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THE SOUTHERN REGION REVIEW provides current information regarding environmental and energy-related actions and events throughout Federal EPA Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee). The events reported may be relevant to U.S. Army and other Military Services' activities and operations. The Review is designed to alert environmental decision makers, planners, and program managers of developments potentially relevant to overall responsibilities.

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POST AWARDED LONGLEAF CONSERVATION GRANT

By Aniesa Holmes

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation announced \$3.1 million in grants will be awarded to 15 partners of Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership in support of preserving the longleaf pine ecosystem, including \$350,000 to aid Fort Benning's restoration efforts.

The announcement was made 4 Sep 13 at Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center. Grants are funded through Longleaf Stewardship Fund, which aims to restore more than 14,000 longleaf pine habitats and 140,000 acres for management practice, technical assistance and education to private land-owners.

The Department of Defense assists in funding the program to create buffers around military installations to prevent encroachment from incompatible land uses such as residential development, said Cynthia Jester, deputy director of the Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Office. Speaking on behalf of John Conger, acting deputy under secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment, Jester said the Department of Defense will add 5,000 acres of new longleaf pine forest and enhance more than 63,000 acres of forests protecting Fort Benning, Tyndall and Eglin Air Force Bases, Naval Air Station Whiting Field and the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point.

Partners of the conservation program include private land owners, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, elected officials and community leaders from West Georgia and East Alabama. According to information provided by the Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership, partners will encourage the protection, restoration and management of up to 40,000 acres around Fort Benning explicitly for conservation purposes by the year 2020.

Please visit the US Army 's environmental news site for the [full text](#) of this article.

Region 4

For more information on any state issue in Region 4, please contact [Marshall Williams](#), Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, (404)460-3136.



PROPOSED RULES

SOLID WASTE STUDY ([NEWS RELEASE](#)) The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) conducted the first in a series of public meetings focused on solid waste management to be held throughout the state. ADEM is working with Auburn University to facilitate the meetings and compile public input into a final report. Once complete, the final report and program enhancements will be presented to ADEM and the Alabama Legislature. In its 2011 regular session, the legislature directed ADEM to evaluate current Alabama solid waste management procedures, including those for permitting new solid waste landfills. The legislature imposed a 24-month moratorium on issuance of permits to certain new landfills, and passed a one-year extension of this moratorium (through MAY 2014). POC: Scott Hughes, (334) 271-7955.



FINAL RULES

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMITTING (62-330) The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FLDEP) adopted rules relating to Environmental Resource Permitting (ERP). Section 373.4131, F.S. requires FLDEP, in coordination with the five Water Management Districts (WMDs), to develop statewide ERP rules governing construction, alteration, operation, maintenance, repair, abandonment, and removal of stormwater management systems, dams, impoundments, reservoirs, appurtenant works, or combinations thereof, to implement Part IV of Chapter 373, F.S. FLDEP amended provisions of Chapter 62-330, F.A.C., and added new rules to be implemented by FLDEP, the WMDs, and local governments delegated under Section 373.441, F.S. Rules establish statewide ERP rules that rely upon existing rules, revised as necessary to achieve a consistent, effective, and streamlined approach to implement the ERP program. New rules reduce regulatory costs and burdens for the public, while maintaining environmental standards and continuing to protect the state's water resources. The WMDs and FLDEP will adopt fee categories for statewide consistency. This rule-making standardizes fee categories applicable statewide for various activities that require an ERP or for which a request for confirmation of qualification of exemption, an informal or a formal determination of wetland or other surface water is requested, or a variance or waiver of permitting rules is sought. Each WMD and FLDEP will establish its own fees within each fee category, to be based upon existing fees. New fee categories took effect 1 OCT 13; the date statewide ERP rules took effect. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 22 JUN 12, with an advisory issued 6 JUL 12. Each WMD proposed rule amendments for consistency with statutes. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) for those amendments was issued 28 SEP 12. A workshop was held 14 JAN 13, a [Notice of Proposed Rules](#) was published on 12 APR 13, Notices of Change were filed on 15 and 17 APR 13, and comments were due 6 MAY 13. Changes to rules are frequent; each WMD files and adopts rules pertinent to its district. POC: [Mary VanTassel](#), (850) 245-8486.

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SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (62-716.100 - 62-716.900) FLDEP has proposed a rule related to solid waste grants and recycling programs. Chapter 2010-143, Laws of Florida, creates requirements to be implemented by this rule requiring FLDEP to develop a reporting format for recycling rates, create a voluntary certification program for materials recovery facilities, and establish a method and criteria to be used by counties to calculate recycling rates. FLDEP intends to amend the title of this chapter to broaden its scope and include new provisions. Amendments to the solid waste management grant program made it necessary to amend the chapter for consistency. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 13 AUG 10, a hearing was held 30 SEP 10, and an advisory was issued 6 JUL 12. A [workshop](#) was held 27 JUL 12. POC: [Raoul Clarke](#), (850) 245-8750.

REGIONAL LAND USE PLANNING (29F-21.001) The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has proposed rules to review and refine regional goals and policies within its [Strategic Regional Policy Plan](#) (2060 Plan). New rules will assist local decision making in planning, development, and growth issues in Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia counties. The rule will encourage implementation of the [Central Florida Regional Vision](#), the result of an 18-month regional visioning process that involved about 20,000 citizens and was adopted by representatives of 93 communities that participated. The [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 28 SEP 12. A [Notice of Proposed Rules](#) was published on 5 JUL 13, and comments were due on 26 JUL 13. POC: [Hugh W. Harling, Jr.](#), (407) 262-7772.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL CHARGING STATIONS (50-3.001, 50-3.002, 50-3.003, 50-3.004) The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has proposed new rules to provide definitions, methods of sale, labeling requirements, and price-posting requirements for electric vehicle charging stations. New rules will provide consistent standards for consumers and the industry. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 20 NOV 12, an advisory was issued on 25 APR 13, and workshops were held 15 and 22 MAY 13. POC: [Kelley Smith Burk](#), (650)617-7484.

JOINT COASTAL PERMIT PROGRAM (62B-49.001, .002, .004, .005, .006, .008, .010, .011, .012, .013) Chapter 62B-49, F.A.C., establishes the Joint Coastal Permit program. Activities that require a coastal construction permit and an ERP are authorized by a single joint coastal permit. FLDEP proposes to amend Chapter 62B-49 and add a new rule to implement the Laws of Florida 2012-65. FLDEP also proposes to clarify language to reduce confusion in the permitting process and requests for additional information; add conditions and amend portions to expedite the permitting process; and amend procedures to allow for electronic submittal of applications. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 17 JAN 13. An [advisory](#) was issued 13 FEB 13, and a workshop was held 15 FEB 13. An additional workshop was held 4 OCT 2013. POC: [Kamie Carney](#), (850) 488-7816.

RISK BASED SITE REMEDIATION (62-777.100, .150, .170) FLDEP has proposed rules in response to a petition to initiate rulemaking filed by the Associated Industries of Florida. Such initiation will begin dialogue regarding proposed amendments to rules that govern the Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) process at contaminated sites, and those that govern the derivation of Cleanup Target Levels (CTL) in Florida. Subject areas to be addressed include FLDEP's "Technical Report: Development of Cleanup Target Levels (CTLs) for Chapter 62-777, F.A.C. (February 2005)"; rule applicability provisions and whether FLDEP will be mandated to approve proposed alternative CTLs (ACTLs); derivation of CTLs and ACTLs; and whether site-specific soil properties should be considered in establishing an ACTL. FLDEP is also proposing changes to all of 62-780 to consolidate and create consistency across contaminated site cleanup programs. The [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 28 OCT 11, a [Workshop Advisory](#) was issued 18 FEB 13, and a workshop was held 5 MAR 13. Another workshop was held 19 JUN 13. Comments to changes to 62-780 were due 4 OCT 13. POC: [Brian Dougherty](#), (850)245-7503.

UNIFORM MITIGATION ASSESSMENT METHOD (62-345.100, .200, .300, .400, .500, .600, .900) FLDEP has proposed amendments to clarify and ensure consistent application of the Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method rule. Subjects to be addressed include application of the method to wetland and upland assessment areas where preservation as mitigation is proposed, a revised method to ensure equal weighting and evaluation is used when calculating the preservation adjustment factor, and clarified application of the method for assessment areas that have been artificially created or significantly altered from the historic or natural condition. Guidance will be provided to clarify time-lag and risk factor determination, and to assist in designation and classification of Florida's native community types. Clarification and guidance will also be provided in application of the method to quantitative assessment of location and landscape support values, assessment of wetland functions as provided by surrounding upland communities, and in evaluation of contributions of the assessment area to receiving water bodies and wetlands. Application of the method to benthic communities will be clarified to provide specific guidance and criteria for assessment of sea grass, hard bottom, and other submerged communities. Furthermore, Uniform Mitigation Assessment Method forms will be improved to better track steps and processes outlined by rule language, and to facilitate long-term tracking of wetland functional losses and gains. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published on 3 MAY 13. A workshop was held 26 JUN 13. POC: [John Humphreys](#), (850) 245-8487.

PETROLEUM CONTAMINATED SITES (62-771.100, .201, .300, .401 AND 62-772.100, .200, .300, .400, .401, .402, .500, .600) FLDEP has proposed amendments to the rule that establishes the priority scoring system for petroleum contaminated sites. FLDEP is developing criteria specific to state funded cleanup of petroleum contaminated sites. FLDEP anticipates amending or creating various rule sections and titles, which may be amended or new sections added as rulemaking moves forward. FLDEP has also proposed rulemaking that would create a new Chapter 62-772, F.A.C., that provides procedures FLDEP will utilize for procurement of contractual services for cleanup of state-funded petroleum contaminated sites. FLDEP anticipates creating list of rule sections and titles; however, these may be amended or new sections added as public input is received and FLDEP creates the new chapter. Procedures will allow FLDEP to im-

plement its petroleum cleanup program in a more efficient and cost effective manner. A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) published 30 MAY 13, a workshop was held 19 JUN 13, and the [Notice of Proposed Rules](#) was published 4 OCT 13. Comments are due 25 OCT 13, and a hearing is scheduled for 28 OCT 13. POC: [Jeff Koerner](#), (850) 245-8701.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION (62-761.350, 62-761.400) FLDEP has proposed rulemaking regarding Underground Storage Tanks (UST). The Federal Energy Policy Act requires Florida to adopt regulations for Operator Training for USTs and Delivery Prohibition. Training requirements for operators of USTs are broken into three categories: persons having primary responsibility for on-site operation and maintenance of UST systems, persons having daily on-site operation and maintenance of UST systems, and daily on-site employees having primary responsibility for addressing emergencies presented by a spill or release from an UST system. Additionally, federal law requires the state to issue guidelines to implement delivery prohibition for facilities that:

- Do not have secondary containment;
- Do not have a method of release detection;
- Do not have adequate corrosion protection in an internally lined tank;
- Have a single-walled tank that was taken out of service and not closed within a certain period of time depending upon the level of corrosion protection;
- Have an unmaintained storage tank system that has been out of service for more than two years, or 10 years if the system is secondarily contained; or
- Have caused a discharge and the system cannot be repaired.

The [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published on 25 JUN 13, and a workshop was held 12 JUL 13.

AVAILABILITY, FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING RECLAIMED WATER (40A-2.101, 40A-2.901) The Northwest Florida WMD (NFWMD) has proposed rules to meet requirements of 373.250, Florida Statutes. The rule will amend application forms for non-potable uses to require information regarding the availability and feasibility of utilizing reclaimed water. The [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published on 15 JUL 13. The [Notice of Proposed Rules](#) was published on 16 AUG 13. Comments were due and a hearing was held 12 SEP 13. POC: [Angela Chelette](#), (850) 539-5999.

PERMITTING, MINIMUM FLOWS AND LEVELS, WATER SUPPLY ACROSS WMDs The Florida WMDs have proposed rules as part of a statewide effort, headed by FLDEP and joined by all five water WMDs, to increase consistency in consumptive use permitting (CUP), minimum flows and levels, and water supply related programs of the WMDs. Procedural issues will be addressed. Rule development is proposed to be coordinated with similar rule development by other WMDs throughout Florida. WMDs anticipate filing similar but slightly different amendments to accomplish the same results. Changes will address FLDEP and WMDs goals for this rulemaking, including:

- Making the CUP program less confusing for applicants, particularly those who work in more than one district;
- Treating applicants equitably statewide;
- Providing consistent protection of the environment;
- Streamlining the permitting process; and
- Incentivizing behavior that protects water resources, including conservation.

Notices of Rulemaking for each WMD will be or have been filed. Workshops are being held, and hearings and workshops regarding WMD actions are available at respective websites or the [FLDEP website](#). South Florida WMD POC: [Beth Ross](#), Esq. (561) 682-6257.

KINGS BAY TMDLs (62-304.645) FLDEP has proposed amendments to 62-304.645, F.A.C., to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters in the Springs Coast Basin, including:

- Kings Bay Water Body Identification (WBID) 1341 [Nutrients (Algal Mats)],
- Hunters Spring WBID 1341C [Nutrients (Algal Mats)],
- House Spring WBID 1341D [Nutrients (Algal Mats)],
- Idiots Delight Spring WBID 1341F [Nutrients (Algal Mats)],
- Tarpon Spring WBID 1341G [Nutrients (Algal Mats)], and
- Black Spring WBID 1341H [Nutrients (Algal Mats)].

A [Notice of Rulemaking Development](#) was published 14 MAY 13, and a workshop was held 27 SEP 13. Comments are due 18 OCT 13. POC: [Richard Hicks](#), (850) 245-8229.



FINAL RULES

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL (391-3-7-.01, 391-3-7-.01) The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) adopted amendments to 391-3-7-.01, "Definitions" and 391-3-7-.05, "Buffer Variance Procedures and Criteria." Changes to 391-3-7-.01 make minor changes, additions, or deletions to several definitions. Amendments to 391-3-7-.05:

- Provide clarification for criterion used to review buffer variance applications;
- Provide clarification for mitigation requirements for temporary and permanent buffer impacts;
- Address a permitting issue that caused certain linear projects to not be constructed due to buffer variance ineligibility;
- Change public notice requirements to clarify correct legal organ for project jurisdictions; and
- Add an expiration date and mechanism for extending the life of buffer variance approvals.

A [Notice of Proposed Rules](#) was filed 16 APR 13. A hearing was held 16 MAY 13, and comments were due 22 MAY 13. A meeting was held, and rules were adopted on 25 JUN 13. They became effective 5 SEP 13. POC: Larry Hedges, (404) 675-6240.

PROPOSED RULES

WATER QUALITY (2014 305(B)/303(D) LIST OF WATERS) In accordance with Federal Clean Water Act Sections 305 (b) and 303(d), GAEPD is gathering water quality data for use in the assessment of waters for Georgia's 2014 305 (b)/303(d) List. Requirements for submission and acceptance of water quality data for use are set forth in the rules and regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-.03-(13), and are detailed in the GAEPD document, "Guidance on Submitting Water Quality Data for Use by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in 305(b)/303(d) Listing Assessments." A [notice](#) and request for data were issued 01 FEB 13. Comments were due 1 JUL 13. POC: [Susan Salter](#).

GROUNDWATER REMOVAL PROHIBITION (NOTICE) Effective immediately, GAEPD prohibits new groundwater withdrawals in the coastal Georgia counties of Chatham, Bryan, Liberty and the portion of Effingham County south of Highway 119. The permitting moratorium applies to community public water systems and municipal and industrial groundwater supplies from the entire Floridan aquifer. The aquifer is a source of fresh water for the coastal region, and increased withdrawals have been linked to saltwater seeping into the groundwater in the area around Hilton Head, South Carolina. GAEPD addressed the issue in 2006 with the Coastal Georgia Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Salt Water Intrusion (CPP), which prohibited new withdrawals from the upper Floridan aquifer. The CPP allowed limited withdrawals from the lower Floridan aquifer. GAEPD and the US Geological Survey conducted recent groundwater studies and the results show the upper and lower sections of the aquifer are interconnected. This research prompted need for a moratorium on future withdrawals from the entire aquifer. Applications already received for withdrawals from the lower section of the Floridan aquifer will be considered, but no new applications will be accepted. GAEPD will consider allowing privately owned community public water systems to increase withdrawals if GAEPD has pre-approved expansion. Farmers in the four impacted counties who already hold farm use water withdrawal permits are not affected by this moratorium; applications for new farm use permits will not be considered. GAEPD restrictions on the Floridan aquifer will require potential users to consider other sources of water, such as surface water, desalination of sea water and other aquifers. A [press release](#) was issued 20 MAY 13. POC: Kevin Chambers, (404) 651-7970.

NPDES STORMWATER AND CONSTRUCTION (NOTICE) GAEPD has proposed to reissue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits Numbers GAR100001, GAR100002, and GAR100003 (draft NPDES General Permits) for stormwater discharges associated with construction activity as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations and the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control. The draft NPDES permits will authorize designated construction activities to discharge stormwater into the waters of Georgia, statewide. The NPDES General Permits will be valid for a maximum of five years. A [Notice](#) was issued on 30 JUL 13, comments were due and a hearing was held 30 AUG 13. POC: Amy Potter, (404) 675-6240.

INERT LANDFILLS (391-3-4.06(3)(c)) The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has proposed amendments to 391-3-4-.06(3)(c), "Inert Waste Landfill Operations." Amendments would provide a mechanism for exempting existing inert waste landfills from the permitting process if certified by a Professional Engineer (registered in Georgia) as being in full compliance with all permit-by-rule requirements existing as of 1 JAN 12. Such facilities would continue to operate as a permit-by-rule. A [Notice of Proposed Amendments](#) and other related documents were filed on 30 AUG 13. A hearing was held 19 SEP 13, and comments were due 26 SEP 13. A meeting is scheduled for 22 OCT 13. Contact: Land Protec-

tion Branch, Solid Waste Management Program, (404) 362-2696.



PROPOSED RULES

2014 ANNUAL AIR MONITORING NETWORK PLAN The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MSDEQ) invited comment on the [2014 Annual Air Monitoring Network Plan for Mississippi](#). The [notice](#) was issued on 29 MAY 13. Comments were due 24 JUN 13. POC: [Michael Jordan](#).

REPEAL OF EXISTING POLICIES The Department of Archives and History has proposed to repeal the following policies:

- Eligibility, which outlines projects eligible to receive a matching historic preservation grant under the policies and procedures of the National Register of Historic Places grants program;
- Policy to Provide Listings of Professional Archaeologists, which provides a list of archaeologists and companies listed on the Register of Professional Archaeologists;
- Priority for Selection of Projects to Receive Financial Assistance, which outlines a priority system when selecting specific preservation projects;
- Review and Compliance Procedures and Policies Manual, responsible for implementation of Section 106 (of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended) and of the Mississippi Landmark program under provisions of the State Antiquities Act, as amended;
- State of Mississippi Guidelines for Cultural Resource Survey Reports that outline guidelines to which cultural resource survey reports for surveys in the state of Mississippi should adhere; and
- Application of National Register Criteria to Religious Properties, which outlines National Register eligibility criteria for religious properties.

Additional proposed rule changes are in the [proposed rule text](#). The proposed rules were [filed](#) 31 MAY 13 and comments were due 25 JUN 13. POC: [Jessica Kelly](#), (601) 576-6865.

LEAD-BASED PAINT (TITLE 11, PART 2, CHAPTER 9) The Commission on Environmental Quality has proposed amendments to "Regulations for Lead-Based Paint Activities" to make regulations consistent with recent amendments to federal EPA regulations and the Mississippi Lead-Based Paint Activity Accreditation and Certification Act, as amended by [Mississippi Senate Bill 2688](#) (Regular Session 2013). The proposed amendments will be applicable statewide, and:

- Remove the "Opt-Out Provision;"
- Allow renovators to do paint chip sampling;
- Further define record keeping and reporting requirements for renovation activities; and
- Clarify certain definitions, training program accreditation requirements, containment, prohibited and restricted practices, and signage and pre-renovation education requirements for Child Occupied Facilities.

The [proposed rules](#) were filed 29 AUG 13. A hearing was held and comments were due 7 OCT 13. POC: Maya Rao.



FINAL RULES

NEW SOURCE PSD IN NONATTAINMENT AREAS (15A NCAC 02D .0530, .0531) The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Air Quality (DAQ) has adopted amendments to rules 15A NCAC 02D .0530, Prevention of Significant Deterioration and 15A NCAC 02D .0531, Sources in Nonattainment Areas, to revise North Carolina's nitrogen oxides significance level from 140 tons per year to 40 tons per year. Rule 15A NCAC 02D .0530 updates the federal cross-reference in the PSD rule to reflect current federal increments for fine particulate matter, promulgated on 20 OCT 12 (75 FR 64864). [Proposed rules](#) were filed 19 NOV 12, a hearing was held 15 JAN 13, and comments were due 1 FEB 13. The rules were adopted 3 SEP 2013. POC: [Ms. Joelle Burlison](#), (919) 707-8720.

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STORMWATER GENERAL NPDES PERMIT (PUBLIC NOTICE) NCDENR has issued a notice of intent to reissue expiring state NPDES General Permits for point source discharges of stormwater for the following types of discharges: NPDES General Permit Numbers NCG050000, NCG070000, and NCG130000, which have little or no DoD bearing; and NPDES General Permit Number NCG110000 for stormwater point source discharges associated with activities classified as treatment works and treating domestic or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment device or system used in the storage, treatment, recycling and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, with a design low of 1.0 million gallons

per day or more, or facilities that are required to have an approved pretreatment program under Title 40 CFR Part 403, including lands dedicated to the disposal of sewage sludge that is located within the confines of the facility. The [notice](#) was issued 1 APR 13. Comments were due 31 MAY 13. POC: Bethany Georgoulas, (919) 807-6372.

MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS (15A NCAC 02D .1002, .1003, .1005, .1006, .1009) Pursuant Session Law 2012-199, NCDENR has proposed to amend the Motor Vehicle Emission Control Standard rules to incorporate the statutory exemption of vehicle emissions inspection for vehicles from the three most recent model years with less than 70,000 miles on the odometer. Additional minor amendments to clarify definitions are also proposed. In addition, Rule 15A NCAC 02D .1009, Model Year 2008 and Subsequent Model Year Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicle Requirements, is proposed for repeal because it is duplicative of EPA rule requirements, thus unnecessary. The [proposed rules](#) were filed 15 AUG 13, and a hearing was held 18 SEP 13. Comments are due 14 OCT 13.



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INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL RULE CHANGES (61 – 62) The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has proposed amendments to Regulation 61-62, Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards, and the South Carolina Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP). EPA promulgates amendments to 40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 60, and 63 throughout each calendar year. Recent federal amendments include clarification, guidance, and technical amendments regarding SIP requirements, NSPS, and NESHAP for Source Categories. SCDHEC proposes to amend Regulation 61-62.1, Definitions and General Requirements, to incorporate an amendment to the definition of VOCs promulgated by the federal rule, "Revision to Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds-Exclusion of trans-1,3,3,3-tetrafluoropropene" (77 FR 37610). SCDHEC also proposes to amend Regulation 61-62.5, Standard No. 7, Prevention of Significant Deterioration, to incorporate a provision in the definition of "Regulated NSR Pollutant," as required by the federal rule "Implementation of the New Source Review (NSR) Program for Particulate Matter Less Than 2.5 Micrometers (PM2.5)" (77 FR 65107). Additionally, SCDHEC proposes to amend Regulations 61-62.60, South Carolina Designated Facility Plan and NSPS, and 61-62.63, NESHAP for Source Categories, to incorporate by reference recent federal amendments promulgated from 1 JAN 12, through 31 DEC 12. SCDHEC may propose other changes to Regulation 61-62 to include corrections for internal consistency, clarification, reference, punctuation, codification, formatting, and spelling to improve the overall text of Regulation 61-62 as necessary. The [Drafting Notice](#) was published 24 MAY 13. Comments were due 23 SEP 13. A hearing is scheduled for 14 NOV 13. POC: [Anthony T Lofton](#).



FINAL RULES

MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS (0400-02-08) The Tennessee Department of Environmental Conservation (TDEC) has adopted amendments to revise and update rules to better define responsibilities of agencies and organizations that manage natural resource areas. Amendments make rule language more consistent with present day conservation trends and remove references to outdated policies and unnecessary requirements. A [Notice of Rulemaking Hearing](#) was filed 4 APR 13, a hearing was held, and comments were due 30 MAY 13. The [rules](#) are effective on 15 DEC 13.

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UST REMEDIATION GROUNDWATER TREATMENT TDEC announced a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed reissue of the General NPDES for Discharges of Treated Groundwater Associated with UST Remediation. The [notice](#) was issued 26 FEB 13, a hearing was held 5 APR 13, and comments were due 19 APR 13. POC: Beth Rorie or Monya Bradley, (615) 532-0625.

Department of Defense Activity

[2014 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS](#) These DoD environmental awards are presented in the following categories: natural resources conservation, environmental quality, sustainability, environmental restoration, cul-

tural resources, and environmental excellence in weapons system acquisition. Awards will be granted for accomplishments fulfilled between 1 OCT 2011 and 30 SEP 13. Nominations must be submitted by 3 MAR 14. POC: [Mr. Shah Choudhury](#), (571) 372-6809.

ARMY AWARDS THIRD TECHNOLOGY UNDER \$7B RENEWABLE ENERGY MATOC The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), [Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville](#), working with the [Army Energy Initiatives Task Force \(EITF\)](#), awarded Multiple Award Task Order Contracts (MATOC) on 9 SEP 13, The group of qualified wind technology contractors will be able to compete for future wind renewable energy task orders issued under the MATOC by the Army or DoD. This MATOC will be used to procure reliable, locally generated, renewable, and alternative energy for DoD installations through power purchase agreements (PPA). The \$7 billion contract capacity will be expended during a period of up to 30 years from renewable energy generation systems that are designed, financed, constructed, operated, and maintained by contractors using private sector financing. These contracts will help the Army meet its congressionally mandated goal to produce and consume 25% of energy from renewable sources by 2025, and improve installation energy security and sustainability.

HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CAMP LEJEUNE VETERANS The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to amend its regulations ([Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012](#)) to implement a statutory mandate that VA provide health care to certain veterans who served at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for at least 30 days during the period beginning 1 JAN 57, and ending 31 DEC 87 ([78 FR 55671](#)). The law requires VA to furnish hospital care and medical services for these veterans for certain illnesses and conditions that may be attributed to exposure to toxins in the water system at Camp Lejeune. This proposed rule does not implement the statutory provision requiring VA to provide health care to these veterans' family members; regulations applicable to such family members are currently in development and will be promulgated through a separate notice. Comments are due 11 OCT 13. VA POC: Terry Walters, (202) 461-1017.

Federal Activity

AIR

NESHAPS In response to petitions, EPA is considering changes to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) and the new source standards of performance (NSPS) for stationary internal combustion engines (ICE) ([78 FR 54606](#)). EPA is not proposing specific changes, but requests comment on:

- Timing for compliance with the ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel requirement for emergency CI (diesel) engines. The rule set a compliance date of 1 JAN 15 for the fuel switch to allow operators to utilize the existing inventory of higher sulfur fuel. Petitioners want an earlier compliance date.
- Timing and required information reporting for certain emergency engines. The rule set the first reporting date for 31 MAR 16 for CY 2015 operations. Petitioners want 2013 and 2014 data reported along with additional operating data.
- Conditions in 40 CFR 60.4211(f)(3)(i), 60.4243(d)(3)(i) and 40 CFR 63.6649(f)(4)(ii) (local system reliability) for operation for up to 50 hours per year in non-emergency situations as part of a financial arrangement with another entity. EPA added these provisions in response to public comments on availability of emergency engines to help prevent blackouts if the local distribution grid becomes overtaxed. Petitioners believe EPA did not provide enough detail in specifying discernible threats to the grid that would justify operation of the units.

Comments are due 4 NOV 13. EPA POC: [Melanie King](#), (919) 541-2469.

GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING EPA is proposing amendments to reporting and recordkeeping requirements and an alternative verification approach for the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Program ([78 FR 55993](#)). EPA is proposing that facilities using "inputs to equations" data elements to calculate reported GHGs under the subparts listed in Table 2 of the preamble must use an EPA-provided electronic inputs verification tool, which would calculate and verify GHG emissions. The inputs verification tool would be deployed within EPA's Electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool (e-GGRT), and integrated without interrupting the current electronic reporting process. The designated inputs to emission equations for which reporting was deferred to 2015, and disclosure concerns that have been identified, would be entered into the tool. The tool would calculate emissions and perform electronic verification. It would not retain the entered inputs; instead, the tool would conduct certain checks at the time of data entry and generate a verification summary. Comments are due

CLEANUP

[IMPLEMENTING STORMWATER INFILTRATION PRACTICES AT VACANT PARCELS AND BROWNFIELD SITES](#) This EPA guide walks decision-makers through six questions to determine whether infiltration or other stormwater management approaches are appropriate for a specific brownfield property.

ENERGY

COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to amend energy conservation standards for commercial refrigeration equipment ([78 FR 55889](#)). The proposed standards consist of maximum daily energy consumption values as a function of refrigerated volume or total display area for 49 equipment classes. [Additional information](#) is available. Comments are due 12 NOV 13. DOE POC: [Charles Llenza](#), (202) 586-2192.

WALK-IN COOLERS AND WALK-IN FREEZERS DOE is proposing to amend energy conservation standards for walk-in coolers and walk-in freezers ([78 FR 55781](#)). The [Energy Policy and Conservation Act](#) (EPCA) provides prescriptive standards for walk-in coolers and freezers manufactured on or after 1 JAN 2009. Current standards address wall, ceiling, floor, and door insulation requirements; glazing, door closure devices, fan motor types and efficiency; and interior light source efficiency. The [Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007](#) (EISA) prescribed specific anti-sweat heater-related requirements. DOE is proposing a component-level approach; i.e., to regulate the refrigeration system as an individual component, and analyzing individual components of an envelope (panels and doors), rather than the entire envelope. DOE is proposing to set separate standards for panels, display doors, non-display doors, and refrigeration system of a walk-in, but is not proposing to establish an overall performance standard for the envelope or walk-in as a whole. DOE requests comments about this approach. Proposed standards, if adopted, would apply to all products listed in the announcement, Table I.1 and manufactured in, or imported into, the US on or after three years after the publication date of any final rule. [Additional information](#) is available. Comments are due 12 NOV 13. DOE POC: [Charles Llenza](#), (202) 586-2192.

GHG REPORTING TOOL UPDATED DOE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) released the [Annual GHG and Sustainability Data Report, Version 4.1](#) for FY 2013 reporting by federal agencies. The Microsoft Excel workbook collects agency-aggregated data necessary for calculating scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG emissions in the commonly used, native units of energy consumption and fugitive emissions, as well as activity data for estimating scope 3 indirect emissions. The tool provides users with the summation of calculated emissions and performance results for other sustainability goals. In addition to providing reporting capability for [Executive Order 13514](#) GHG goals, the Annual GHG and Sustainability Data Report collects required data elements for measuring agency progress toward:

- Facility energy intensity reduction goals (21% in 2012, 30% in 2015 vs. 2003);
- Renewable electricity use requirement (5% in 2012, 7.5% in 2013 and beyond);
- Water intensity reduction (10% in 2012, 26% in 2020 vs. 2007);
- Facility metering requirements;
- Compliance with federal energy efficiency standards for new construction; and
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy investment information for fiscal year 2012.

The data report also accepts outputs from the [Federal Automotive Statistical Tool](#) (FAST) to calculate GHG emissions from federal covered fleet fuel use. [Additional information](#) is available. FEMP POC: [Chris Tremper](#), (202) 586-7632.

NATURAL RESOURCES

INCIDENTAL TAKE STATEMENTS The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) propose to amend regulations governing consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, regarding incidental take statements ([78 FR 54437](#)). Proposed changes address use of surrogates to express the amount or extent of anticipated incidental take, as well as incidental take statements for programmatic actions where implementation of the program requires later authorization, funding, or implementation of site-specific actions that will be subject to section 7 consultation and incidental take statements, as appropriate. Comments are due 4 NOV 13. USFWS POC: Rick Sayers, 703-358-2171.

GEORGIA ROCKCRESS USFWS proposed listing the Georgia rockcress, a plant species in Georgia and Alabama, as threatened and proposed critical habitat ([78 FR 56192](#)). USFWS included military training as part of the threats impacting the species at Fort Benning, GA. USFWS also proposed designating about 786 acres of river bluff habitat as the plant's critical habitat ([78 FR 56505](#)). Benning is currently revising its 2001 integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) to include specific measures for the Georgia rockcress and its habitat. The revised INRMP is expected by

July 2014. Therefore, USFWS is notifying that this area is being considered for an exemption from the final designation based on the revised approved INRMP. [Additional information](#) is available. Comments are due 12 NOV 13. USFWS POC: Sandy Tucker, (706) 613-9493.

WATER

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS EPA is proposing changes to the federal water quality standards (WQS) regulation in program areas including EPA determinations that new or revised WQS are necessary, designated uses of water bodies, antidegradation implementation, provisions authorizing use of permit-based compliance schedules, and triennial review requirements ([78 FR 54517](#)). State and tribal governments responsible for administering or overseeing water quality programs may be directly affected by this rulemaking. Comments are due by 3 DEC 13. EPA POC: [Janita Aguirre](#), 202-566-1860.

Professional Development

14-17 OCT, WASHINGTON, DC: [CLIMATE STRATEGIES FORUM](#) Sponsored by the Association of Climate Change Officers, the forum will feature prominent leaders from across sectors in a plenary format, and a series of half-day boot camps aligned with the core competencies. Plenary sessions will focus on climate and energy. Boot camps will focus on topics including adaptation planning, implementing change management schemes, implementing a GHG management structure, and building a public-private partnership project.

15 OCT, ONLINE: [COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROGRAM](#) The US Forest Service's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) program encourages the collaborative, science-based ecosystem restoration of priority forest landscapes, and has helped catalyze larger restoration efforts surrounding National Forests. The first speaker will give an overview of the CFLR program, and two CFLR case studies will be shared from different regions of the US.

16 OCT, ONLINE: [AUGUST 2013 REVISIONS TO THE SPILL PREVENTION, CONTROL AND COUNTERMEASURE \(SPCC\) GUIDANCE FOR REGIONAL INSPECTORS](#) The webinars provide an overview of revisions to the SPCC Guidance for Regional Inspectors document. Each session is two hours long, including time to address questions. The intended audience for these outreach sessions are stakeholders in the SPCC regulated community, which include, but are not limited to, Professional Engineers (PE) and facility owners who maintain SPCC Plans or will be updating SPCC Plans.

22 OCT, ONLINE: [INTRODUCTION TO UTILITY ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACTS \(UESC\)](#) This Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) UESC webinar provides attendees with an overview of contracting options and services available from local utility companies to engineer, finance, and install cost-effective energy and water savings projects. Participants are walked through the typical project process from the audit phase to commissioning the equipment. The webinar introduces participants to UESCs and helps them determine if this alternative financing opportunity is right for them.

6 Nov, ONLINE: [SPECIAL REGIONAL COORDINATION SERIES III: REPI IN THE SOUTHEAST—MIDLANDS AREA JOINT INSTALLATION CONSORTIUM AND GULF REGIONAL AIRSPACE STRATEGIC INITIATIVE](#) The webinar is the third in a series on DoD coordination on regional land-water-airspace issues. Learn about and discuss issues and projects encountered in the Southeast, including coordinated efforts of the Midlands Area Joint Installation Consortium (MAJIC) in South Carolina and the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) in Florida.

11-13 Nov, AUSTIN, TX: [DEFENSE ENERGY SUMMIT](#) The Defense Energy Summit delivers the entire defense energy ecosystem, focusing on the needs and solutions of energy providers, project financiers, early/growth stage companies, defense contractors, military installations and purchasing agents. This event brings together the business of the energy industry with needs of the defense community, convening national stakeholders in the building of a Defense Energy Center of Excellence.

14 Nov, ONLINE: [PROPOSED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REGULATORY CLARIFICATIONS](#) EPA will discuss contents of the proposed rule, and interested parties will have the opportunity to ask clarifying questions prior to the close of the comment period. Clarifying questions or public views expressed during the webinars and meeting will not be considered formal comments, thus will not be recorded for inclusion in the docket for this rulemaking. To be considered as a formal comment, and for formal response from EPA, submit comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0606 by 3 Dec 13.

20-22 Nov, PHILADELPHIA, PA: [GREENBUILD 2013](#) Greenbuild is the world's largest conference and expo dedicated to green building. The conference brings together industry leaders, experts and professionals dedicated to sustainable building. It features speakers, networking opportunities, industry showcases, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design workshops, and tours of the host city's green buildings.

4-6 Dec, WASHINGTON, DC: [NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES \(NCSL\) FALL FORUM](#) Attendees have the opportunity to discuss policy with national experts, work on pressing issues as part of NCSL's standing committees, advocate for the states on Lobby Day and participate in special briefings developed for legislative staff.

10-11 Dec, ARLINGTON, VA: [FOURTH ANNUAL FEDERAL ENERGY WORKSHOP & DEFENSE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP FORUM](#) Featuring energy experts from the federal government – including the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Army, Air Force, Navy, Department of Energy, Federal Energy Management Program, and Office of Management and Budget – and private sector leaders, the workshop will discuss current federal energy projects, processes and challenges, including a special focus on DoD renewable energy priorities.

11 Dec, ONLINE: [REPI AND ENERGY](#) Learn about the concept of using REPI for ensuring compatible siting of renewable energy development, and hear from installations that have successfully buffered wind energy projects.

11-12 Dec, WASHINGTON, DC: [3RD ANNUAL DEFENSE, NATIONAL SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM](#) The symposium will focus on the growing efforts of US defense, intelligence, and national security communities on assessing and responding to climate change. With the recent publication of federal agency adaptation plans and the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, this year's program will specifically address transportation, water and energy infrastructure, and critical risks in the supply chain.

14-16 Jan 2014, TAMPA, FL: [GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN GROWING METROPOLITAN AREAS](#) The conference will address challenges and opportunities surrounding green infrastructure. Topics include: Defining the Benefits of Green Infrastructure; Barriers to Green Infrastructure Implementation; Funding Green Infrastructure Design, Implementation and Maintenance; and Implementation Strategies for Governments, Communities and Developers.

2-6 Feb 2014, ATLANTA, GA: [94TH AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING](#) The theme of this event is "Extreme Weather-Climate and the Built Environment: New Perspectives Opportunities, and Tools."

7-10 Apr 2014, ST. PETERSBURG, FL: [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS \(NAEP\) 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE](#) The theme is "Changing Tides and Shifting Sands." Subject matter ranges from cultural resources to land management to overall sustainability.

VARIOUS DATES AND TIMES ONLINE

DEFENSE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING/AWARENESS The Army offers numerous environmental training courses. Information on training providers and fiscal year class schedules are available on the [US Army Environmental Command \(AEC\) website](#).

AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AFIT) TRAINING COURSE, [QUALIFIED RECYCLING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT](#) The purpose of the course is to understand DoD requirements for operating a Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). This course emphasizes principles and techniques to assist students in implementing a sound QRP. The course focuses on learning what products can be recycled, products prohibited from recycling, QRP regulations, necessary processing equipment, collection and sorting methods to maximize returns, working with your DRMO, establishing contracts, recording transactions, DoD recordkeeping, and estimating future budgets.

ANYTIME ONLINE

[EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY](#) Learn about key issues, successful projects, and a variety of best management practices for creating stellar waste management programs. Hear from experts around the country on what works and what doesn't, and how to make programs more successful. The format is a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session and discussion time.

[DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY \(DAU\)](#) DAU developed online resources available for the DoD workforce, industry partners, and other federal, state, and local government organizations. The online resources provide the ability to apply for a course, take a continuous learning module for continuous learning credit, research policy and other

documents, link to related learning and knowledge content, ask a professor a question, contribute knowledge objects (such as lessons learned, best practices, templates, or samples), or collaborate with peers on work issues.

[DOILEARN](#) DOILearn houses natural resource courses and training offered by all organizations within the Department of Interior, to include the National Park System, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

[GOLEARN](#) GoLearn provides government employees and military personnel with web-based learning and development courses, and other products and services. Site registration is required, including a nominal fee for federal users.

[TRAINING FOR FEDERAL GHG INVENTORIES](#) A component of FedCenter's broader Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reporting site is available. The DOE Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-developed training offers three types of training that can help in understanding the processes needed to develop an agency's GHG inventory under EO 13514 section 9. These trainings include online interactive courses, archived webinar videos and PowerPoint files from training courses.

[BUILDING RETUNING](#) The purpose of this course is to help reduce operating cost and provide energy savings to buildings. The focus is on large (100,000-square-foot) commercial buildings, but the concepts and techniques presented can be applied to any type and size of facility that has a building automation system.

[ACHIEVING ENERGY SECURITY IN FEDERAL FACILITIES](#) Achieving Energy Security in Federal Facilities builds competency in protecting critical missions by integrating energy security measures into all aspects of operations. Employ critical principles to increase energy security, such as diversity, redundancy, reducing demand, planning, and emergency management. Consider technologies that support energy security and develop an understanding of key issues related to short- and long-term energy disruptions, including storage and maintenance issues.

[ADVANCED METERING SOLUTIONS FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES](#) This one-day FEMP-sponsored symposium (targeting federal energy managers, contractors, and software and system providers) consists of two sections. The morning session includes presentations by federal agencies highlighting their successful applications of advanced metering, data analysis, and diagnostic software. The afternoon session features panel discussions by invited metering hardware and software providers highlighting the capabilities of such systems.

[WHOLE BUILDING DESIGN GUIDE TRAINING](#) FEMP has partnered with the National Institute of Building Sciences to offer FEMP e-learning courses on the Whole Building Design Guide. Eight interactive, on-demand, self-paced, and self-tracking courses are supportive of the Federal Building Personnel Training Act competencies and provide up-to-date information targeted to mid-level federal energy, water, and sustainability managers.

[USING SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS TO INSPIRE OFFLINE ACTION](#) Zoey Kroll, an Internet communications specialist at the San Francisco Department of Environment and a social media strategist at Hayes Valley Farm will talk about using social media channels to inspire offline action. The webinar will discuss how apps (RecycleWhere), activity clubs (Photo Adventure Club), and social media tools can inspire people to move from clicks to compost. This training is offered by the Pollution Prevention Resource Exchange (P2Rx).

[ENERGY STAR TRAINING](#) Energy Star offers free online training to help improve energy performance. Training is available in the form of live web conferences, pre-recorded training available 24/7, and self-guided presentations in pdf format. Depending on the conference, session, or presentation, the training is designed for facility managers, property managers, environmental managers, energy managers, financial officers, building engineers, and others interested in Energy Star.

[AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL SEMINARS](#) The Air Force Civil Engineering School offers a variety of free online seminars on hazardous waste management, hazardous materials management, stormwater management, and more.

[USEPA STORMWATER WEBCAST SERIES](#) EPA's NPDES Permit program offers training courses, workshops, and webcasts to explain the regulatory framework and technical considerations of the NPDES Permit program. These courses are designed for permit writers, dischargers, USEPA officials, and other interested parties.

[USEPA REDUCE RUNOFF VIDEO](#) EPA and the US Botanic Garden produced a nine-minute online video, "Reduce Runoff: Slow It Down, Spread It Out, Soak It In," that highlights green techniques such as rain gardens, green roofs and

rain barrels to help manage stormwater runoff.

[USEPA WATERSHED ACADEMY WEBCAST SERIES](#) EPA's Watershed Academy is sponsoring free webcast seminars for local watershed organizations, municipal leaders, and others. To access a webcast, simultaneously log on to the web and/or participate by phone conference lines in live training conducted by expert instructors. Archived training sessions are also available by streaming audio.

[NPDES TRAINING](#) The web-based NPDES permit writers training is a series of web-based recordings of presentations. This training is appropriate for those who have attended the live course and wish to review the material in a self-paced environment, and for those who wish to become familiar with the NPDES process. A certificate of completion is available for each module in the series.

[CLU-IN ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION WEBCAST SERIES](#) EPA's Clean-up Information (CLU-IN) website provides information about innovative treatment and site characterization technologies while acting as a forum for waste remediation stakeholders. The CLU-IN website offers free podcasts, live web events, course and seminar information and more, with most lasting approximately two hours.

[USEPA CLIMATE & ENERGY WEBCAST SERIES](#) EPA hosts the Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series to assist local governments as they explore and plan climate change and clean energy efforts. These regular webcasts highlight EPA resources available to local governments and present examples of successful climate and energy programs and policies implemented locally.

[GLOBAL CHALLENGES/CHEMISTRY SOLUTIONS PODCAST SERIES](#) Global Challenges/Chemistry Solutions is a series of podcasts describing some of the 21st century's most daunting problems, and how cutting-edge research in chemistry matters in the quest for solutions. These global challenges includes dilemmas such as providing a hungry, thirsty world with ample supplies of safe food and clean water; developing alternatives to petroleum to fuel society; preserving the environment and assuring a sustainable future; and improving human health.

[FEMP ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ONLINE TRAINING](#) FEMP trains federal energy managers on the latest energy requirements, best practices, and technologies. Training categories include design, operations, and maintenance; energy efficient products; energy management; financing; fleet; renewable energy; and water efficiency. Search the FEMP website for all topics, specific topics, or type of training (live or on-demand) to find training opportunities. All courses are free unless otherwise noted.

[FEMP 2013 FIRST THURSDAY SERIES SEMINARS](#) First Thursday Seminars are FEMP training opportunities targeting federal energy, environmental, and fleet professionals offered at no cost by leading experts. Seminars will be held through August on the first Thursday of each month. Archived seminars from 2010-2013 are also available at this site.

[SOLAR ENERGY INTERNATIONAL](#) Solar Energy International offers several online courses addressing design and installation of a variety of solar energy systems. These fee-based courses generally require 10 hours per week of online instruction, accessible at any time. Courses must be completed within a six-week window. Follow the link to view class schedules.

[NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES \(NCSL\) E-LEARNING](#) NCSL e-Learning features experts on public policy issues and provides professional development opportunities for its members, state legislators, state legislative staff, and the public. Visit the [Multimedia Library](#) for a collection of video and audio files from previous NCSL meetings and webinars.

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