department of the Interior (DOI), and DoD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance Sentinel Landscapes across the country. The purpose of this MOU is to establish a mutually beneficial partnership between the agencies to coordinate delivery of federal programs to optimize the benefits of federal assistance to landowners whose working and natural lands also serve to protect the military mission. The MOU establishes a Sentinel Landscapes Coordinating Committee to determine needs and identify opportunities for collaboration, jointly designate Sentinel Landscapes for action, promote successful tools and approaches, and facilitate coordination among the partners. Sentinel Landscapes are places where preserving the working and rural character of private lands is important for both national defense and conservation priorities. The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership will focus on overlapping priority areas near military installations to help landowners make improvements to the land that benefit their operations, enhance wildlife habitat, and enable DoD’s training missions to continue. DoD is administering the MOU through their [Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration \(REPI\) Program](#). The MOU will be in effect until 1 JAN 19.

SUSTAINABILITY

DoD STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PLAN The fiscal year (FY) [2013 annual update](#) of the DoD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan is now available. This annual plan update lays out DoD goals and sustainability performance expectations through FY 2020. It establishes the path by which DoD will improve its mission, lower life cycle costs, and advance technologies and practices that further the sustainability goals of the nation. In FY 2012, DoD continued to drive progress on sustainability by embedding sustainability concepts and requirements into high-level strategies, training, policies, and guidance documents across the Military Departments.

GREEN GLOBES BUILDING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS The DoD now allows the use of either the Green Building Initiative’s [Green Globes](#) or the U.S Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ([LEED](#)) for third party green building certification. In October 2013, the General Services Administration (GSA) [recommended](#) the federal government use either Green Globes or LEED to gauge environmental performance in its construction and renovation projects. DoD followed suit by altering its Sustainable Buildings Policy, as announced by Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment) John Conger in a [10 NOV 13 memorandum](#).

Federal Activity

AIR

PSD FOR PM2.5 EPA amended its regulations to remove two screening levels for PM2.5 Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules ([78 FR 73698](#)). This action removes significant impact level (SIL) and significant monitoring concentration (SMC) provisions for PM2.5 that were vacated by court rulings. Entities potentially affected by this rule include new and modified major stationary sources in all industry groups. The PSD permit program applies to any new major stationary source or major modification at a stationary source located in a designated attainment or unclassifiable area. The final rule was effective 9 DEC 13. For more information, contact [Ben Garwood](#) at (919) 541-1358, or visit the [EPA website](#).

COLORADO SIP: PAGOSA SPRINGS EPA is proposing to partially approve and partially disapprove revisions to the Pagosa Springs portion of the Colorado SIP ([78 FR 78797](#)). The state submitted a revised maintenance plan for Pagosa Springs to meet NAAQS for coarse particulate matter (PM10) for a second 10-year period beyond the original redesignation to attainment. EPA is proposing to approve the revised maintenance plan with the exception of one aspect of the plan's contingency measures. Comments are due 27 JAN 14. For more information, contact [Kyle Olson](#) at (303) 312-6002.

WYOMING SIP EPA is partially approving and partially disapproving revisions to the Wyoming SIP regarding infrastructure requirements to meet the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS ([78 FR 73445](#)). The agency is also approving revisions to Wyoming's PSD program that incorporate necessary provisions from EPA's 2010 PM2.5 Increment Rule. The final rule was effective 6 JAN 14. For more information, contact [Kathy Ayala](#) at (303) 312-6142.

CLIMATE CHANGE

CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE EPA [issued a final rule](#) excluding carbon dioxide (CO₂) injected in Class IV underground injection control (UIC) wells for geologic sequestration from federal hazardous waste regulations ([79 FR 350](#)). The final rule also clarifies that CO₂ injected underground via UIC Class II wells for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) is not considered a waste management activity. The rule is part of EPA's efforts to provide regulatory clarity to encourage the deployment of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies in a safe and environmentally protective manner. It is complementary to a [SDWA rule](#) that sets requirements to ensure that wells used for geologic sequestration of CO₂ streams are appropriately sited, constructed, tested, monitored, and closed in a manner that ensures protection of [underground sources of drinking water](#). The final rule is effective 4 MAR 14. For more information, contact [Melissa Kaps](#) at (703) 308-6787, or refer to EPA's [notice of final rulemaking](#).

ENERGY

FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ON ENERGY MANAGEMENT On 5 DEC 13, President Obama issued a [memorandum](#) establishing new goals for renewable energy and specifying new energy-management practices ([78 FR 75209](#)). The memorandum extends [EO 13514](#) to direct federal agencies to increase their use of renewable energy to 20% by the year 2020. It further details priority actions, directions on accounting for renewable energy, and building performance and energy management. The memorandum directs agencies to document progress using EPA's [Energy Star Portfolio Manager](#) and [Green Button](#).

DOE REPORT ON GRID ENERGY STORAGE The Department of Energy (DOE) released a report reviewing the technical maturity and regulatory status of (electrical) energy storage. DOE defined four major challenges to the widespread adoption of energy storage: the development of cost-effective energy storage technologies, validated reliability and safety, an equitable regulatory environment, and industry acceptance. The report outlines uses for storage, beyond just saving power until it is needed later. Other ways in which storage provides value include spinning and non-spinning reserves, ramping support for renewables, distribution upgrade deferral and voltage support, and customer-side meter storage. [The report](#) is available on the DOE website.

DOE 2014-2018 DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN DOE released its draft [2014-2018 Strategic Plan](#) ([78 FR 72873](#)). DOE is responsible for advancing the energy, environmental, and nuclear security of the United States; promoting scientific and technological innovation in support of that mission; sponsoring basic research in the physical sciences; and ensuring the environmental cleanup of the nation's nuclear weapons complex. The plan generally provides upper level goals and strategies, but also contains specific performance goals including target prices for solar photovoltaic systems and electrical energy storage. For more information, contact [Chris Johns](#) at (202) 586-4180.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

HR 3687 MILITARY LAND AND NATIONAL DEFENSE ACT Representative Darrell Issa (R) [introduced an amendment](#) to the National Historic Preservation Act that would allow the head of a federal agency to object to the inclusion of a

property on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) (National Register) on the basis of national security. The objection would prevent the property from being listed until the objection is withdrawn. Introduced 10 DEC 13.

LAND USE

NATIONAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT DATABASE The [National Conservation Easement Database](#) (NCED) is the first national database of conservation easement information, compiling records from land trusts and public agencies throughout the United States. The database, developed in collaboration with land trusts and public agencies, creates a single, up-to-date, sustainable nationwide system for managing and accessing data about conservation easements. It provides a comprehensive picture of the estimated 40 million acres of conservation easement lands.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

EAGLE TAKE PERMITS AND WIND ENERGY DOI released a [final rule](#) extending the maximum term of a programmatic eagle take permits up to 30 years, subject to 5-year review and approval ([78 FR 73704](#)). The final rule revises regulations for take of golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) and bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) associated with, but not the purpose of, an activity. It is intended to facilitate development of renewable energy and other projects that will operate for decades. The final rule was effective 8 JAN 14. For more information, contact DOI at (703) 358-1714, or refer to DOI's [press release](#).

BLACK-FOOTED FERRET The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) released a revised recovery plan for the [black-footed ferret](#) (*Mustela nigripes*) ([78 FR 77485](#)). The recovery plan, which covers 12 western states, focuses on successful management of prairie dog colonies and continued ferret re-introduction efforts. For more information, contact Pete Gober at (970) 897-2730.

PROPOSED LISTING: YELLOW BILLED CUCKOO FWS reopened the public comment period on its proposal to list the [yellow billed cuckoo](#) in the western portion of the United States, Canada, and Mexico as a threatened distinct population segment (DPS) ([78 FR 78321](#)). In the U.S., the species is known or believed to occur in Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Comments are due 24 FEB 14. For more information, contact Jennifer Norris at (916) 414-6600.

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN FWS is proposing a revised special rule for the [lesser prairie chicken](#) (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) to provide for conservation of the species ([78 FR 75306](#)). In addition, FWS is announcing the reopening of the public comment period on its [11 DEC 12](#) proposed rule to list the lesser prairie-chicken as threatened. Lastly, the agency is announcing the availability of the final Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan, which has been prepared by the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Interstate Working Group. FWS has endorsed the plan. Comments were due 10 JAN 14. The species is known to or is believed to occur in Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. For more information, contact Jontie Aldrich at (918) 581-7458.

NORTHERN LONG EARED BAT FWS extended the public comment period for its [2 OCT 13](#) proposal to list the [Northern long eared bat](#) (*Myotis septentrionalis*) as endangered throughout its range ([78 FR 72058](#)). The comment period was extended to 2 JAN 14. The northern long-eared bat is found in the United States from Maine to North Carolina on the Atlantic Coast, westward to eastern Oklahoma and north through the Dakotas, reaching into eastern Montana and Wyoming. For more information, contact Peter Fasbender at (920) 866-3650.

TOXICS

EPCRA REPORTING: CHLORSULFURON EPA denied a petition to remove the herbicide chlorsulfuron from the list of chemicals subject to toxic release inventory (TRI) reporting under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 ([78 FR 73787](#)). The herbicide is commonly used for roadside vegetation management. It is the active ingredient (75%) in the herbicide Telar XP®.

TSCA REPORTING EPA will require reports submitted under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to be submitted electronically ([78 FR 72818](#)). The final rule is effective 4 MAR 14. For more information, contact [Katherine Sleasman](#) at (202) 564-7716.

GUIDANCE: PCB-CONTAINING FLUORESCENT LIGHT BALLASTS EPA released [guidance](#) on the handling of polychlorinated bi-phenyl (PCB)-containing fluorescent light ballasts. While the guidance is directed at schools, it applies to any other building owner or operator. PCB-containing ballasts were installed in buildings prior to 1979; those currently in use have exceeded their designed life span.

WATER

EPA RELEASES NEW VISION FOR TMDL PROGRAM EPA [announced](#) a new collaborative framework for implementing its CWA Section 303(d) program with states. The 303(d) program requires states to develop lists of impaired waters, establish priority rankings for waters on the lists, and develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for these waters. According to the agency, the new program vision, while not mandatory, is intended to enhance the overall efficiency of the 303(d) program, focus attention on priority waters, and provide states flexibility in using available tools beyond TMDLs to attain water quality restoration and protection.

Professional Development

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.

USACE PROSPECT Training USACE announces course availability for the FY14 PROSPECT (i.e., Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training) program. Please see the [Course Catalog \(a.k.a. Purple Book\)](#) and [List of Classes](#)

and schedule for details. Courses are open to all federal, state, county and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity.

NAVY AND ISEERB ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING FY14 The Navy and the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Environmental Training schedule for FY14 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 FY14 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.

QUALIFIED RECYCLING PROGRAM RESIDENT COURSE TO BE REPLACED WITH DISTANCE LEARNING DoD's Qualified Recycling Program (QRP) 40-Hour Resident Course (WENV 160), which has been taught and managed by the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), is being reformatted as a distance learning course. This action is being taken to accommodate budget restrictions on training and travel. The reformatted, web-based course will continue to offer the same opportunities for student involvement (e.g., group activities, assignments, discussions, etc.) as the resident course. Although reformatting the Qualified Recycling Course for distance learning is not yet complete, AFIT anticipates the web-based course will be offered several times in FY14. This action is part of a broader effort to increase distance-learning options. For more information, visit the [AFIT course website](#), or contact Mr. Tom Glardon at (937) 255-5654 ext 3538 (DSN 785-4645).

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.

Online Training

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)

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.

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.

PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT EXTENSION, PROCESS, AND IMPACTS WEBINAR This webinar features Paul Holshouser of the American Wind Energy Association, and Jon Chase from Vestas, who provide an insiders' perspective of the last-minute Production Tax Credit extension, including details about how the extension differs from past extensions, current status of the rule implementation, and the potential impacts on the wind industry.

WATER'S IMPACT ON THE ENERGY SECTOR This 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.

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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
CAIR	Clean Air Interstate Rule
CAMR	Clean Air Mercury Rule
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
CH₄	methane
CNOR	candidate notice of review
CO₂	carbon dioxide
CO₂e	carbon dioxide equivalent
COE	Corps of Engineers
CrVI	hexavalent chromium
CSB	Chemical Safety Board
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWQCC	Colorado Water Quality Control Commission
CX	categorical exclusion
DA	Department of Agriculture
DO	dissolved oxygen
DoD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOT	Department of Transportation
ECA	emission control area
DPS	distinct population segment
ECF	emission comparable fuel
EIO	Energy Initiatives Office
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
N₂O	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
NF₃	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
NO₂	nitrogen dioxide
NO_x	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRC	National Research Council
NSPS	New Source Performance Standard
NSR	New Source Review
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
PM₁₀	particulate matter 10 microns in diameter or less
POPs	persistent organic pollutants
ppb	parts per billion
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
PWS	public water system
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RGGI	Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

RICE	Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine
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
SO₂	sulfur dioxide
SO_x	sulfur oxides
SPCC	spill prevention, control, and countermeasures
TiO₂	titanium dioxide
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/m³	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