



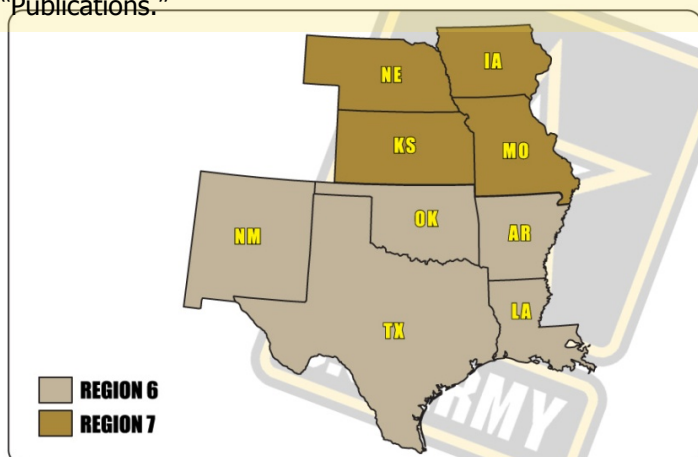
Central Review of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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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 [here](#). Click [here](#) 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."



Steve Scanlon Retires as Director of Army REEO-Central

Steve Scanlon retired from federal service late in 2014 after a distinguished military and civilian career spanning over 45 years. Steve began his 30-year military career as an enlisted soldier with the MO Army National Guard, completed Officer Candidate School, and served in a variety of commissioned positions in the Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve. Colonel Stephen C. Scanlon (USA Retired), transferred to Retired Reserve status in 2000.

Steve spent the last 17 years of his career serving in the Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Office - Central (REEO-C), in Kansas City, MO. He first served as REEO-C's Army Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) for Standard Federal Region 7, then became the REEO-C Director in 2007 and expanded his responsibilities to include being the DOD REC for Region 7.

Steve was a tireless champion of the REEO program. During his tenure, Steve pioneered many of the current programs that have become hallmarks of the REEO mission and identity. Steve was one of the first REEOs in the REEO organization to develop and refine the Environmental Legislative and Regulatory Analysis and Monitoring Program - State (EL/RAMP-S). Still a cornerstone of the REEO mission, EL/RAMP-S helps to ensure environmental laws and regulations proposed and adopted by states do not result in adverse impacts on military training or testing, and that new requirements are applied equitably to all DOD entities.

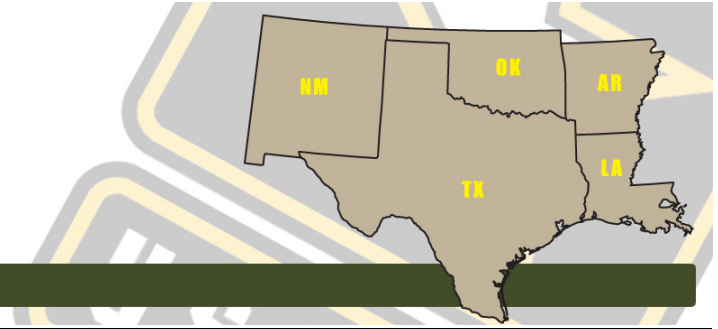
Steve was an innovative leader on the REEO team and always kept a clear focus on core REEO functions. Steve championed the REEO's Outreach program. He understood the value of educating all stakeholders on issues, and the importance of building relationships before they are needed. Steve also conceived, developed, and institutionalized into Army doctrine an Army leadership class on "REEOs and Intergovernmental Affairs." As a result of Steve's efforts, the class is now taught in the Army Installation Management Command's Garrison Leaders Course to educate Army leadership on the importance and techniques of intergovernmental affairs in support of mission sustainment.

Thank you, Steve, for your dedicated service to the United States of America and for your great work at the Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Office – **Hooah!**

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Region 6



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Legislature convened 12 Jan 15 and adjourns 12 Mar 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1067 amends the laws regarding water quality regulations and wastewater discharge permits to authorize nutrient water quality trading, credits, offsets, and compliance associations. Sponsor: Representative Charlie Collins (R).

SB 592 amends the laws concerning net metering to allow community net metering. Sponsor: Senator David Johnson (D).



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Legislature convenes 13 Apr 15 and adjourns 11 Jun 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

(PREFILED) **SB 1** provides that an estate situated below is the servient estate and is bound to receive the surface waters that flow naturally from a dominant estate situated above, unless an act of man has created the flow. Also provides that the owner of the servient estate situated below may not do anything to prevent the flow of the water. Proposed law further provides that the owner of the dominant estate situated above may not do anything to render the servitude more burdensome. Sponsor: Senator R. L. Bret Allain, (R).

FINAL RULE

(EFFECTIVE 20 FEB 15) **MINOR SOURCE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS** (LAC 33:III.503, 519). The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has adopted a rulemaking to amend the air regulations to establish a regulatory framework setting forth maximum terms and renewal procedures for minor source permits. Permits "shall have, as a matter of law, a term of not more than 10 years."



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Legislature convenes 20 Jan 15 and adjourns 21 Mar 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SM 80 is a memorial requesting the counties of Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia and the municipalities of Albuquerque, Belen, Bernalillo, Los Lunas, and Rio Rancho to consider a temporary moratorium on new development due to potential water supply shortages. Sponsor: Senator Linda M. Lopez (D).

HB 468 pertains to state sovereignty over the lesser prairie chicken. The lesser prairie chicken and its habitat in the state are not subject to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. A county or district attorney or the attorney general may seek injunctive relief to prevent any agent of the government of the United States from enforcing any federal regulation or executive action pertaining to the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 that purports to regulate the lesser prairie chicken. Sponsor: Representative Dennis J. Roch (R).

SB 630 enacts the carbon credit act, defines carbon credit rights, provides for creation of a carbon credit oversight board, and makes an appropriation. Sponsor: Senator John M. Sapiens (D).

SB 665 allows the use of a leased water right during a pending hearing process for a limited period and limited amount of water; allows the drilling of supplemental or replacement wells for the amount of water originally permitted to or declared by the water right owner regardless of the amount of historic beneficial use of the water; requires the filing of certain evidence by protestants to determine standing in administrative hearings on water rights issues; and provides that the non-use of water does not automatically result in the loss of water rights in certain instances. Sponsor: Senator Ron Griggs (R).

SB 677 provides for a private right of action to enforce the provisions and enacts new sections of the Environmental Improvement Act and the Water Quality Act. Sponsor: Senator Cisco McSorley (D).

FINAL RULE

(EFFECTIVE 27 FEB 15) **NEW MEXICO STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AMENDMENTS** (20.2.1 NMAC) amends the New Mexico State Implementation Plan (SIP) regarding 20.2.1 NMAC, General Provisions. The amendment codifies the department's authority to request and receive documents required from regulated sources in an electronic format. The amendments are pursuant to the Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule as defined by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 3; and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 14-16-1 to -21 (2001 as amended through 2013). Amendments stipulate any submittal to the department required by any part under Chapter 2, Air Quality (Statewide), of Title 20, Environmental Protection, of the New Mexico Administrative Code, for which the Department has notified persons subject to the applicable requirement that it is accepting specified electronic documents in lieu of paper, shall be submitted electronically, provided that the method of submittal complies with applicable federal and state standards for electronic submissions.



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Legislature convenes 2 Feb 15 and adjourns 29 May 15.

Nothing significant to report during this period.



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Legislature convened 13 Jan 15 and adjourns 1 Jun 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1301 gives authority to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules prohibiting the use of an on-site sewage disposal system with an absorptive effluent disposal system. Sponsor: Representative John Wray (R).

HB 1639 MILITARY AIRPORT OPERATIONS. A county shall work closely with military installations as necessary to obtain or create a map that is visually useful in determining whether the area is located inside or outside an accident potential zone, clear zone, or noise zone as designated in the most recent Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study or Joint Land Use Study applicable to the military installation. Sponsor: Representative Joe Farias (D).

HB 1640 amends rules related to compatibility of certain defense community regulations and structures with military operations. If a defense community determines that an ordinance, rule, or plan proposed by a community may impact a military base or defense facility or the military exercise or training activities connected to the base or facility, the community shall seek comments and analysis from the base or facility authorities concerning the compatibility of the proposed ordinance, rule, or plan with base operations. The defense community shall consider and analyze the comments and analysis before making a final determination relating to the proposed ordinance, rule, or plan. Representative Joe Farias (D).

HB 1642 amends rules relating to the rights, remedies, and liability of certain owners and operators of environmentally contaminated property. A person must bring suit for damages arising from an injury to property caused by environmental contamination originating from a source not located on or at the property not later than 10 years after the date notice of the contamination is reported in writing to both the TCEQ and the owner of the affected property. On the request of the owner or operator, a court shall determine the amount of reasonable compensation if the owner or operator and the responsible party are unable to agree on the compensation to be paid. Sponsor: Representative Joseph C. Pickett (D).

HB 1693 creates a prohibition on the sale of motor fuel mixed with methanol unless there is a prominent display on the pump, and imposes civil and criminal penalties. Although the current bill appears to replace the word ethanol with methanol, the bill text is inconsistent with section headings, so it is currently unclear if the prohibition will apply to both methanol and ethanol or just methanol. Sponsor: Representative Jason Isaac (R).

[HB 1856](#) establishes requirements for the renewal or amendment of any permit issued by a groundwater conservation district for the operation of or production from a well, including a permit to drill or complete a well if the district does not require a separate permit. Sponsor: Representative Jason Isaac (R).

[HB 1865](#) amends procedures for contesting environmental permit applications filed with TCEQ. Sponsor: Representative Geanie W. Morrison (R).

[HB 1919](#) states that no person may import, possess, sell, or place into the public water of the state exotic harmful or potentially harmful fish or shellfish except as authorized by rule or permit issued by the Parks and Wildlife Department. Sponsor: Representative Larry Phillips (R).

[HB 1939](#). 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: Representative Matt Rinaldi (R).

[HB 2051](#) (COMPANION [SB 912](#)). Wastewater treatment facilities are not required to notify TCEQ of a single accidental discharge or spill of 1,000 gallons or less that occurs at a wastewater treatment or collection facility owned or operated by a local government, is not associated with another simultaneous accidental discharge or spill, is controlled or removed before the accidental discharge or spill enters water in the state or adversely affects a public or private source of drinking water, and will not endanger human health or safety or the environment. Sponsor: Representative Myra Crownover (R).

[SB 505](#) (COMPANION: [HB 946](#)) relating to the painting and marking requirements for certain towers. "Tower" means a structure that is self-standing or supported by guy wires and anchors; is not more than six feet in diameter at the base of the structure; and has accessory facilities on which an antenna, sensor, camera, meteorological instrument, or other equipment is mounted. Sponsor: Senator Charles Perry (R).

[SB 521](#) changes the period for which the TCEQ may grant or renew an emergency authorization relating to the use of state water. The TCEQ may grant an emergency permit, order, or amendment to an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication after notice to the governor for an initial period of not more than two years. TCEQ may renew an emergency authorization granted for successive periods of not longer than one year each. TCEQ may provide for automatic renewals of an authorization for periods of not longer than one year each. Sponsor: Senator Troy Fraser (R).

[SB 528](#). The owner or operator of an ammonium nitrate storage facility shall allow a fire marshal to enter the facility to make a thorough examination of the facility; and on request, at a reasonable time, allow the local fire department access to the facility to perform a pre-fire planning assessment. Sponsor: Senator Birdwell, (R).

[SB 580](#) requires the Lower Colorado River Authority to include in its water management plan a requirement that a water intake that provides water for a municipality must be located at or below the lowest water level recorded during the drought of record for the reservoir in which the intake is located. Sponsor: Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R).

[SB 635](#). Property used by an entity for renewable energy electric generation through the use of wind power is not eligible for a limitation on appraised value for a tax year if the property owner receives a federal subsidy for the use of the property in that manner for that tax year, including a renewable electricity production credit under Section 45, Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Sponsor: Senator Donna Campbell, (R). **REEO-C Comment:** REEO-C is coordinating with Army Office of Energy Initiatives (OEI) to determine whether this bill may negatively impact OEI projects in Texas.

FINAL RULE

(EFFECTIVE 17 FEB 15) [APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES](#) (4 TAC §§7.1, 7.21, 7.24, 7.27, 7.30, 7.32, 7.33, 7.35). The amendment to Subchapter A, §7.1, updates the definition of the term "Extension." The amendments to Subchapter C update references, rename, and define certain pesticide categories to provide clarification. Amendments to Subchapter C also clarify points associated with continuing education unit accreditation, recordkeeping, and requirements for certification, recertification, and licensing of pesticide applicators. The amendments to Subchapter D renumber the existing list of State-Limited-Use pesticides and clarify that the list is defined by active ingredient; add a list of pesticides

that have been cancelled by the EPA for distribution (EPA did not include a discontinuation of use date); add a section to classify specific methods of use of pesticides for public health purposes as State Limited Use; revise recordkeeping requirements for pesticide dealers and pesticide applicators; remove the requirement for the department to issue identification decals to pesticide application equipment; and reiterates the department's authority to issue a stop use, stop distribution, or removal order for faulty pesticide application equipment.

(EFFECTIVE 26 FEB 15) [CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER EFFLUENT LIMITATION GUIDELINE REVISIONS](#) (30 TAC §305.541). The TCEQ has adopted amendments to the Construction Stormwater Effluent Limitation Guidelines.

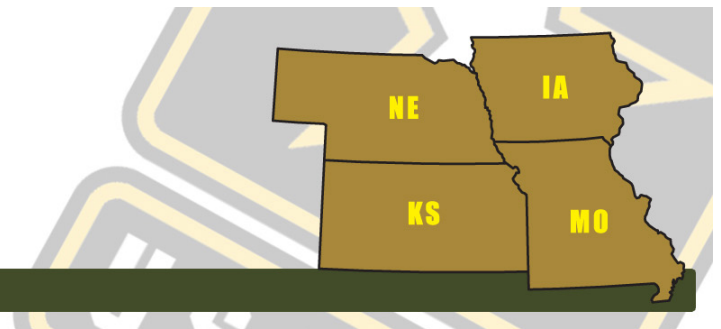
(EFFECTIVE 23 FEB 15) [MANAGEMENT OF THE BEACH/DUNE SYSTEM](#) (31 TAC §15.3, §15.4) amends rules to provide greater protection for the beach dune system and provide parties directly impacted by damage to the dune system with an opportunity to comment on activities that adversely affect dunes and dune vegetation adjacent to their property. The amended rules provide adjacent landowners notice about construction that may adversely affect dunes and dune vegetation, thereby giving them an opportunity to review the permit, identify any impacts to the integrity of the dune system, and therefore their own property, and comment on the impacts of construction, the proposed mitigation plan, and the issuance of the permit.

PROPOSED RULE

[UPDATE TO THE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS](#). The TCEQ has requested comments from the public on the draft January 2015 Update to the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). The WQMP is developed and promulgated in accordance with the requirements of Federal Clean Water Act, §208. The draft update includes projected effluent limits of specific domestic dischargers, which may be useful for planning in future permit actions. The draft update may also contain service area populations for listed wastewater treatment facilities, designated management agency information, and total maximum daily load (TMDL) revisions. Comments were due 9 Mar 15. POC: [Nancy Vignali](#).

[REMOVAL OF RULE LANGUAGE REQUIRING SMALL SOURCE REPORTING OF CERTAIN AIR EMISSIONS](#). The TCEQ has proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 101, General Air Quality Rules, §101.201 and §101.211. The proposed rulemaking would remove language from these sections requiring small emitting sources to collect and report annual emissions event and maintenance, startup, and shutdown data to the TCEQ for emissions inventory purposes. These requirements are limited to small sources located in nonattainment areas, maintenance areas, and early action compact areas. A hearing is scheduled for 17 Mar 15. Comments are due by 23 Mar 15. POC: Kathy Pendleton, (512) 239-1936.

Region 7



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Legislature convened 12 Jan 15 and adjourns 2 May 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 343 nullifies the regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Iowa and makes the state Department of Natural Resources responsible for protection of the environment in the state. The bill also provides that all laws and funding related to environmental protection be enacted by the Iowa General Assembly. Sponsor: Senator Dennis Guth (R).

PROPOSED RULE

NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. 2 - TOPSOIL PRESERVATION AT CONSTRUCTION SITES (567 IAC 64.15(2)). The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission has proposed a rulemaking to amend Chapter 64, "Wastewater Construction and Operation Permits," Iowa Administrative Code (IAC). The proposed amendment to Chapter 64 will revise National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. 2, which authorizes the discharge of stormwater from construction sites. Substantive changes are required to implement the federal effluent guidelines for construction and development point sources. These guidelines are found at 40 CFR 450.21. The changes being proposed involve topsoil preservation at construction sites. The guidelines require permittees to minimize soil compaction and, unless infeasible, preserve topsoil. Currently, the commission defines this requirement as the preservation of at least four inches of topsoil at construction sites when this is consistent with land use practices and if at least four inches of topsoil existed on the site prior to construction. Hearings are scheduled for the 18th, 25th, and 27th of Mar 2015. Comments are due by 1 Apr 15. POC: Storm Water Coordinator, (515) 725-8417.

SURFACE WATER CLASSIFICATION (567 IAC 61.3(5)). The Environmental Protection Commission has proposed rulemaking to amend Chapter 61, "Water Quality Standards," IAC. The proposed amendment revises subrule 61.3(5) to adopt by reference a revised Surface Water Classification document. The revised and updated Surface Water Classification reflects use designations that have been determined through fieldwork and the completion of a use attainability analysis (UAA). The classification document includes a change from the presumed use of primary contact recreation to a determined use of secondary contact recreation. Hearings are scheduled for the 10th, 17th, and 24th of Mar 2015. Comments are due by 27 Mar 15. POC: [Matthew Dvorak](#), (515) 725-8397.



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

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 955. An owner of riparian land (land adjacent to a natural watercourse or through which a natural watercourse runs) has the right to the natural flow of the natural watercourse including its volume and purity, except as affected by the reasonable use by other riparian owners. If a defendant in a private nuisance action demonstrates substantial compliance with orders or permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, or the office of the attorney general related to the activity or use of property alleged to be a nuisance, the activity or use of property shall not be deemed a nuisance. Sponsor: Representative Robert Ross (R).

HB 2227. 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 Kansas Division of Water Resources 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. Sponsor: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2245 amends procedures for cases involving groundwater. No common-law claimant without a vested right or other person without a vested right, a prior appropriation right, or an earlier permit shall divert or threaten to divert water if

such diversion or threatened diversion impairs or would impair any vested right, appropriation right, or right under a permit to appropriate water. Sponsor: Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

HB 2303 modifies established water quality standards for the waters of the state to protect their designated uses, including establishment of variances to water quality standards that may apply to specified pollutants, permittees, or waterbody segments that reflect the highest attainable condition during the specified time period for the variance. Sponsor: Committee on Appropriations.

HB 2351 (COMPANION TO **SB 227**) requires the Kansas Chief Engineer to give due consideration to water management or conservation measures previously implemented by a water right holder pursuant to a local enhanced management area, intensive groundwater use control area, or other similar program when implementing any further limitations on a water right pursuant to any program established or implemented on and after 1 Jul 15. The chief engineer shall take into account reductions in water use, changes in water management practices and other measures undertaken by such water right holder. Sponsor: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

HB 2396 (COMPANION **SB 257**) imposes a 10-year limit on property tax exemption for renewable energy resources or technologies. Sponsor: Committee on Taxation.

SB 134 amends Kansas noxious weed laws. The Secretary of Agriculture shall adopt rules and regulations to declare weeds of the state that are noxious weeds. Once a weed has been declared to be a noxious weed, it shall be considered a noxious weed in every county of the state. The secretary shall not declare any species to be a noxious weed without the recommendation of the state advisory committee, except under an emergency declaration. A board of county commissioners may, with the approval of the secretary, publish a list of the species of weeds to be controlled in the county. Sponsor: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

SB 253 (COMPANION **HB 2373**) repeals provisions of the Kansas Renewable Energy Standards Act as related to renewable energy portfolio requirements and renewable energy credits. The provisions of Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 66-1256 through 66-1262, and amendments, shall expire on 1 Jan 16. Sponsor: Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 257 imposes a 10-year limit on property tax exemption for renewable resources or technologies. Sponsor: Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 269 proposes to remove the eastern spotted skunk from the nongame and endangered species conservation act listing. Sponsor: Committee on Ways and Means.

FINAL RULE

(EFFECTIVE 30 MAR 15) **UST OPERATOR TRAINING** (10 CSR 100-6.010). This rule imposes a requirement on operators of underground storage tanks (UST) to demonstrate they have been trained in how to properly operate their tank systems.

PROPOSED RULE

SIP REVISION TO MODIFY CROSS-STATE AIR POLLUTION RULES. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) proposed a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to modify the allocations for Kansas utilities under the Environmental Protection Agency's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule. The SIP revision is proposed in accordance with federal Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990 that require each state to submit a plan for the implementation, maintenance and enforcement of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It also satisfies CAA "good neighbor" provisions, requiring that SIPs contain adequate provisions to prohibit emissions that will significantly contribute to a nonattainment of a NAAQS or interfere with maintenance of a NAAQS in a downwind state. Comments are due by 24 Mar 15. POC: Pat Gibbs, (785) 291-3278.

MISC

KANSAS POLLUTION PREVENTION (P2) AWARDS. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) present Pollution Prevention Awards annually to those communities, businesses, and industries that have made a significant improvement in protecting our environment by preventing pollution or conserving natural resources. Pollution prevention

(P2) encompasses many different activities that prevent or reduce the generation of pollutants or wastes at the source. Applications must be received by 1 Jun 15.



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Legislature convened 7 Jan 15 and adjourns 30 May 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 783 modifies Missouri law regarding renewable energy resources. This bill broadens the definition of "hydropower" for purposes of producing renewable energy, to include operations using pumped storage and producing more than 10 megawatts of power. Existing generating facilities that meet this definition will meet the criteria for producing renewable energy. All hydroelectric power facilities in Missouri, owned by Missouri utilities, or operating under a purchased power agreement will meet the criteria for producing renewable energy beginning 1 Jan 18. All hydroelectric power must be classified as renewable energy under the mandates beginning 1 Jan 21. This bill also defines utility programs that issue solar rebates as eligible to be considered a "demand side program" for purposes of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act. Sponsor: Representative Bart Korman (R).

HB 1032 establishes the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act and repeals the provisions regarding the Manufacturer Responsibility and Consumer Convenience Equipment Collection and Recovery Act. This applies to both sellers and recyclers of electronic products. Sponsor: Representative Mary Nichols (D).

HB 1070 creates the office of military advocate to advocate for military services and military bases in Missouri. The office will be established under the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission for the purpose of advocating for the military services and military bases in Missouri, creating a long-term plan on military sustainability, and fulfilling the mission of the Missouri military preparedness and enhancement commission. The military advocate would be appointed by the Governor for a 6 year term. Sponsor: Representative Charlie Davis (R).

SB 413 requires that natural resource damages authorized to be recovered under any state or federal law by the state natural resources trustee shall be offset against a potentially responsible party by crediting the party for the past, current, and future value of any economic and ecological benefits from any land or other property donated to the state by the party. The act allows the potentially responsible party or any other interested party to submit to the state natural resources trustee an economic impact report estimating such benefits. The act bans the state trustee from transferring any authority to assess or recover damages to any federal or other trustee. Sponsor: Senator Gary Romine (R).

PROPOSED RULE

HAZARDOUS WASTE RULES AMENDMENTS (10 Code of State Regulations (CSR) 25) identifies existing rules in Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 7 of 10 CSR 25 that need to be amended to be consistent with the requirements of Section 260.373 CSR. That section limits the authority of the Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Commission (HWMC) to adopt rules that are stricter than, or that establish requirements sooner than, the corresponding federal regulations in certain subject areas. The department has completed the identification and review process for the chapters and has completed an initial draft of the proposed rule amendments that will implement the necessary changes. Additional amendments that would be incorporated include conditional exclusion for solvent contaminated wipes, and modification of the hazardous waste manifest system. Comments are due by 21 Apr 15. POC: [Tim Eiken](#), (573) 522-8057.



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Legislature convened 7 Jan 15 and adjourns ~5 Jun 15.

Nothing significant to report during this period.

Department of Defense Activity

Attached are comments by the DOD [Clean Water Act Services Steering Committee](#) that were submitted to EPA on [EPA's Proposed Rule for Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Dental Category](#).



DoD Comments on
ELG for Dental Category

ARMY STRATEGY 2025. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment ([OASA \(IE&E\)](#)) released the Army's vision and strategy to help meet future challenges and to succeed in future operating environments. The strategy serves to guide and shape the Army's future and current actions related to installations, energy and environment, as well as provide a strategic roadmap to achieve its vision. It covers fiscal years (FY) 2016-2025. To view the strategy, [click here](#).

DoD ENERGY CONSUMPTION HITS RECORD LOW. According to [a new report](#) from the [Energy Information Administration](#) (EIA), in FY 2013 energy use by the DoD fell to its lowest level since at least 1975, the earliest for which year information is available. DoD accounts for most of the energy consumed by the federal government. The share of federal government energy use attributed to DoD fell from 87% in FY 1975 to 78% in FY 2013 - the lowest share on record. Energy usage within DoD is divided into two areas: installation energy and operational energy. Installation energy is the energy required to run and operate military installations, which is mainly energy used in buildings but also energy used by vehicles not on combat missions. Operational energy, which accounts for 70% of total DoD energy use, is the energy required for transporting, training, and sustaining personnel and weapons specifically for military operations. According to the DoD's [Annual Energy Report](#), the U.S. Army uses the largest portion of installation energy (34%), while the U.S. Air Force uses the largest portion of operational energy (53%), consisting mostly of jet fuel. For more information, view [this news report](#) by Defense Communities 360 or view the [EIA report](#).

DoD POLICY: POLLINATOR FRIENDLY MANAGEMENT. The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense issued a [memorandum](#) expanding DoD policy to use best management practices to protect pollinators (e.g., bees, birds, bats, butterflies, and moths). In accordance with [DoD Instruction 4150.07](#) (DoD Pest Management Program) and [DoD Instruction 4715.03](#) (Natural Resources Conservation Program) it is DoD policy to use native landscaping and minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides in sensitive habitats. Further, it is DoD policy for Military Departments to coordinate, when appropriate and to the extent feasible, with other agencies and nongovernmental organizations on habitat and pollinator issues. For more information, contact [Peter Boice](#) at (571) 372-6905.

FY 2016 LEGACY PROGRAM FUNDING. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment released a [request for pre-proposals](#) (RFP) for FY 2016 Legacy Program funding. A Legacy project may involve regional ecosystem management initiatives, habitat preservation efforts, archaeological investigations, invasive species control, Native American consultations, and/or monitoring and predicting migratory patterns of birds and animals.

Three principles guide the Legacy program: stewardship, leadership, and partnership. Only proposals submitted via the [DoD Legacy Tracker website](#) and coordinated with appropriate installation and headquarters personnel will be eligible for funding. Pre-proposals are due 3 Apr 16.

Federal Activity

FEDERAL ENERGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT AWARDS. Each year the Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Energy Management Program, in conjunction with the Federal Interagency Energy Management Task Force, sponsors the Federal Energy and Water Management Awards to honor outstanding federal agency achievements in energy, water, and fleet management. All nominations must be submitted by 30 Apr 15. There will be a [one-hour informational meeting](#) on 19 Mar 15 that will provide an overview of the 2015 awards criteria and eligibility requirements, as well as tips on how to prepare nomination narratives.

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD. On 30 Jan 15, President Obama issued Executive Order (EO) 13690, "[Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input](#)" (80 FR 6425). [EO 11988](#), "Floodplain Management." The most significant change is redefinition of floodplain from that defined by the 100-year flood.

AIR

N-PROPYL BROMIDE. EPA has received petitions requesting that the solvent n-Propyl Bromide be added to the list of hazardous air pollutants; EPA is initiating a technical review and requesting public comment ([80 FR 6676](#)). Industrial uses of n-Propyl Bromide include: cleaning of metal surfaces, removal of soldering residues from electronic circuit boards, solvent use in the aviation industry for maintenance, solvent for adhesives, replacement for perchloroethylene as a dry cleaning solvent, synthetic fiber production, and asphalt production. Comments were due 9 Mar 15. EPA POC: [John Schaefer](#), (919) 541-0296.

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND SINKS. The [draft 1990-2013 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory](#) is available for public comment until 26 MAR 2015 ([80 FR 9718](#)). Send comments to [Leif Hockstad](#) or [Melissa Weitz](#).

LEAD REPORTING THRESHOLD. EPA has issued a final rule, lowering the threshold for reporting lead emissions sources as point sources to 0.5 tons per year of actual emissions ([80 FR 8787](#)). The rule eliminates the requirement for reporting emissions from wildfires and prescribed fires. It also replaces a requirement for reporting mobile source emissions with a requirement for reporting input parameters that can be used to run EPA models that generate emissions estimates. EPA POC: [Ron Ryan](#), (919) 541- 4330.

AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING AND REWORK FACILITIES. EPA proposed amendments to the national emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for aerospace manufacturing and rework facilities to address results of residual risk and technology review (RTR) ([80 FR 8391](#)). Proposed amendments would:

- Add limitations to reduce organic and inorganic emissions of HAPs from specialty coating application operations;
- Remove exemptions from emission limitations for periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) so affected units would be subject to emission standards at all times
- Revise provisions to address recordkeeping and reporting requirements applicable to periods of SSM; and
- Include other technical corrections.

EPA estimates that implementation of this proposed rule will result in reductions of 58 tons of HAP. Comments are due 3 Apr 2015. EPA POC: [Kim Teal](#), (919) 541-5580.

RADIONUCLIDES. EPA announced the availability of Version 4 of the CAP88-PC model, which may be used to demonstrate compliance with the NESHAP applicable to radionuclides ([80 FR 7461](#)). For more information, contact [Reid Rosnick](#) at (202) 343-9200.

MATS AND UTILITY NSPS. EPA is proposing to make clarifications and corrections to its 16 FEB 12 final Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and Utility New Source Performance Standards ([80 FR 8441](#)). The revisions would align

regulatory text with the preamble and make corrections and clarifications. EPA is also proposing to remove rule provisions establishing an affirmative defense for malfunction events in light of a recent court decision on the issue. For specific details, click [here](#) and scroll down to the section titled "Technical Corrections." Comments are due 3 Apr 15. For more information, contact [Christian Fellner](#) at (919) 541-4003.

MOBILE SOURCE REGULATIONS. EPA is approving technical amendments to various mobile source regulations ([80 FR 9077](#)). The rulemaking:

- Corrects and clarifies Tier 3 motor vehicle and fuel standards;
- Revises test procedures and compliance provisions for certain for nonroad spark-ignition engines (and corresponding nonroad equipment);
- Clarifies design-permissible approaches for portable fuel containers meeting evaporative emission standards;
- Aligns state requirements for marine vessels with diesel engines with MARPOL Annex VI; and
- Corrects errors in the Voluntary Quality Assurance Program rulemaking.

The final rulemaking is effective 5 May 15 unless the agency receives adverse comment by 6 Apr 15. For more information, contact [Alan Stout](#) at (734) 214-4805.

EMISSIONS INVENTORY REPORTING: LEAD, FIRES, MOBILE SOURCES. EPA adopted final amendments to emissions inventory requirements for a variety of sources ([80 FR 8787](#)). The rulemaking lowers the threshold for reporting lead emissions sources to five tons per year of actual emissions, eliminates the requirement for reporting emissions from wildfires and prescribed fires, and replaces a requirement for reporting mobile source emissions with a requirement for reporting input parameters (used to run the EPA models that generate emissions estimates). The final rule was effective 19 Feb 15. For more information, contact [Ron Ryan](#) at (919) 541-4330.

ESIP. EPA issued a final rule allowing state, local, and tribal agencies to submit state implementation plans (SIPs) and tribal implementation plans electronically, using EPA's eSIP portal ([80 FR 7336](#)). Electronic submission via the eSIP submission system is now EPA's preferred method for air agencies to make SIP submissions. The agency also simplified submission requirements for those air agencies that continue to make paper submissions by reducing the number of paper copies required and providing non-binding guidelines for SIP submissions. The final rule is effective 16 Mar 15, when the eSIP submission system will be available to air agencies. For more information, contact [Mia South](#) at (919) 541-5550.

EPA TO TAKE ACTION ON OZONE SIPs. Under the terms of a proposed consent decree, EPA would be required to take final action (approve, disapprove, conditionally approve, or approve in part and disapprove in part) certain SIPs addressing the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone ([80 FR 6513](#)). Comments on the proposed consent decree were due 9 Mar 15. For more information, contact [Karen Bianco](#) at (202) 564-3298.

CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TOOLKIT. As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan [Virtual Climate Resilience Toolkit](#), EPA released the Climate Adjustment Tool for EPA's Stormwater Management Model – a widely-used, downloadable online stormwater simulation model. The Climate Adjustment Tool allows engineers and planners to evaluate performance of water infrastructure while considering future climate change projections, such as more frequent high-intensity storms and changes in evaporation rates of seasonal precipitation, to determine benefits of resiliency decisions to reduce local economic burden and protect communities.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

TRANSPORT OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is requesting public comment on issues related to its efforts to harmonize its rules for the transport of radioactive materials with international standards ([80 FR 6567](#)). The 2012 international standards ([SSR-6](#)) are being considered for revision, with possible publication in 2017. PHMSA has not yet aligned its standards with the 2012 international standards. A public meeting was held 24 Feb 15. For more information, contact Steven Webb at (202) 366-8553.

LITHIUM BATTERY TRANSPORT. For transportation of lithium batteries by modes other than air, the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has extended the compliance date on the final rule published 6 Aug 2014 ([79 FR 46012](#)) ([80 FR 6567](#)). This extension is made in response to formal comments received from multiple stakeholders outlining challenges faced by the regulated community in fully implementing provisions of the final rule by the 6 Feb 2015 mandatory compliance date. The compliance date is now 7 Aug 2015.

NATURAL RESOURCES

SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION EFFORTS. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) released a [progress report](#) to the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) detailing conservation work to protect sage-grouse habitat. The report provides FWS with a comprehensive evaluation of the [Sage Grouse Initiative](#) (SGI) and its contributions to threat reduction for sage-grouse and enhanced ecosystem function on private lands. The report describes the conservation benefits over the past five years by quantifying the threat reduction that SGI achieved by targeting resources on priority landscapes and optimizing the acreage of new conservation. NRCS launched SGI in 2010 as a science-based landscape approach to conserve sage-grouse and sustain western ranching economies after FWS designated the bird as a candidate for protection under the Endangered Species Act. FWS is scheduled to decide whether to list the species in September 2015. The report findings seek to answer two fundamental questions: What has changed since 2010 when sage-grouse was designated as a candidate for listing, and with what certainty will conservation efforts continue beyond 2015. Among the report highlights:

- Since 2010, SGI has disproportionately benefited large populations by successfully targeting 75% of investments inside Priority Areas for Conservation.
- Conservation easement acreage now totals 451,884 acres and nearly all (94%) provide permanent protection.
- Conifer removal, which maintains populations by removing encroaching trees, helped reclaim 405,241 acres of habitat (nearly half of that in Oregon).
- SGI fence-marking conservatively prevents 2,600 fence collisions annually.
- NRCS has committed to continued funding of \$207 million, bringing total SGI investment to \$763 million, to ensure future work that is projected to result in 8 million acres conserved by 2018.

For more information, view the Western Governors' Association (WGA) [press release](#).

CEQ GUIDANCE FOR NEPA REVIEWS. The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) extended the public comment period on its 24 Dec 14 proposed guidance for conducting National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews ([80 FR 9443](#)). The revised draft guidance discusses how NEPA analysis and documentation should address GHG emissions and the impacts of climate change. Comments are due 23 Apr 15. For more information, contact Horst Greczmiel at (202) 395-5750 or [read CEQ's overview](#) of the proposal.

TOXICS

TOXICOLOGICAL PROFILES. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) will develop one updated toxicological profile and three new profiles for antimony (update); glyphosate; silica; and 2,4, Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid ([80 FR 7870](#)). Drafts should be released for comment by 17 Oct 2015. Separately, ATSDR has released final toxicological profiles for toxaphene and trichlorobenzenes ([80 FR 6971](#)). [Profiles](#) are available. ATSDR POC: Jessilynn B. Taylor, (770) 488-3313.

WATER

WATER RESOURCE NEEDS. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Civil Works Program Strategic Plan for 2014-2018, "[Sustainable Solutions to America's Water Resource Needs](#)," is now available. The strategic plan builds on the watershed-based systems approach introduced in the Civil Works 2004-2009 Strategic Plan by furthering integrated water resources management as the overarching strategy.

CONSERVATION PRACTICES. EPA and USACE issued a [memorandum of understanding](#) withdrawing their 2014 [interpretive rule](#) on exemptions to permitting for certain agricultural conservation practices under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The interpretive rule outlined which conservation activities provided farmers with an exemption from permitting under the CWA [Section 404\(f\)\(1\)\(A\)](#). Congress requested that EPA and USACE withdraw the interpretive rule in its continuing resolution "[Cromnibus](#)" [funding legislation](#) (page 445), passed in December 2014. The withdrawal was effective 29 JAN 15.

CONTAMINANT CANDIDATE LIST. EPA is seeking comment on the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 4) of contaminants not currently subject to national primary drinking water regulations ([80 FR 6076](#)). The contaminants are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems and may require regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This Draft CCL 4 includes 100 chemicals or chemical groups and 12 microbial contaminants. Chemicals or chemical groups include: PFOS, PFOA, RDX, n-propylbenzene, nonylphenol, nitroglycerin, nitrobenzene, methanol, methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE), hydrazine, halon 1011 (bromochloromethane), HCFC-22, ethylene glycol, chlorate (may occur in drinking water because of use of disinfectants such as chlorine dioxide and hypochlorites), and cyanotoxins (toxins naturally produced and released by cyanobacteria). [Additional information](#) and a [fact sheet](#) are available. EPA seeks comment on the Draft CCL 4 and on improvements to the selection process for future CCLs. Comments are due 6 Apr 2015. EPA POCs: chemical contaminants, [Meredith Russell](#), (202) 564-0814, russell.meredith@epa.gov; microbial contaminants, [Hannah Holsinger](#), (202) 564- 0403.

WASTEWATER EFFLUENT ANALYSIS. EPA is proposing to update methods to analyze the chemical, physical, and biological components of wastewater and other environmental samples required under the CWA. The updates are intended to increase flexibility for the regulated community, improve data quality, and update CWA methods to keep current with technology advances and analytical methods science. The last update was in 2012. Comments are due 20 Apr 15. For more information, contact [Adrian Hanley](#) at (202) 564-1564.

SPILL RESPONSE EXERCISE PROGRAM. The US Coast Guard and cooperating agencies released updated draft Preparedness for Response Exercise Program Guidelines addressing oil spill response exercises ([80 FR 10704](#)). The updated guidance aligns definitions and terminology with other national-level exercise programs, includes guidance for exercises for non-tank vessels, and specifically identifies oil spill surveillance and tracking systems as a type of response equipment to be exercised during internal equipment deployment exercises. Comments are due 28 Apr 15.

Professional Development

FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER - [FedCenter.gov](#) is 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.

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE) PROSPECT TRAINING. USACE announces course availability for the FY15 Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT) program. Courses are open to all federal, state, county and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity. Please refer to the [course catalog and list of classes](#) and [schedule](#) for details.

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)

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

18-20 AUG, TOPEKA, KS: [2015 KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE.](#) 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.

10-15 Apr, Arlington, VA: [MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT MICROGRIDS SUMMIT.](#) The summit will provide a platform for military, government, and utility policy makers and procurement managers to share business and technical wants, needs and requirements for new microgrid projects with renewable energy developers, energy services companies, system integrators, energy performance contractors (EPCs), 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.

22-25 JUN, GALVESTON, TX: [2015 DREDGING SUMMIT AND EXPO.](#) 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.

VARIOUS DATES AND TIMES ONLINE

[KANSAS ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS](#) from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Pollution Prevention and Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs.

[WESTERN GOVERNORS' DROUGHT FORUM WEBINAR SERIES](#) featuring experts on water and drought management.

- **11 Mar:** "[Tip of the Spear: The Horizon for Drought Data and Technology](#)" examines how scientists use data to understand drought and help policymakers anticipate dry conditions. [Register.](#)
- **25 Mar:** "[Managing Forest Health for Water Resources](#)" explains the latest science on forest management for water resource needs as well as best practices to add security to water portfolios. [Register.](#)
- **8 Apr:** "[One Size Doesn't Fit All: Why Variation in Hydrology and Legal Structures means that Drought Looks Different across the West](#)" will highlight how solutions tailored to the needs of specific communities can be utilized across the region. [Register.](#)

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.](#)

[STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM \(SERDP\) AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM \(ESTCP\) WEBINAR SERIES](#). Designed to promote the transfer of innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable solutions developed using SERDP and ESTCP funding, live 90-minute webinars will be offered every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:00 PM EST. Most webinars will feature two 30-minute presentations and interactive Q&A sessions on topics for DoD and DOE audiences.

AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AFIT) TRAINING COURSE, [QUALIFIED RECYCLING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT](#) presents an understanding of DoD requirements for operating a Qualified Recycling Program (QRP). Course emphasizes principles and techniques to assist students in implementing a sound QRP and 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 the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, establishing contracts, recording transactions, DoD recordkeeping, and estimating future budgets.

11 Mar 15: [INTRODUCTION TO ESPC ENABLE PROGRAM](#). This webinar provides participants with an overview of the Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) ENABLE program. The ESPC ENABLE program allows small and underserved federal sites to achieve energy savings through private sector funding using the General Services Administration schedule.

ANYTIME ONLINE

[AN INTRODUCTION TO THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES](#). REEO-S presents a 45-minute webinar to provide an overview of what REEOs do, how we operate, and how we can help you.

[EPA TMDL AND NPDES PERMIT TRAINING](#). EPA developed three web-based training modules on topics related to Total Maximum Daily Loads (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 WLA (wasteload allocation) Implementation in Permits: A Primer for TMDL Developers
- Module 3: Understanding TMDLs with Stormwater Sources and the NPDES Stormwater Permitting Process

[DISTRIBUTED-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS: FROM PLANNING TO PROJECT CLOSEOUT](#) focuses on planning and implementation of distributed-scale renewable energy projects smaller than 10 megawatts. Course is hosted on the Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) learning management system and outlines a detailed 10-step process from technology screening to project closeout. Explored are online tools and resources available for the selection of cost-effective renewable energy projects on federal sites.

[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.

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

[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.

[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.

[AVERT TUTORIAL](#). EPA launched its new on-demand training on how to use its Avoided Emissions and generation tool (AVERT). AVERT estimates the potential of energy efficiency/renewable energy (EE/RE) programs to displace electricity system-related SO₂, NO_x, and CO₂ emissions in the continental United States. The tool can be used to evaluate county,

state and regional level emissions displaced by energy efficiency and renewable energy programs without the need to specialized resources or electricity system expertise.

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

Internet Resources

Region 6 Regulatory & Legislative Internet Sites

[USEPA Region 6](#)
[Arkansas Dept of Environmental Quality \(ADEQ\)](#)
[Arkansas General Assembly](#)
[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 General Assembly](#)
[Kansas Department of Health and Environment \(KDHE\)](#)
[Kansas Legislature](#)
[Missouri Department of Natural Resources \(MDNR\)](#)
[Missouri General Assembly](#)
[Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality \(NDEQ\)](#)
[Nebraska Legislature](#)

Other Federal Agencies Internet Sites

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management State Offices

[Eastern States AR, LA, MO, IA](#)
[NM, KS, OK, TX](#)
[WY, NE](#)

[U.S. Geological Survey](#)

[DOE Office of Environmental Management](#)

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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 [Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices'](#) website.

Want to comment on a rule or bill in the Review?

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