



Central Review of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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The **CENTRAL REGION REVIEW** provides current information on government affairs, energy and environment relevant to Department of Defense interests in the 9 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 Region Review monitors and targets proposed and final regulations and legislation that may affect Army or DoD operations. For further information please visit the [ARMY'S REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES'](#) website.

Department of Army High-Level Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment (OASA (IE&E)) formed an Army Climate Change Work Group. In FY 2012, the OASA (IE&E) funded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research and Development Center (USACE ERDC) to complete a [high-level climate change vulnerability assessment](#) for US Army installations and develop an adaptation planning framework consistent with White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidance and the 2010 Department of Defense (DoD) Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR).

The QDR recognized that projected changes in climate will impact installations, operations and missions both within the U.S. and globally. The QDR requires the DoD to "complete a comprehensive assessment of all installations to assess the potential impacts of climate change on its missions and adapt as required."

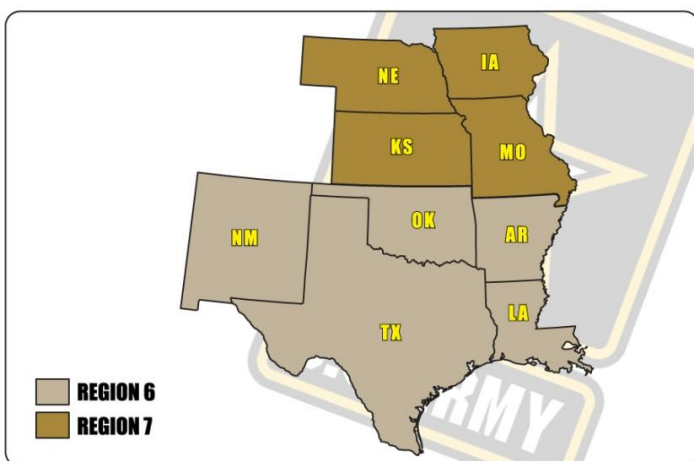
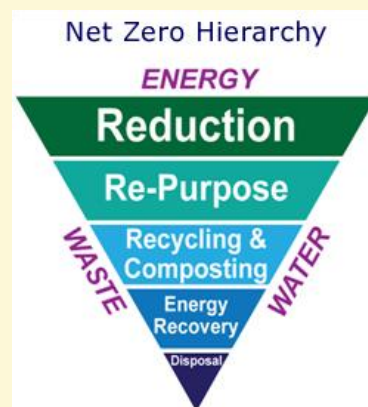


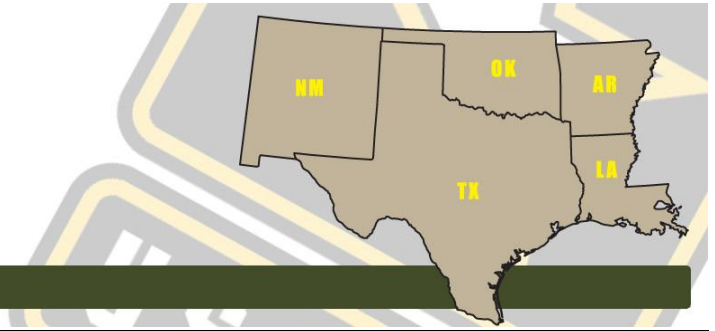
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Region 6



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Legislature convenes 10 Feb 14 and adjourns 9 Mar 14 (fiscal session only).

FINAL RULE

WASTE TIRE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FEES: The Southeast Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management Board adopted a rule to institute [Waste Tire Collection and Disposal Fees](#) on non-fee paid tires. Effective 16 Jan 14. POC: A.C. Armstrong at (870) 536-1971.

PROPOSED RULE

(NEW) **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROPOSED RULE TO AMEND [PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS \(REGULATION 12\)](#)** including defining "de minimis concentration" as it relates to blended material contained within storage tanks; and to clarify registration requirements for storage tanks. Hearing scheduled 10 Mar 14, comments due 24 Mar 14. POC [Doug Szenher](#).

(NEW) **MUNICIPAL STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT:** Department of Environmental Quality is proposing [renewal of a Water Division general permit](#) for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. POC [Katherine Benenati](#), (501) 682-0821.



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Legislature convenes 24 Mar 14 and adjourns 5 Jun 14.

No significant legislative or regulatory activities this reporting period.



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Legislature convenes 21 Jan 14 and adjourns 20 Feb 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(NEW) **[SB 77](#) APPLICATION PROCESS PROCEDURES FOR THE DIVERSION AND USE OF WATER** from basin of origin for use outside basin of origin. Sponsor: Senator Tim Keller (D)

(NEW) **[SM 42](#)** (Companion: **[HM 62](#)**) **KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE BULK FUELS SPILL CLEANUP:** Funds and assembles an independent task force of experts to address the Kirtland Air Force Base bulk fuels spill cleanup and report findings by Nov 14. Sponsor: Senator Cisco McSorley (D)



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Legislature convenes 2 Feb 14 and adjourns 31 May 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(NEW) **[HB 2618](#) NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATOR PERMIT:** Prohibits persons from capturing nuisance wildlife for commercial purposes without a nuisance wildlife control operator permit. Sponsor: Representative Steve Martin (R).

(NEW) **[HB 2737](#) SCENIC RIVER AREAS:** Designates several rivers as Scenic River Areas as part of Oklahoma's diminishing resource of free-flowing rivers and streams. Sponsor: Representative Curtis McDaniel (D).

(NEW) **[HB 2847](#) CREATES THE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014,** not yet drafted. Sponsor: Representative Charles McCall (R).

(NEW) **[HB 2856](#) WEED FREE HAY CERTIFICATION ACT:** Requires landowner to treat, control, or eradicate all musk thistle (*Carduus nutans* L.), Scotch thistle (*Onopordum Onopordum acanthium* L.), and Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*) every year, preventing these thistles from going to seed. Representative Ben Sherrer (D).

(NEW) **[HB 2857](#) FERAL SWINE CONTROL:** Removes permit requirements to kill feral swine at night and requires certain lighting be used during control. Sponsor: Representative Ben Sherrer (D).

(NEW) **[HB 2981](#) CREATES THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUILDING CODES ACT OF 2014,** not yet drafted. Sponsor: Representative Colby Schwartz (R).

(NEW) **[HB 3145](#) CREATES THE OKLAHOMA USED TIRE RECYCLING ACT OF 2014,** not yet drafted. Sponsor: Representative Mike Jackson (R).

(NEW) **[HB 3348](#) ANEMOMETER TOWERS:** Requires any anemometer tower that is fifty feet in height above the ground or higher, that is located outside the boundaries of any municipality, and whose appearance is not otherwise mandated by

state or federal law, shall be marked, painted, and flagged as outlined in the bill language. Sponsor: Representative Don Armes (R).

(NEW) **[SB 1187](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD TO DEVELOP AND PROMULGATE RULES RELATING TO WATER REUSE PROJECTS**, in this state. No rules drafted yet. Sponsor: Senator Rob Standridge (R).

(NEW) **[SB 1336](#) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES AND VEGETATION PLANS**: Relates to permitting, construction, and operation of solid waste disposal facilities and authorizing the Environmental Quality Board to promulgate rules. Sponsor: Senator Ron Justice (R).

(NEW) **[SB 1359](#) ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS AMENDMENTS (62 O.S. 2011, SECTION 318)** Allows public entities of the state (generally political subdivisions and higher education facilities) to enter into performance-based energy contracts with qualified providers for a period of up to 20 years. Additional requirements and restrictions are provided in the bill language. Sponsor: Senator Bill Brown (R).

(NEW) **[SB 1884](#) PESTICIDE LAW MODIFICATION**: Clarifies statutory language, modifies authority, removes threshold requirements, and creates uniformity between the requirements of Oklahoma and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Sponsor: Senator Ron Justice (R).

PROPOSED RULE

(NEW) **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 2010 PRIMARY NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO₂) NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (NAAQS)**: [DEQ requests comment on proposed certification](#) that Oklahoma has adequate resources and authority to implement, maintain, and enforce the 2010 Primary Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) NAAQS. Hearing scheduled and comments due 19 Feb 14. POC Cheryl Bradley (405) 702-4101.

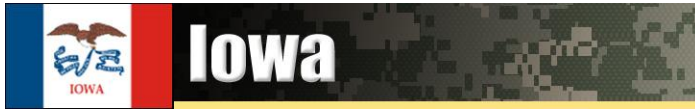


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Legislature not in session in 2014.

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Region 7



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Legislature convenes 12 Jan 14 and adjourns 7 May 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(NEW) **HB 2007 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIAL:** Change in definition and classification. Sponsor: Representative Megan Hess (R).

(NEW) **HSB 564** (Companion: **SSB 3004**) **CONDITIONAL PERMITS FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING FACILITIES:** Eliminates ability of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue conditional permits related to air and water quality to electric power generating facilities. Sponsor: DNR.

PROPOSED RULE

TOPSOIL PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. 2: [Notice to stakeholders](#) about formation of a stakeholder group to consider the need for stormwater discharge rule changes associated with industrial activity for construction activities. Group would consider alternatives and make recommendations in regard to the soil preservation provisions of NPDES General Permit No. 2. Comments due 19 Feb 14. POC: [Chuck Gipp](#), (515) 281-8895.



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Legislature convenes 12 Jan 14 and adjourns 29 Apr 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(NEW) **HB 2455 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** on utility systems and related equipment located on military installations and which is privatized per the military utilities privatization initiative, 10 USC §2688 et seq. Sponsor: Committee On Taxation.

(NEW) **HB 2465 RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY:** Any tax exempt entity (including federal government installations) shall have the option to purchase electricity generated by a renewable energy generator without the renewable energy generator being subject to regulation as a utility. Additional restrictions and requirements are provided in the specific bill

language. Sponsor: Committee on Energy and Environment.

(NEW) **HB 2499 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OR CONSERVATION:** Enacts state sovereignty over the federal Non-migratory Wildlife Act, including the greater and lesser prairie chicken. Sponsor: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

(NEW) **HB 2549 HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Prohibitions for on-site disposal or consolidation of solid and hazardous wastes, including soils, sediments and debris, if the wastes are generated as the result of a clean-up, approved by the secretary, at the site, which may include adjacent or nearby property under separate ownership that is part of the approved clean-up. Sponsor: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

(NEW) **HB 2551 PCB DISPOSAL FACILITIES:** Repeals regulations on Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) disposal facilities which required the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to regulate PCB processing and disposal facilities. This regulatory program is duplicative of requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act administered by the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and unlike other federal programs, cannot be delegated to states. Sponsor: Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources.

(NEW) **SB 281 THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Removes redbelly and smooth earth snakes from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act. Sponsor: Senator Robert Olson (R).

(NEW) **SB 293 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE:** Prohibits the governing body of any municipality from engaging in, selling, or otherwise providing material management services to a private person, private entity, or municipality outside of its incorporated limits. Sponsor: Committee on Commerce.

(NEW) **SB 323 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AMENDMENTS:** Conservation easements created on and after 1 Jul 14 shall terminate upon the death of the grantor or upon a specified term of years contained in the instrument creating such easement, whichever occurs first. Sponsor: Committee on Ways And Means.



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Legislature convened 8 Jan 14 and adjourns 30 May 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(UPDATE) **HB 1074 WATER PERMITS:** Requires an independent study of environmental and economic need before the allowable volume of water contaminants or pollutants discharged is changed in clean water law permits. Sponsor: Representative Rocky Miller (R).

(NEW) **HB 1077 BURN BAN ORDERS:** Any political subdivision or county commission can adopt regulations on burn bans. Sponsor: Representative Donna Lichtenegger (R).

(NEW) **HB 1078 CEASE FLUORIDATION VOTE NOTIFICATIONS** shall be given by public water system operators to Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Department of Health and Senior Services and its customers at least 30 days prior to a vote to cease fluoridation. Sponsor: Representative Donna Lichtenegger (R).

(NEW) **HCR 3 WEST LAKE LANDFILL RADIOACTIVE WASTES:** Requests United States Congress transfer authority for remediation of the West Lake Landfill radioactive wastes from EPA to the Corps of Engineers Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. Sponsor: Representative Keith English (D).

(NEW) **SB 504 PROPOSED RULES AVAILABILITY:** State agencies must make proposed rules available to the public by providing a web page containing a summary, full text, and fiscal note for each proposed rule, on the same day it is published in the Missouri Register. Sponsor: Senator Brian Munzlinger (R).

(NEW) **SB 572 MISSOURI INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT** is amended by re-defining a public place to include any building or vehicle owned, leased, or operated by a governmental entity as well as bars and restaurants. Bill also repeals a provision allowing for a designated smoking area in public places. Sponsor: Senator Maria N. Chappelle-Nadal (D).

(NEW) **SB 602 ESTABLISH THE CAPITAL GREEN PROGRAM** to fund state capitol building energy efficiency improvements; pilot programs utilizing geothermal, wind, and solar energy resources; and free-flow turbine generators in the Missouri river. Sponsor: Senator Jason R. Holsman (D).

(NEW) **SB 678 LEAD ABATEMENT AND RENOVATION LICENSING AND TRAINING** implementation by Department of Health and Senior Services authorized by the EPA. Sponsor: Senator Shalonn Curls (D).

FINAL RULES

(EFFECTIVE 28 FEB 14) **WATER EFFLUENT STANDARDS (10 CSR 20-7.015):** DNR amendments updating operating permits, bacteria limits, monitoring requirements, effluent limits, discharge of nitrates, and other issues.

(EFFECTIVE 28 FEB 14) **Water Quality Standards (10 CSR 20-7.031):** DNR adopted amendments outlining uses of waters, criteria to protect uses, and defining the antidegradation policy.

(EFFECTIVE 30 MAR 14) **AIR QUALITY STANDARDS DEFINITIONS (10 CSR 10-6.020):** DNR amendments re-defining key words and expressions used in Chapters 1 through 6, and providing common reference tables. Non-substantive error corrections and clarifications were also made.

PROPOSED RULE

(NEW) **HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM RULES MODIFICATION ASSESMENT (10 CSR 25-3 TO 25-7):** DNR Hazardous Waste Program has completed a review of rules and is in the process of developing amendments to insure that the rules are not more stringent than federal hazardous waste regulations. POC: [Tim Eiken](#), (573) 522-8057.



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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(NEW) **LB 13 RADON RISK MITIGATION** allows agencies to adopt codes, ordinances, or resolutions regulating, and implement state functions, related to the presence, effects, measurement, and mitigation of radon risks. Sponsor: Senator Bob Krist (I).

(NEW) **LB 683 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM AMENDMENT (46-2,139)** to reference a change in federal rules and regulation. Sponsor: Senator Jim Scheer (D).

(NEW) **LB 767 OPERATOR TRAINING FOR UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS:** Changes several provisions relating to operator training for underground storage tanks and provides training program funding. Sponsor: Senator Ken Schilz (I).

(NEW) **LB 772 AERIAL FIRE SUPPRESSION FUNDING:** Increases expenditure amount for Adjutant General for aerial fire suppression or hazardous material response. Sponsor: Senator Albert Davis (D).

(NEW) **LB 852 ASBESTOS REGULATION** changes to multiple sections including amending sections 71-6301, 71-6311, and 81-1505, reissue revised statutes, and revised the Cumulative Supplement of 2012. This also will redefine the term "asbestos project" to exclude residential property of four units or less, change a provision relating to contracts, and adopt a federal definition of "facility". Sponsor: Senator Sue Crawford (D).

(NEW) **LB 896 CHANGE PROVISIONS OF THE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT**, including redefining what constitutes "soil loss", instituting the state's authority to issue a court order to "cease and desist activity", and other more general editorial and less significant definition modifications. Sponsor: Senator Tom Carlson (I).

(NEW) **LB 959 WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR PERMIT** application exemptions will now include an exemption for any reservoir with a maximum water storage capacity of fifty acre-feet and constructed prior to 1973 if such reservoir is maintained in accordance with department safety guidelines, not altered to increase its storage capacity, and not utilized for irrigation purposes. Sponsor: Senator Tom Carlson (I).

(NEW) **LB 1074 GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS** to include a significant modification to section 46-713, outlining procedures and definitions for evaluating the expected long-term availability of hydrologically connected water supplies for both existing and new surface water uses and existing and new ground water uses in each of the state's river basins. Sponsor: Senator Steve Lathrop (I).

(NEW) **LB 695 RADON MONITORING AT CHILD CARE LOCATIONS** requires an affidavit relating to radon levels if a building in which a child care program is located has a radon level greater than four picocuries per liter of air.

Department of Defense Activity

DoD ON COURSE TO MEET RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGETS. The military's reliance on clean energy technologies is accelerating across installations, keeping it on track to meet its goal of deploying three gigawatts of renewable energy by 2025, according to a new report by the Pew Charitable Trusts. The number of renewable energy projects across DoD rose 54 percent from 454 in fiscal 2010 to 700 in FY 2012, according to the study, [Power Surge](#).

CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report, "[Federal Efforts Under Way to Assess Water Infrastructure Vulnerabilities and Address Adaptation Challenges](#)," that reviews Federal Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers efforts to assess and respond to potential effects of climate change on water infrastructure (GAO-14-23). GAO analyzed agencies' climate change adaptation guidance and planning documents, and interviewed agency officials and other key stakeholders, including water users, environmental groups, and researchers. GAO is not making any recommendations in the report. GAO POC: [Steve Morris](#), GAO, (202) 512-3841.

SUNKEN AND TERRESTRIAL MILITARY CRAFT. The Navy is [revising rules](#) pursuant to the Sunken Military Craft Act (SMCA) and issuing revised application guidelines for research permits on terrestrial military craft under Navy jurisdiction. Proposed rule replaces current regulations and establishes a single permitting process for members of the public wishing to engage in activities that disturb, remove, or injure Department of Navy (DoN) sunken and terrestrial military craft for archaeological, historical, or educational purposes. SMCA prohibitions do not apply to actions taken by, or at the direction of, the United States. The term "sunken military craft" includes all sunken warships, all naval auxiliaries, and other vessels owned or operated by a government or military noncommercial service when the vessel sank. The term also includes all sunken military aircraft or spacecraft owned or operated by a government when the craft sank. The current rule is based on the National Historic Preservation Act, and existing regulations only apply to ships and aircraft classified as historic structures or archaeological sites. SMCA includes all sunken military craft and is not limited to those designated as historic. All foreign sunken military craft in US waters, consisting of US internal waters, the US territorial sea, and the US contiguous zone, are also afforded protection from disturbance by SMCA. The Naval History and Heritage Command will serve as the permitting authority for the disturbance of non-historic and historic DoN sunken and terrestrial military craft. Comments due 7 Mar 14. DoN POC: [Dr. Robert Neyland](#).

QUADRENNIAL ENERGY REVIEW. The President has issued a [memorandum](#) to federal agencies initiating a Quadrennial Energy Review, to be focused initially on the nation's infrastructure for transporting, transmitting, and delivering energy ([79 FR 2575](#)). The Energy Review task force is co-chaired by the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Director of the Domestic Policy Council. Membership includes DoD, Army Corps of Engineers, and other federal agencies. The task force shall:

- Gather ideas and advice;
- Conduct outreach to engage with others including state and local governments, universities, business, national laboratories, non-governmental organizations, and others;
- Coordinate agency and other federal efforts; and
- Submit a Quadrennial Energy Review Report to the President every four years, beginning with the first report on 31 Jan 15.

The Quadrennial Energy Review Report shall:

- Provide an integrated view of, and recommendations for, federal energy policy;
- Review adequacy, with respect to energy policy, of existing executive and legislative actions, and recommend additional executive and legislative actions as appropriate;
- Assess and recommend priorities for research, development, and demonstration programs to support key energy-innovation goals; and
- Identify analytical tools and data needed to support further policy development and implementation.

Federal Activity

AIR

NEW STATIONARY SOURCES EMISSIONS. EPA is withdrawing proposed [13 APR 12 standards](#), after receiving significant comments ([79 FR 1352](#)). EPA is simultaneously proposing new standards of performance for fossil fuel-fired electric utility steam generating units and stationary combustion turbines ([79 FR 1430](#)). The action establishes separate standards for fossil fuel-fired electric steam generating units (utility boilers and Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle [IGCC] units) and natural gas-fired stationary combustion turbines. Proposed standards reflect separate determinations of the best system of emission reduction (BSER) adequately demonstrated for utility boilers and IGCC units and for natural gas-fired stationary combustion turbines; whereas, the Apr 12 proposal relied on a single standard and BSER determination for all new fossil fuel-fired units. For utility boilers and IGCC units, the proposed standard is 1,100 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt hour (lbs. CO₂/MWh) based on partial implementation of carbon capture and storage. For natural gas-fired stationary combustion turbines, proposed emission limits are 1,000 lbs. CO₂/MWh for larger units and 1,100 lbs. CO₂/MWh for smaller units, based on the currently available natural gas combined cycle technology. EPA is not currently proposing standards of performance for modified or reconstructed sources. Comments are due 10 Mar 14. EPA POC: [Nick Hutson](#), (919) 541-2968.

AREA SOURCE BOILER RULE VIDEO SERIES. A new [EPA video series](#) explaining the Area Source Boiler Rule, a Clean Air Act rule, recently became available. The series consists of modules regarding:

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

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

- 21 Mar 14—deadline for completing the initial tune-up for existing boilers, and
- 19 Jul 14—deadline for submitting the notification of compliance status (NOCS) for tune-ups.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

CARBON DIOXIDE STREAMS IN GEOLOGIC SEQUESTRATION. EPA is revising regulations for hazardous waste management

under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to conditionally exclude hazardous CO₂ streams from the definition of hazardous waste, provided streams are captured from emission sources, are injected into Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class VI wells for purposes of geologic sequestration (GS), and meet other conditions ([79 FR 350](#)). Final rule effective 4 Mar 14. EPA POC: [Melissa Kaps](#), (703) 308-6787.

NATURAL RESOURCES

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has released [draft guidance](#) for assessing the effects of anthropogenic sound on marine mammal species. Guidance provides updated thresholds above which individual marine mammals are predicted to experience changes in hearing sensitivity (temporary or permanent) for all underwater anthropogenic sound sources. NMFS POC: [Amy Scholik-Schlomer](#), (301) 427-8449.

SMOKE MANAGEMENT APP. The new [web-based app](#) can be used on a computer or mobile device. It provides quick access to the Prescribed Fire Smoke Management Guide created by the Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability ([SERPPAS](#)). The guide provides guidelines, a fuel calculator, fact sheets and more.

WATER

COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY ACT. The [Community Fire Safety Act of 2013](#) was enacted as Public Law No: 113-64, amending the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt fire hydrants from the prohibition on use of lead pipes, fittings, fixtures, solder, and flux.

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a report reviewing EPA's use of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) to strive to meet Clean Water Act (CWA) water quality standards ([GAO-14-80](#)). GAO recommends EPA issue new regulations for TMDL development, adding key features related to nonpoint source pollution. Further, GAO recommends Congress should consider revising the CWA approach to addressing nonpoint source pollution. GAO POC: [J. Alfredo Gómez](#), (202) 512-3841.

Professional Development

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

- 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](#);
- Environmental [CONFERENCES](#), [MEETINGS](#), [TRAINING](#), and [WORKSHOP](#) information;
- Applicable laws and Executive Orders; and
- Industry sector-specific newsletters.

FedCenter also provides member assistance services such as:

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

6-10 APR, NEW ORLEANS, LA: [BIODIVERSITY WITHOUT BOUNDARIES 2014: THE NATURESERVE CONSERVATION & NATURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE](#) will emphasize education, working sessions, and networking. Join industry leaders in discussing how to continue to provide the scientific basis for effective conservation.

23-25 APR, ORLANDO, FL: [NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT \(NISTM\) INTERNATIONAL ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK CONFERENCE](#) provides educational opportunities, resources, and training seminars about the operation, regulation, and management of aboveground storage tanks. Conference sessions help independent, major terminal operators, manufacturers, and suppliers. Other industries with storage tanks that will benefit attending the conference include pipeline, aviation, chemical, electric power general, manufacturing and the military.

ANYTIME ONLINE: [DRIVING BIOPREFERRED® WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM](#) The 21 FEB 12 Presidential Memorandum, [Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement](#), raises the bar for biobased purchasing in the federal sector. Find out what the memo means for your agency. Gain insight from top experts who will share the latest information on: goals and priorities that underpin the urgency of federal efforts, new requirements that accelerate biobased procurement preferences, and tips for reporting biobased purchasing on the Office of Management and Budget Agency Scorecard.



Internet Resources

Region 6 Regulatory & Legislative Internet Sites

USEPA Region 6	http://epa.gov/region6/index.htm
Arkansas Dept of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)	http://www.adeq.state.ar.us
Arkansas General Assembly	http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)	http://www.deq.state.la.us/
Louisiana Legislature	http://www.legis.state.la.us/
New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)	http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/
New Mexico Legislature	http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ)	http://www.deq.state.ok.us
Oklahoma Legislature	http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/
Texas Legislature	http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/

Region 7 Regulatory & Legislative Internet Sites

USEPA Region 7	http://www.epa.gov/region7/index.htm
Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)	http://www.iowadnr.com/
Iowa General Assembly	http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx
Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)	http://www.kdheks.gov/
Kansas Legislature	http://kslegislature.org/li/
Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)	http://www.dnr.mo.gov/index.html
Missouri General Assembly	http://www.moga.mo.gov/
Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ)	http://www.deq.state.ne.us
Nebraska Legislature	http://nebraskalegislature.gov/

Other Federal Agencies Internet Sites

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management State Offices	
Eastern States AR, LA, MO, IA	http://www.blm.gov/es/st/en.html
NM, KS, OK, TX	http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en.html
WY, NE	http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en.html
U.S. Geological Survey Central Region	
All Region 6 and 7 states	http://www.cr.usgs.gov/
DOE Office of Environmental Management	
All states	http://www.em.doe.gov/pages/emhome.aspx
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Southwest Region NM, TX, OK	http://www.fws.gov/southwest/
Mountain – Prairie Region KS, NE	http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/
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For further information please visit the [Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices'](#) website.

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<http://www.asaie.army.mil/Public/InfraAnalysis/REEO/Central/docs/acronyms.doc>