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THE CENTRAL REVIEW provides current information on government affairs, energy and environment relevant to Department of Defense interests in the nine states in Federal Regions 6 and 7. The Review is intended to be a tool useful to DOD and Army leaders, planners, and program managers in carrying out their responsibilities. The Central Review monitors and targets proposed and final regulations and legislation that may affect Army or DOD operations. Find out more about the Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices <u>here</u>. Click <u>here</u> to browse back issues of the Central Review. To read back issues of other Regional Office Reviews, click on a region of the REEO website's U.S. map and then select "Publications."

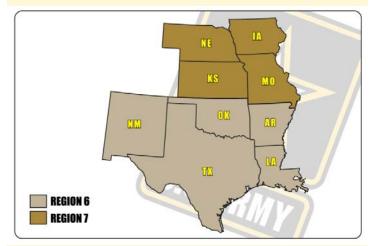


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Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council Celebrates 20 Years

An organization that began as a few state regulators willing to support new approaches to cleanup projects, the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) begins its third decade with its original purpose intact: to bring innovation to the environmental marketplace.

ITRC is a state led coalition of regulators, industry experts, academia, citizen stakeholders, and federal partners from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Its mission is to develop resources and break down barriers to the acceptance of technically sound, innovative solutions to environmental challenges through a network of diverse professionals.

The goal is to reduce compliance costs and maximize cleanup efficacy, while protecting human health and the environment.

ITRC teams, led by state environmental agency staff, develop guidance documents and training courses. The products help state environmental agencies and others gain technical knowledge and develop consistent regulatory approaches for reviewing and approving specific technologies. Since 1995, ITRC says it has published hundreds of documents and reached tens of thousands of participants through training courses.

The Department of Defense is an active partner in ITRC teams—testing new approaches, training cleanup groups, assisting stakeholders during technology deployment, and tracking performance.

ITRC guidance documents and training provide users with a practical working knowledge of cleanup principles and best practices, help correct common misconceptions, and address regulatory concerns. Responding to requests from state regulators, for instance, ITRC established a team in 2009 to evaluate incremental sampling of soil as a new alternative to traditional soil sampling approaches that were often inconsistent. The team found incremental sampling to yield more consistent results than discrete sampling. Consistent sampling leads to more targeted and less costly cleanup efforts for the Army.

ITRC is a program of the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), managed by the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS). ECOS is the national, nonprofit, nonpartisan association representing state and territorial environmental commissioners.

ITRC shares its anniversary with another agency whose mission to build partnerships with stakeholders remains intact after 20 years - the Army REEOs.

Visit the <u>ITRC website</u> for more information.





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Legislature convened 12 Jan 15 and adjourned 12 Mar 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

<u>HB 1633</u> allows a utility to enter into a power purchase agreement. A power purchase agreement means an agreement in which a utility purchases energy from a customer that generates energy using a solar or wind energy system. Sponsor: Representative Warwick Sabin (D).

<u>HB 1885</u> enacts the Arkansas Distributed Generation Act of 2015. The act requires regulatory authorities to direct each electric utility in the authorities' jurisdictions to develop and maintain a standardized distributed generation contract for the generation of renewable energy resources, and require electric utilities to purchase renewable energy produced by a renewable electric generation facility at the rate, terms, and other conditions approved by the regulatory authority for a period of not less than 20 years. Sponsor: Representative Warwick Sabin (D).

<u>SB 737</u> requires public utilities to provide at least 30 days notice to real property owners prior to filing an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for a proposed route of a public utility. Sponsor: Senator Bryan King (R).



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Legislature convenes 13 Apr 15 and adjourns 11 Jun 15.

FINAL RULE

(EFFECTIVE 20 MAR 15) **EXCEPTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO REISSUED PERMITS** (LAC 33:IX.2905.B) identifies facilities and permit changes considered minor when they are associated with permit renewal applications. This rule also provides flexibility with respect to classification of additional changes as minor during the permit renewal process. It will clearly specify when an environmental assessment should accompany the reissuance of an existing permit.



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Legislature convened 20 Jan 15 and adjourned 21 Mar 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

<u>HB 445</u> reduces renewable portfolio standards and removes limitations on specific procurement requirements applicable to the renewable portfolio standard. Sponsor: Representative Larry Scott (R).

<u>SB 249</u> allows renewable energy certificates to be issued for the use of thermal energy produced by geothermal energy sources, sets standards for measurement of thermal energy and geothermal heat pumps, and defines "useful thermal energy." Sponsor: Senator Stuart Ingle (R).

<u>SB 391</u> extends renewable energy tax credit sunset from 2020 to 2024 and sets out the tax credit to be applied through a tiered structure. Sponsor: Senator Mimi Stewart (D).



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Legislature convened 2 Feb 15 and adjourns 29 May 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

<u>SB 760</u> creates the Oklahoma Water Use Working Group for the purpose of supporting the planning and development of long-term water projects within the boundaries of the state. Sponsor: Senator Mike Schulz (R).



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Legislature convened 13 Jan 15 and adjourns 1 Jun 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

<u>HB 2232</u> (COMPANION <u>SB 1358</u>) changes the factors that determine the creation of regional military sustainability commissions for certain military installations based on size, location, jurisdiction, etc. Sponsor: Representative John Kuempel (R).

HB 2887 modifies the definition of a navigable stream. Navigable stream means a stream or river, which retains an average width of 30 feet from the mouth up, and which maintains a constant water depth of 12 inches or greater. No person may obstruct a navigable stream by cutting and felling trees or by building on or across the stream any dike, milldam, bridge, or other obstruction. A fence built or maintained for the purpose of the containment of livestock shall not be a violation under this section. Sponsor: Representative Jeff Leach (R).

<u>HB 3206</u> modifies the powers, rights, and duties of the Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District No. 2. The district may use water that overflows from Brooks Lake into district Ditch H to irrigate the district's levee to prevent cracking or other compromise of the structural integrity of the levee caused by desiccation resulting from insufficient rainfall or drought. The district is not required to secure a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to use the water in Ditch H for the purpose described by this section. Sponsor: Representative Rick Miller (R).

HB 3412 (COMPANION <u>SB</u> 878). The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may not approve an application for the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit that seeks to expand the area or capacity of a landfill unless the governing body of each municipality first approves by resolution or order the issuance, amendment, or renewal of the permit. TCEQ shall provide the members of the legislature who represent the district containing the landfill described in the permit with an opportunity to comment on the application and shall consider those comments in evaluating an application. Sponsor: Representative Tan Parker (R).

<u>HB 3413</u> modifies general permit requirements to convey water using the bed and banks of a natural stream channel. Sponsor: Representative James Frank (R).

<u>HB 3744</u> requires that a geological survey be conducted before a location may be identified as a site of unique value for the construction of a reservoir or recommended for the construction of a reservoir or dam. Sponsor: Representative David Simpson (R).

<u>SB 12</u> (COMPANION <u>HB 3518</u>) requires vehicle fleets of a state agency, county, or municipality that operates a fleet of more than 15 motor vehicles be converted into or replaced with motor vehicles that use compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, hydrogen fuel cells, or electricity, including fully electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid motor vehicles. Sponsor: Senator Carlos Uresti (D).

<u>SB 931</u> modifies the goals and requirements for renewable energy and competitive renewable energy zones. On or after 31 Dec 15, a retail electric provider shall purchase sufficient renewable energy credits to verify any marketing claims the provider makes related to the content of renewable energy. Sponsor: Senator Troy Fraser (R).

<u>SB 933</u>. An electric utility or municipally owned utility may not interconnect a facility to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) transmission grid that enables additional power to be imported into or exported out of the ERCOT power grid unless the electric utility or municipally owned utility obtains a certificate from the Public Utility Commission.

<u>SB 1242</u> creates new and modifies existing rules for the sale, storage, transportation, and disposal of scrap or used tires. Sponsor: Senator Jose Rodriguez (D).

<u>SB 1268</u> modifies rules relating to the commencement of construction of a project following the filing of a final decision to issue an air quality permit or permit amendment for the project. Construction may not begin earlier than the 30th day after the date the final decision is filed and must be consistent with the final draft permit. A facility may not begin operation until the permit or permit amendment has been finally issued. Sponsor: Senator Craig Estes (R).

<u>SB 1293</u> designates the following rivers or stream segments as being of Unique Ecological Value: Nueces River, Frio River, Sabinal River, San Marcos River, and the Comal River. Sponsor: Senator Carlos I. Uresti (D).

<u>SB 1410</u> designates the site of the proposed Ringgold reservoir to be located on the Little Wichita River in Clay County approximately one-half mile upstream from its confluence with the Red River, as having unique value for the construction of a dam and reservoir and further determines that the reservoir is necessary to meet water supply needs. Sponsor: Senator Craig Estes (R).

SB 1550 (COMPANION <u>HB 1939</u>). A business that sells an item to a customer may provide to the customer at the point of sale a bag or other container made from any material. An ordinance or regulation adopted by a municipality purporting to restrict or prohibit a business from, require a business to charge a customer for, or tax or impose penalties on a business for providing to a customer at the point of sale a bag or other container made from any material is invalid and has no effect. Sponsor: Senator Bob Hall (R).

<u>SB 1827</u> removes the requirement that an electric utility or a transmission and distribution utility construct or enlarge transmission or transmission-related facilities for the purpose of meeting the goal for generating capacity from renewable energy technologies. Sponsor: Senator Donna Campbell (R).

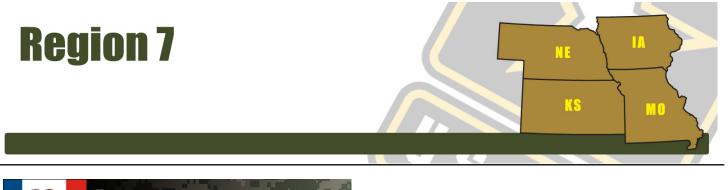
<u>FINAL RULE</u>

(EFFECTIVE 23 MAR 15) **ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS** (31 TAC 69.8) amendments add one species to the list of endangered species of plants, remove one species from the list of threatened species of plants, and update the scientific names of three species of plants. The Texas golden gladecress (Leavenworthia texana) was listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on 11 Oct 13 and was inadvertently not added to the state endangered list at the time. The proposed amendment rectifies that oversight. The amendment also removes the Pima pineapple cactus (Coryphantha scheeri var. robustipina) from the threatened species list because there is no evidence that the species occurs in Texas.

(EFFECTIVE 23 MAR 15) **THREATENED AND ENDANGERED NONGAME SPECIES** (31 TAC 65.175, 65.176) updates the scientific names of one species of snake and seven species of birds and would remove the margay (Felis wiedii) from the list of threatened species. The amendment to 65.176 adds to the list of endangered species the Austin blind salamander (Eurycea waterlooensis), the diminutive amphipod (Gammarus hyalleloides), Pecos amphipod (Gammarus pecos), Diamond tryonia (Pseudotryonia adamantina), Phantom springsnail (Pyrgulopsis texana), Phantom tryonia (Tryonia cheatumi), and the Gonzales tryonia (Tryonia circumstriata).

<u>PROPOSED RULE</u>

<u>SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS</u>. TCEQ has requested preliminary written comments on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 307). Revisions are made to incorporate new information on potential pollutants, include additional data about water quality conditions in specific water bodies, address new state and federal regulatory requirements, and accommodate public concerns and public goals for water quality in the state. Comments were due 6 Apr 15.





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Legislature convened 12 Jan 15 and adjourns 2 May 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 457 (COMPANION HB 553). The Iowa Natural Resource Commission shall not adopt rules to implement federal environmental programs required pursuant to the federal Water Pollution Control Act as defined in section 455B.171, the federal Clean Water Act and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act as defined in section 455B.291, or other federal laws relating to wastewater or storm water system or plant construction designs that are more restrictive than the requirements of the federal program. Sponsor: Representative Dawn Pettengill (R).

<u>HB 537</u> (COMPANION <u>SSB 1267</u>) establishes an underground storage tank cost share grant program and fund. The grant program funds would be allocated as grants to replace underground storage tank infrastructure, including but not limited to tanks, lines, pipes, hoses, connections, seals, and pumps. Sponsor: Committee on Natural Resources.

<u>HB 592</u> would require an environmental impact assessment prior to the granting of a permit to construct, maintain, or operate a hazardous liquid pipeline or underground storage facility. Sponsor: Representative Dan Kelley (D).

<u>FINAL RULE</u>

(EFFECTIVE 22 APR 15) <u>AIR QUALITY AMENDMENTS</u> (IAC 20.2, 20.3, 22.1 to 22.3, 22.100, 22.200 to 22.209, 22.300, 23.1, 25.3, 31.20(1), 33.3(1)). The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission has proposed to amend Chapters 20, 22, 23, 25, 31, and 33, of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), relating to pollution control, emissions measurements, and air quality. The purpose of the proposed rule making is to rescind unnecessary rules and to update other rules to reduce regulatory requirements.

(EFFECTIVE 1 MAR 15) **RENEWAL OF GENERAL PERMIT NO. 6 - DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER ASSOCIATED WITH WELL** <u>CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES</u> (567 IAC 64.15(6)) purposes to renew General Permit No. 6, which continues to authorize the discharge of wastewater associated with well construction activities through the use of best management practices (BMPs) and requires the monitoring of the wastewater effluent to determine compliance with the state's water quality standards.



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Legislature convened 12 Jan 15 and adjourns ~10 Jun 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

<u>SB 275</u>. Any water right owner or a group of water right owners in a designated area may enter into a consent agreement and order with the chief engineer to establish a water conservation area. The water right owner or group of water right owners shall submit a management plan to the chief engineer. Such management plan shall be the basis of the consent agreement and order designating a water conservation area. Sponsor: Committee on Ways and Means.

<u>SB 246</u> exempts certain state leases from energy audit requirements when such energy audit is not economically feasible. Sponsor: Committee on Ways and Means.

<u>FINAL RULE</u>

(EFFECTIVE 20 MAR 15) <u>WATER QUALITY STANDARDS</u> (K.A.R. 28-16-28b, 28-16-28c, 28-16-28d, 28-16-28e, 28-16-28f) amends regulations regarding Kansas surface water quality standards in the areas of surface water classification and use designation, surface water quality criteria, etc.



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Legislature convened 7 Jan 15 and adjourns 30 May 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1279 establishes a renewable power purchase agreement program. Sponsor: Representative Bill Kidd (R).



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Nothing significant to report during this period.

Department of Defense Activity

2015 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION (REPI) PROGRAM CHALLENGE.

The REPI Program is a tool for promoting innovative land conservation solutions that benefit the environment and military readiness by preventing, removing, and mitigating restrictions on training, testing, and operations. The program provides a framework for allocating funding to Service projects that meet requirements and objectives of section 2684a of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.). This framework provides an appropriate level of management, oversight, and coordination of funding decisions and implementation, while allowing the Services flexibility to tailor programs to specific needs. DoD annually evaluates and prioritizes projects for funding, based on the threat to training, testing, or operations that those projects can potentially mitigate. Other funding criteria consider participation in regional planning efforts such as Joint Land Use Studies; benefits to the partner organization, the community, and the environment; the ability of the partnership to complete transactions in a timely manner; and innovations that increase benefits, leverage additional funds, or create new tools to accelerate results and readiness outcomes. The <u>REPI Challenge request for proposals</u> has been released. The challenge seeks to facilitate land transactions at DoD installations to limit incompatible development, as well as relieve current or anticipated environmental restrictions on military testing, training, or operations. The deadline for submissions is 29 May 15 at 8 p.m. EDT. Up to \$8 million will be available for the 2015 REPI Challenge.

DEFENSE HIGH LEVEL NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY. The President has issued a brief memorandum to the Secretary of Energy agreeing that, "the development of a repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste resulting from atomic energy defense activities only is required." The memorandum responds to this <u>DOE report</u>.

AIR INSTALLATIONS COMPATIBLE USE ZONES. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) <u>4165.57</u> Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) has been updated, effective 12 Mar 15. The updates add and amend references and procedures. Refer to DoDI, Enclosures 1 and 3 for details. The updated DoDI specifies that components are required to analyze "glint and glare" effects of solar renewable projects near air installations. It also specifies new/amended requirements for AICUZ studies and documentation.

COMMISSION ON FUTURE OF THE ARMY. DoD is establishing the National Commission on the Future of the Army pursuant to Section 1702 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY 2015 NDAA) (<u>80 FR 15994</u>). The commission will study the structure of the Army and policy assumptions to:

- Make an assessment of the size and force structure of the active component and the reserve components of the Army; and
- Make recommendations on modifications, if any, of the structure of the Army related to current and anticipated mission requirements at acceptable levels of national risk and in a manner consistent with available resources and anticipated future resources.

The commission will also conduct a study of a transfer of Army National Guard AH-64 Apache aircraft from the Army National Guard to the regular Army.

REAL PROPERTY FOOTPRINT REDUCTION PLANS. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum directing federal agencies to develop plans to reduce their real property footprint over the next five years. The memo, titled *National Strategy for the Efficient Use of Real Property: Reducing the Federal Portfolio through Improved Space Utilization, Consolidation and Disposal*, is a follow-on to the agency's Freeze the Footprint policy issued in 2013. Overall, the new policy calls for agencies to establish an annual target for reducing space and to adopt design standards for office space acquired in the future. For the Pentagon, the policy means reducing excess space without relying on a base closure and realignment round to shed a portion of its real estate portfolio. For more information, <u>click here</u> to view a press release about OMB's National Strategy, or <u>click here</u> to view a news article about the policy from <u>DefenseCommunities360</u>.

Federal Activity

AIR

STATE IMPLEMENTATION OF 2008 NAAQS FOR OZONE. EPA has issued a final rule addressing state implementation plan (SIP) requirements for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) promulgated on 12 Mar 08. This final rule (<u>80 FR 12263</u>) addresses a range of nonattainment area SIP requirements for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, including requirements pertaining to attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress, reasonably available control technology (RACT), reasonably available control measures (RACM), major new source review, emission inventories, and the timing of SIP submissions and of compliance with emission control measures in the SIP:

- States with areas designated nonattainment have two years from the effective date of nonattainment designation to submit emission inventories (required by Clean Air Act (CAA) section 182(a)(1));
- RACT SIPs (CAA section 182(b)(2)) and emission statement SIPs (CAA section 182(a)(3)(B));
- Three years to submit 15 percent rate-of-progress (ROP) plans (CAA section 182(b)(1)) and moderate area attainment demonstrations (CAA section 182(b)(1)); and
- Four years to submit three percent per year reasonable-further-progress (RFP) plans (CAA section 182(c)(2)) and attainment demonstrations (CAA section 182(c)(2)) for serious and higher areas.
- Ozone Transport Region states that owe SIPs due to CAA section 184 must meet the same SIP due dates listed previously.

The classifications and attainment dates for 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS (0.075 PPM) for Areas Subject to CFR Section 51.1102 are:

- Marginal (0.076 ppm to 0.086 ppm): three years after effective date of designation for 2008 primary NAAQS;
- Moderate (0.086 ppm to 0.100 ppm): six years;
- Serious (0.100 ppm to 0.113 ppm): nine years);
- Severe-15 (0.113 ppm to 0.119 ppm): 15 years);
- Severe-17 (0.119 ppm to 0.175 ppm): 17 years; and
- Extreme (equal and above 0.175 ppm): 20 years.

EPA POC: Karl Pepple, (206) 553-1778.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING. EPA is proposing to revise 40 CFR Part 60, General Provisions, and various new source performance standards (NSPS) regulatory subparts to require affected facilities to electronically submit specified air emissions data reports to EPA, and to allow affected facilities to maintain electronic records of these reports (80 FR 15099). Comments are due 19 May 15. EPA POC: <u>Ms. Gerri Garwood</u>, (919) 541-2406.

SIP REQUIREMENTS. EPA has proposed requirements that state, local, and tribal air agencies would have to meet as they implement the current and future NAAQS for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) (<u>80 FR 15339</u>). Specifically, this notice provides details on how the EPA proposes air agencies meet the statutory SIP requirements that apply to areas designated nonattainment for any PM2.5 NAAQS, such as: general requirements for attainment plan due dates and attainment dates; emissions inventories; attainment demonstrations; provisions for demonstrating reasonable further progress; quantitative milestones; contingency measures; and nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR) permitting programs, among other things. This proposed rule clarifies specific attainment planning requirements that would apply to PM2.5 NAAQS nonattainment areas based on moderate or serious classification, and the process for reclassifying moderate areas to serious. Also in this notice, EPA is proposing to revoke the 1997 primary annual standard because EPA revised it in 2012. Comments are due by 22 May 15. EPA POC: <u>Rich Damberg</u>, (919) 541-5592.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR New RESIDENTIAL WOOD HEATERS. EPA revised the standards of performance for new residential wood heaters by adding a new chapter regulating residential <u>hydronic heaters</u> and forced-air furnaces (<u>80 FR</u> <u>13671</u>). This final rule achieves several objectives for new residential wood heaters, including applying updated emission limits that reflect the current best systems of emission reduction, eliminating exemptions over a broad suite of residential wood combustion devices, strengthening test methods as appropriate, and streamlining the certification process. The final rule does not affect heaters solely fired by gas, oil, or coal, or include new requirements associated with appliances that are already in use. The final rule is effective 15 May 15. For more information, contact <u>Amanda Aldridge</u> at (919) 541-5268 or <u>click here</u> to visit EPA's Burn Wise website.

OFF-SITE WASTE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS. EPA finalized its residual risk and technology review (RTR) conducted for the Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations (OSWRO) for source categories regulated under national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) (<u>80 FR 14247</u>). In addition, EPA adopted final amendments that make corrections and clarifications to regulatory provisions related to emissions during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction (SSM), add requirements for reporting of performance testing through the electronic reporting tool, and revise routine maintenance provisions. Other amendments clarify provisions pertaining to open-ended valves and lines, add monitoring requirements for pressure relief devices, clarify provisions for some performance test methods and procedures, and make housekeeping corrections. The revisions to the final rule increase the level of emissions control and environmental protection provided by the OSWRO NESHAP. The final rule was effective 18 Mar 15. For more information, contact <u>Paula Hirtz</u> at (919) 541-2618 or <u>click here</u> to visit the EPA OSWRO NESHAP website.

ELECTRONIC REPORTING FOR NSPS. EPA is proposing to allow facilities subject to new source performance standards (NSPS) under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Part 60 to submit specified data reports electronically and maintain electronic records of these reports (<u>80 FR 15099</u>). The proposed rulemaking does not change how facilities interact with their air agencies. Air agencies will continue to receive reports in the format that they currently require unless they specify otherwise to facilities. However, the proposal allows air agencies to elect to receive reports electronically using the EPA's system. EPA is proposing that the final rule would become effective 90 days after publication. Comments are due 19 May 15. For more information, contact <u>Gerri Garwood</u> at (919) 541-2406, <u>click here</u> to view a fact sheet, or <u>click here</u> to learn about EPA's air toxics rules.

COAL- AND OIL-FIRED ELECTRIC STEAM GENERATING UNITS. EPA issued a final rule amending reporting requirements in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Steam Generating Units (also referred to as the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS)) rule (<u>80 FR 15510</u>). The final rule temporarily requires affected owners to submit certain required emissions and compliance reports to EPA through the Emissions Collection and Monitoring Plan System (ECMPS) Client Tool in lieu of the Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI). The final rule is effective 24 Mar 15. For more information, contact <u>Barrett Parker</u> at (919) 541-5635.

CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE FRIENDLY REFRIGERANTS. EPA <u>approved</u> new refrigerants used in various kinds of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment that offer better climate protection without harming the ozone layer. The agency's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program evaluates substitute chemicals and technologies that are safe for the ozone layer. The new final rule expands the list of SNAP-approved substitutes to include more low-global warming potential (GWP) alternatives that can replace both the ozone-depleting substances and high-GWP hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). In addition to adding the climate-friendly alternatives, the agency is also exempting the newly approved substances, except HFC-32, from the CAA venting prohibition, as current evidence suggests that their venting, release, or disposal does not pose a threat to the environment. For more information, contact <u>Margaret Sheppard</u> at (202) 343-9163 or visit the <u>SNAP</u> website.

ENERGY

FEMP 2015 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT. On 6 Mar 15, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) titled, "<u>Assisting Federal Facilities with Energy Conservation Technologies (AFFECT), FY 2015</u>." The FOA will provide grants to federal agencies to help fund renewable energy projects that are incorporated into a privately financed performance contract, such as an energy savings performance contract or utility energy service contract, or as part of a renewable energy power purchase agreement. Applications for renewable energy projects financed through appropriations will also be considered. The anticipated total funding level for AFFECT is \$2.85 million, with anticipated funding to be between approximately \$50,000 and \$1 million per award.

WIND REPORT. In support of the President's energy strategy to diversify the nation's power supplies, the Department of Energy (DOE) has released a new report that looks at the future of wind power through 2050, as well as economic benefits that come with a robust wind industry. The report, "Wind Vision: A New Era for Wind Power in the United States," highlights the importance of wind in the nation's energy portfolio, offers a roadmap for further development, and considers barriers and steps to advance wind energy to 35% of national electricity demand by 2050. (Wind supplied 4.5% of electricity demand in 2013.)

DSIRE UPGRADE. DOE and the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center launched a new version of their renewable energy incentives database (i.e., <u>DSIRE</u>) that makes it easier for citizens to find information. The improvements include:

- Expanded data accessibility with information on over 2,800 active policies and incentives for all renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies;
- An application program interface (API) freely available for download that contains all of the data on DSIRE in an easy-to-read format;
- Interactive maps so that users can customize policy maps in real-time based on their preferences and needs; and
- Enhanced search that allows users to find incentives by zip code.

The new site includes a more streamlined, user-friendly design that highlights DSIRE's tools and services. For more information, <u>click here</u> to view a press release.

WAVE ENERGY COMPETITION. DOE is developing draft rules for a wave energy prize competition (<u>80 FR 13365</u>). The competition is intended to promote the development of game-changing performance enhancements to wave energy conversion (WEC) devices, establishing a pathway to sweeping cost reductions on a commercial scale. DOE intends to launch the Wave Energy Prize competition in April 2015. For more information, contact <u>Jose Zayas</u> or visit <u>waveenergyprize.org</u>.

GREEN THE BUILDING TOOL. The General Services Administration (GSA) released an innovative <u>green building learning</u> <u>simulation</u> as a part of its Sustainable Facilities Tool (<u>SFTool</u>). The Green the Building simulation places users in the role of a resource-constrained decision-maker, charged with greening buildings through strategic energy, waste, water, and occupant satisfaction improvements. Users choose technologies, implement best practices, support behavior changes, and plan carefully to create buildings that conserve resources, reduce waste, save money, and keep occupants happy and healthy. Embedded links provide background and explanations.

NATURAL RESOURCES

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: SNAKEHEAD CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) released the draft <u>National Control and Management Plan for Members of the Snakehead Family (Channidae)</u> for public comment (80 FR 13886). The goal of the plan is to use the best available science and management practices to prevent the introduction of snakehead into new areas, contain (and where possible eradicate) newly established and localized populations, and minimize impacts in areas where they are established and eradication is not feasible. Comments are due 16 Apr 15. For more information, contact <u>Laura Norcutt</u> at (703) 358-2398 or <u>click here</u> to visit the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) website.

OTHER

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW: IMPROVING EPA REGULATIONS. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public input on its periodic retrospective review of agency regulations (<u>80 FR 12372</u>). EPA is seeking to identify how it can promote regulatory modernization through business-process streamlining, facilitated by improved technology. The agency is specifically seeking input on:

- Which regulations could be transitioned from paper to electronic reporting;
- How EPA can streamline or consolidate reporting requirements or reduce duplicative reporting requirements in existing regulations that may overlap other federal requirements;
- Which regulations can be amended to reduce the frequency of reporting;
- Which regulations could benefit from the use of existing shared services (such as the Substance Registry System) or new shared services;
- Whether EPA should create a joint registry of regulated facilities with states and tribes to streamline electronic reporting; and
- Which regulations could be improved using advance monitoring techniques or the development of mobile applications to facilitate environmental protection.

Comments were due 8 Apr 15. For more information, contact <u>Nathaniel Jutras</u> at (202) 564-0301.

Waste

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE REGULATORY PROGRAM. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting comment on a draft list of prioritized low-level radioactive waste (LLW) tasks the agency will conduct to improve the low-level radioactive waste regulatory program (<u>80 FR 13451</u>). The commission developed the list of tasks based upon updates to an assessment it performed in 2007. Comments are due 13 Apr 15. For more information, contact <u>Stephen</u> <u>Dembek</u> at (301) 415-2342.

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES. NRC is proposing amendments to regulations governing disposal of low-level radioactive waste (LLW) disposal facilities (<u>80 FR 16081</u>). The proposed amendments would require new and revised site-specific technical analyses, permit the development of site-specific criteria for LLW acceptance based on the results of these analyses, facilitate implementation, and better align the requirements with current health and safety standards. This proposed rule would affect LLW disposal licensees or license applicants that are regulated by the NRC or the Agreement States. Comments are due 26 May 15. For more information, contact <u>Gary Comfort</u> at (301) 415-8106.

WATER

<u>WATERSHED APPROACH HANDBOOK</u>. The September 2014 handbook is intended to advance the use of a watershed approach in selection, design, and siting of wetland and stream restoration/protection projects. Using a watershed approach can help ensure that projects contribute to goals of improved water quality, increased flood mitigation, and improved quality and quantity of habitat that result from ecologically successful and sustainable restoration projects.

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ON FEDERAL AND INDIAN LANDS. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a final rule establishing application procedures and standards for hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas development on federal and Indian lands (<u>80 FR 16127</u>). A request for approval of hydraulic fracturing must include:

- The proposed hydraulic fracturing design;
- A map showing location, orientation, and extent of any known or suspected faults or fractures within one-half mile (horizontal distance) of the wellbore trajectory;
- Information concerning source and location of water supply, such as reused or recycled water, rivers, creeks, springs, lakes, ponds, and water supply wells;
- Information concerning handling and disposal of recovered fluids; and
- Documentation on monitoring and verification of cementing operations, if the proposal is to hydraulically fracture a well that was completed without hydraulic fracturing.

Within 30 days following completion of the last stage of hydraulic fracturing operations, an operator must provide the true vertical well depth, total water volume used, and a description of the base fluid and each additive in the hydraulic fracturing fluid, including trade name, supplier, purpose, ingredients, Chemical Abstract Service Number, maximum ingredient concentration in additive (percent by mass), and maximum ingredient concentration in hydraulic fracturing fluid (percent by mass). This information must be submitted to the authorized officer through FracFocus, another BLM-designated database, or in a subsequent report. BLM POC: Steven Wells, (202) 912-7143.

SPCC CHECKLIST. <u>FedCenter.gov</u> published the <u>checklist</u> used by EPA inspectors when conducting inspections of facility compliance with the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule at Title 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 112. The checklist is a required tool to help federal inspectors record observations for the site inspection and review of the SPCC Plan. The checklist must be completed in order for an inspection to count toward an agency measure. The completed checklist and supporting documentation serve as the inspection report. It addresses requirements for onshore facilities including Tier II Qualified Facilities that meet the eligibility criteria set forth in §112.3(g)(2). For more information, refer to <u>40 CFR Part 112</u>.

PROHIBITION ON USE OF LEAD PIPES, SOLDER, AND FLUX. EPA scheduled a public meeting and webinar to obtain input on potential revisions to regulations for the Prohibition on Use of Lead Pipes, Solder, and Flux (<u>80 FR 17020</u>). The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) prohibits the use or introduction into commerce of pipes, pipe or plumbing fittings or fixtures, solder, and flux that are not lead free. The revisions are necessary due to SDWA amendments enacted by Congress in the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act of 2011 and the Community Fire Safety Act of 2013. For more information, contact Brian D'Amico at (202) 566-1069 or <u>click here</u>.

Professional Development

Conferences, Workshops and Meetings

10-15 APR, ARLINGTON, VA: <u>MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT MICROGRIDS SUMMIT</u>. The summit will provide a platform for military, government, and utility policy makers and procurement managers to share business and technical requirements for new microgrid projects with renewable energy developers, energy services companies, system integrators, energy performance contractors, energy storage companies, microgrid enabling technology companies, and financiers. Hear from and network with senior-level DoD, Air Force, Army, Marines, Navy, DOE, state, and utility microgrid decision makers and customers.</u>

22-23 APR, NASHVILLE, TN: SPRING 2015 FEDERAL UTILITY PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP (FUPWG) SEMINAR. FUPWG fosters communication between federal agencies, specific sites, and utilities to implement cost-effective energy efficiency and water conservation projects.

12-13 MAY, COLLEGE PARK, MD: <u>SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUMMIT</u>. The one-and-a-half day summit will launch a national dialogue intended to accelerate sustainable materials management (SMM), bringing together 200 innovative thinkers and practitioners working on how natural resources are extracted, used, and then managed after initial end-of-life. The summit includes leaders in source reduction, reuse, composting, and recycling. The National Recycling Coalition (NRC) will begin to develop a SMM National Plan based on a facilitated dialogue among a broad spectrum of stakeholders.

13-14 MAY, OVERLAND PARK, KS: <u>MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE</u>. This conference will provide a regional perspective on Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act, air, and wastewater compliance issues, including enforcement and policy/regulation changes.

15-17 JUN, NEW ORLEANS, LA: <u>AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION SPECIALTY CONFERENCE</u>. The conference theme is "Action": how we respond, build resilient systems, and influence decision makers. This conference will inform climate adaptation decisions on the ground. Abstracts are due 13 Feb 15.

19-21 JUN, CUSTER, WI: <u>THE ENERGY FAIR</u>. The fair brings over 15,000 attendees together to learn the latest and greatest in clean energy and sustainability, connect with others, and take action toward a more sustainable future. It is the nation's longest running energy education event of its kind.

22-25 JUN, GALVESTON, TX: <u>2015 DREDGING SUMMIT AND EXPO</u>. The conference theme, "Dredgers, The Environment and Commerce," will focus on people and organizations involved in dredging and the environmental and commercial impacts of dredging. Topics presented will be critical economic need for dredging, importance of enhancing the marine environment, trends in dredging technology and safety, as well as historical dredging development.

18-20 AUG, TOPEKA, KS: <u>2015 KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE</u>. This annual conference provides updates on environmental issues, new technologies, regulatory information, and pollution prevention. Anyone interested in environmental regulations, pollution prevention or the status of the environment in Kansas is welcome to attend.

10-11 SEP, DENVER, CO: <u>2015 ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH CONFERENCE</u>. Conference topics include the future of coal, smart grids, public lands, energy and water nexus, climate change, bioenergy, transportation, energy R&D, microgrids, natural gas, wind, solar, and more.

DOD TRAINING SOURCES

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) PROSPECT TRAINING. USACE announces course availability for the FY15 PROSPECT (i.e., Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training) program. Courses are open to federal, state, county, and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity. Please refer to the <u>course</u> <u>catalog</u> and list of classes and schedule for details. Environmental courses include, but are not limited to:

• Environmental Regulations Practical Application Course (Course Control Number (CCN) 398)

- CERCLA/RCRA Process (CCN 356)
- Hazardous Waste Manifesting & DOT Certification (CCN 223)
- Hazardous Waste Manifesting 16-Hour DOT Recertification Course (CCN 429)
- Radioactive Waste Transport (CCN 441)
- Hazardous/Toxic and Radioactive Waste Construction Inspection (CCN 141)
- Environmental Remediation Technologies (CCN 395)
- Environmental Laws and Regulations (CCN 170)

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

<u>AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL TRAINING</u>. 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 charge. Travel costs are borne by the student.

DEFENSE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING/AWARENESS. The Army offers numerous environmental training courses (classroom and online). Explore training opportunities on the <u>US Army Environmental Command website</u>, which has links to training provided by DoD organizations.

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

FEDERAL TRAINING SOURCES

FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER. <u>FedCenter.gov</u> 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:
 - o <u>Environmental Compliance for Federal Laboratories</u> (FedCenter membership required);
 - o Environmental Management Systems (FedCenter membership required);
 - o <u>Underground Storage Tanks</u> (FedCenter membership required);
- Environmental <u>conferences</u>, meetings, <u>training</u>, and workshop information;
- Applicable laws and Executive Orders; and
- Industry sector-specific newsletters.

FedCenter also provides member assistance services such as:

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

ONLINE TRAINING: SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

- Management of Contaminated Sediments Sites
- Waste to Energy Technologies
- Energy Audits
- Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Source Zone Management
- Sustainable Materials
- Acoustic Methods for Underwater Munitions
- Blast Noise Measurements and Community Response (16 Apr 15)
- Munitions Mobility (7 May 15)
- Managing Munition Constituents on Training Ranges (28 May 15)

FEMP ETRAINING COURSES. The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) offers interactive, online eTraining courses to help federal agencies develop core competencies and comply with energy-efficiency and renewable-energy watermanagement 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. <u>Promotional materials</u> are available to help federal agencies encourage the completion of FEMP's eTraining courses. For more information about FEMP eTraining courses, contact <u>Beverly Dyer</u>, (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)
- <u>Measurement and Verification in ESPCs</u> (3 hours, .40 CEUs)
- Planning an Energy Assessment for Federal Facilities (4 hours, .50 CEUs)
- <u>Selecting, Implementing, and Funding Photovoltaic Systems in Federal Facilities</u> (3.5 hours, .40 CEUs)
- <u>Sustainable Institutional Change for Federal Facility Managers</u> (3 hours, .40 CEUs)
- <u>Utility Service Contracts and Energy Project Incentive Funds</u> (90 minutes)

ENERGY STAR WEBCASTS. This webcast shows federal energy and sustainability professionals how to use the ENERGY STAR[®] suite of tools for energy management.

ONLINE TRAINING: AVAILABLE ANYTIME

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

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

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

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

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

- Module 1: Understanding TMDLs: A Primer for NPDES Permit Writers
- Module 2: Understanding Waste Load Allocation Implementation in Permits: A Primer for TMDL Developers
- Module 3: Understanding TMDLs with Stormwater Sources and the NPDES Stormwater Permitting Process

Internet Resources

Region 6 Regulatory & Legislative Internet Sites

USEPA Region 6 Arkansas Dept of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Arkansas Legislature Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) Louisiana Legislature New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) New Mexico Legislature Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Oklahoma Legislature Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Legislature

Region 7 Regulatory & Legislative Internet Sites

USEPA Region 7 Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Iowa Legislature Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Kansas Legislature Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Missouri Legislature Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Nebraska Legislature

Other Federal Agencies Internet Sites

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management State Offices <u>Eastern States AR, LA, MO, IA</u> <u>NM, KS, OK, TX</u> <u>WY, NE</u> <u>U.S. Geological Survey</u> <u>DOE Office of Environmental Management</u> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <u>Southwest Region NM, TX, OK</u> <u>Mountain – Prairie Region KS, NE</u> <u>Midwest Region IA, MO</u> <u>Southeast Region AR, LA</u>

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Air Force AR/LA/OK REC	214-767-4650, ext 4652
Air Force NM/TX REC	214-767-4650, ext 4669
Navy REC (AR/KS/LA/MO/OK/TX)	904-542-6853
Navy REC (IA/NE)	360-315-5400
Navy REC (NM)	619-532-2303

How the Regional Offices Work for You

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

The Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices' close cooperation between the military and regional policymakers helps to resolve issues before they become laws and regulations. The REEOs monitors the following actions on your behalf. If a proposed state action has: (1) critical mission impact; (2) conflicts with a federal requirement; and/or (3) a disproportionate effect on the Army or DOD, we coordinate with the potentially affected installations, commands, and/or other military Services to further assess the potential impact. If action is needed on a proposed measure, we work with Army or Service regulatory experts to communicate DA/DOD position, coordinating with the affected installations and commands. Comments are combined from all parties in a single DOD/Army package and formally submitted to the state.

For further information please visit the <u>Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices</u>' website.

Want to comment on a rule or bill in the Review? Please contact your Regional Environmental Coordinator listed above.

Acronyms used in this document can be <u>found here</u>.

Customer's Corner: Please send any comments, questions, lessons learned, best practices, subscription requests, etc. to <u>Jim Mayer</u>.