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The **NORTHERN REVIEW** provides current information on state and local environmental, energy, land use, and related legislative and regulatory activities relevant to Department of Defense interests in the 22 states and territories in Federal Regions 1, 2, 3 and 5. The Review is intended to be a tool useful to DOD and Army leaders, planners, and program managers in carrying out their responsibilities including meeting legal criteria of ISO 14001. The Northern Review monitors and targets proposed and final regulations and legislation that may affect Army or DOD operations. Click here for information on the [Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices](#).

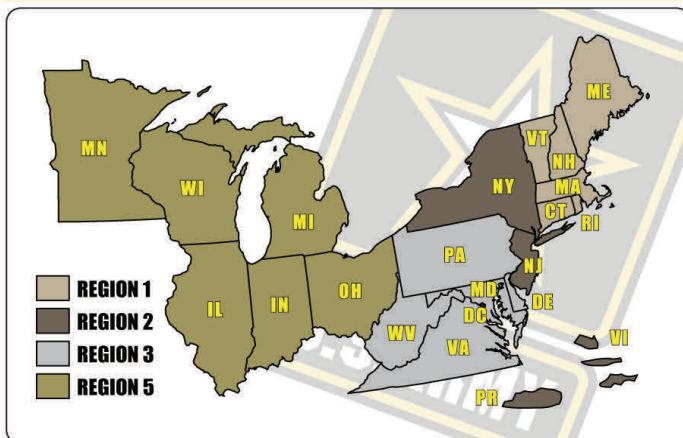


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What's In This Review?

Region 1

In CT, amendments to AST VOC emission controls and proposed updates to the ionizing radiation rules. In MA, establishment of the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force. In NH, amendments to the toxic air pollutant rules. In RI, proposed updates to the soil erosion and sediment control handbook. In VT, pre-rulemaking information on water quality standard amendments.

Region 2

In NJ, bills concerning boil water notices and revisions to the administrative procedure act, and notices for annual fee calculations. In NY, extension of the Asian long horned beetle quarantine area. In PR, senate research into water, energy, and air emissions. In VI, legislation to develop a vehicle emissions control and inspection program.

Region 3

In DE, amendments to the hazardous waste (HW) regulations. In DC, proposed amendments to the schedule of environmental fines. In VA, new laws regarding HW and living shoreline projects; and final revisions of air permit rules and drinking water laboratory certification regulations. In WV, a new law for AST requirements and water utility preparedness; WVDOT rulemaking authorization for HW transportation.

Region 5

In IL, implementation of the Forever Green Program and alternative thermal effluent limitations rules. In IN, new laws that define the definition of a military base and establish a single POC for wetland work permits; and a proposed in-lieu fee mitigation rule. In MN, bills that update groundwater sustainability requirements and make permitting efficiencies. In OH, proposed amendments to water system license rules and physical protection of radioactive material rules. In WI, proposed revisions to the WPDES permit program.

DOD Activity

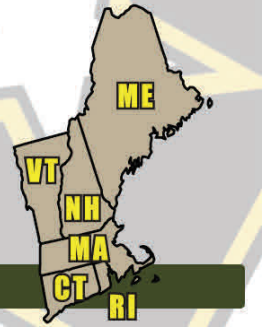
DOD releases 2014 Quadrennial Defense Review. The Army updates a key acquisition website, and the REEOs host an introductory webinar.

Federal Activity

USEPA releases the draft *Report on the Environment 2014*, updates the ECHO website, and revises air test methods and testing regulations; and C&D point source category effluent limitation guidelines and standards.

Region 1

For more information on any state issues in Region 1, contact [Bob Muhly](#), Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, Regions 1 & 2, (410) 278-6140.



Legislature convened 5 FEB 14 and adjourns sine die 4 JUN 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 5543 DEFINITION OF "CHANGE IN USE" IN WATER RESOURCE REGULATIONS HB 5543 amends the water resources regulations by adding the definition of "change in use," as it relates to the use of land that may affect a public drinking water supply (CSG 25-32 (g)). The bill allows the Connecticut Department of Public Health to issue licenses to certain water professionals. The bill was referred to the Joint Public Health Committee.

FINAL RULES

VOC EMISSION CONTROLS FOR ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CDEEP) has **adopted** amendments to state regulations (22a-174-20) concerning the abatement of air pollution. The amendments enhance existing requirements concerned with the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from large (40,000 gallons capacity or greater) aboveground storage tanks (AST). The amended section will be submitted to USEPA as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for air quality. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the February 2013 *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 7 MAR 14.

PROPOSED RULES

UPDATE OF IONIZING RADIATION REGULATIONS CDEEP has **proposed** to repeal and adopt new regulations concerning the control and evaluation of ionizing radiation. The new regulations address the revised standards for exposure to ionizing radiation, as well as changing trends in diagnostic and radiation therapy technologies. Additionally, the new regulations are more consistent with other state and federal regulations. A public hearing is scheduled for 16 APR 14 and comments are due the same day.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

FINAL LEGISLATION

HB 3736 MILITARY ASSET AND SECURITY STRATEGY TASK FORCE HB 3736 establishes, within the office of the governor, the Military Asset and Security Strategy Task Force that will be chaired by the governor. Task force authorities include: (1) engaging with representatives from the military, business community, and government surrounding each installation in order to enhance, expand, add or otherwise improve missions, programs, facilities, and operations on or affecting the military installation; (2) identifying initiatives that can be implemented to address or resolve operational or mission weaknesses at the military installations; and (3) advising the executive and legislative branch officials regarding the ongoing efforts by DOD to close, realign, restructure, streamline, or otherwise take actions that would impact the military installations. The bill was signed by the governor on 14 MAR 14 and will become effective on 13 JUN 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

CO LIMITED MAINTENANCE PLANS FOR THE CITIES OF MANCHESTER AND NASHUA USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of New Hampshire establishing carbon monoxide (CO) limited maintenance plans for the cities of Manchester and Nashua ([79 FR 13254](#)). As part of the limited maintenance plan, year-round CO monitoring will continue at the Londonderry Moose Hill station with triggers to reestablish CO monitoring sites in Manchester and Nashua if elevated CO levels are recorded in Londonderry. Future CO transportation conformity evaluations for Manchester and Nashua will, for the length of their limited maintenance plans, be considered to satisfy the regional emissions analysis and budget test requirements. The final rule became effective on 9 APR 14.

DECOMMISSIONING OF STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY SYSTEMS USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the state of New Hampshire ([79 FR 13268](#)). The SIP revision includes regulatory amendments that require the decommissioning of Stage II vapor recovery systems at gasoline dispensing facilities by 22 DEC 15, and a demonstration that such removal is consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA) and USEPA guidance. The proposed rule would approve New Hampshire's revised vapor recovery regulation. The comment period closed on 9 APR 14.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO TOXIC AIR POLLUTANT REGULATIONS The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has **readopted** with amendments rules relating to regulated toxic air pollutants (RTAPs). NHDES is required, by state regulations, to annually update the list of RTAPs and their ambient air limits (AALs). The updates are based on changes made to the list of chemical substances by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) and USEPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The amendments incorporate ACGIH and IRIS updates, and make additional changes to the list of RTAPs along with other rules. A notice of the proposed readoption was published in the February 2014 *Northern Review*. The adoption became effective on 4 APR 14.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING WITHIN NPDES PROGRAM USEPA has issued a notice announcing its approval of the state of Rhode Island's request to revise/modify its USEPA Administered Permit Programs ([79 FR 11787](#)). Specifically, the approval grants authorization for the use of electronic reporting within the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The approval became effective on 3 MAR 14.

PROPOSED RULES

RHODE ISLAND SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL HANDBOOK UPDATE RIDEM has invited comment on **proposed** updates to the *Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) Handbook*. The handbook, last revised in 1989, is a guidance tool for local, state, and federal agencies, the general public, and the private sector in the application of appropriate state soil erosion and sediment control measures. The updates focus on using the most current information and technology on selected management measures. The update also changes the format to make the handbook easier and more accessible. A workshop is scheduled for 25 APR 14 and comments are due by 6 MAY 14.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 9 MAY 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

PRE-RULEMAKING STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION FOR WATER QUALITY STANDARD AMENDMENTS The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation has made [pre-rulemaking stakeholder outreach information](#) available regarding possible amendments to the state water quality standards. The amendments being considered include: (1) updating E. coli criteria; (2) updating criteria for the protection of human health and aquatic biota, presented in Appendix C of the water quality standards; (3) adding criteria for chloride; and (4) adding criteria for total phosphorus in wadeable streams and inland lakes and ponds.

Region 2

For more information on any state issues in Region 2, contact [Bob Muhly](#), Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, Regions 1 & 2, (410) 278-6140.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 12 JAN 16.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING WITHIN CERTAIN STATE PROGRAMS USEPA has issued a notice announcing its approval of the state of New Jersey's request to revise/modify certain USEPA administered permit programs to allow electronic reporting ([79 FR 14034](#)). USEPA has approved the use of electronic reporting for numerous programs, including: (1) Part 63 - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for Source Categories; (2) Part 70 - State Operating Permit Programs; (3) Part 123 - NPDES; (4) Part 142 - National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation; (5) Part 262 - Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; and (6) Part 272 - Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs. The approval became effective on 12 MAR 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

[AB 1348 \(SB 1121\)](#) REQUIREMENTS FOR BOIL WATER NOTICES AB 1348 requires the owner or operator of a public water system to notify the public of a boil water notice as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours, after the public water system learns of the emergency or other condition. In addition, a public water system must notify its customers of a boil water notice via the preferred means of contact for each customer. The bill requires that customers be asked to identify their preference for receiving a boil water notice via telephone call, electronic mail, or text message. The bill has passed the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

[SB 1736 \(AB 1879\)](#) AMENDMENTS TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT SB 1736 revises the "Administrative Procedure Act" concerning conflicts between rules of different state agencies. The bill establishes two procedures that can be used to resolve conflicts or inconsistencies between rules of different state agencies. The bill requires an agency prior to a rulemaking to determine whether any other agency regulates or has jurisdiction over any aspect of the subject matter. If a conflict is found, the agency considering the proposed rule would be required to: (1) consult with the other agency to determine each agency's role in regulating the subject matter; and (2) prevent the proposed rule from conflicting with or being inconsistent with any existing rules. The rule was referred to the State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee.

SCR 84 (ACR 130) FINANCING OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION, FARMLAND PRESERVATION, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SCR 84 is a constitutional amendment that dedicates 6% of corporation business tax revenues annually, from FYs 2016 through 2045, to finance the state's programs for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The amendment also allows for the dedicated monies to be used for stewardship activities and administrative costs associated with the programs. The bill passed the second reading and was referred to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

FY 2014 ANNUAL FEE REPORT AND ASSESSMENT OF FEES FOR NJPDES PROGRAM The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has **announced** a public hearing on the FY 2014 Annual Fee Report and assessment of fees for the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) program. The NJPDES program regulates the operational wastewater discharges from public and privately owned wastewater management systems, including certain stormwater discharges. The public hearing is scheduled for 16 APR 14 and comments are due the same day.

DECREASE IN FY 2014 ANNUAL TCPA FEES NJDEP has **released** the FY 2014 Annual Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act (TCPA) Fee Schedule Report. The FY 2014 fees are set at a lower rate than last year, due to an increase in the number of registered facilities. The notice was issued on 3 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISIONS REGARDING CONTROL OF VOCs USEPA has issued a final rule approving a ozone SIP revision submitted by the state of New York concerning the control of VOCs (**79 FR 12082**). The revision amends state codes used to approve control techniques for attaining and maintaining the ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The final rule became effective on 3 APR 14.

FINAL RULES

EXTENSION OF ASIAN LONG HORNED BEETLE QUARANTINE AREA The New York Department of Agriculture and Markets has **issued** an emergency rule and a proposed permanent rule to amend Part 139 of Title 1 NYCRR regarding the Asian Long Horned Beetle (ALB) quarantine. The rules extend the existing ALB quarantine area to prevent the further spread of the beetle to other areas. The ALB is a nonindigenous destructive wood-boring insect, causing serious damage to healthy trees. The emergency rule became effective on 19 FEB 14 and will expire on 19 MAY 14. Comments are due on the proposed permanent rule by 26 APR 14.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 DEC 16.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

RCC 515 ENERGY CONVERSION PROJECTS RCC 515 requires the Electric Power Authority to submit information to the Public-Private Partnership Authority regarding planned projects for conversion of natural gas generating units or any other renewable source, particularly in the northern area. The bill was referred to the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

RS 696 SENATE COMMITTEE RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS RS 696 directs the Senate Energy, and Water Resources Committee to conduct ongoing research on multiple environmental matters. Topics or research include: (1) preservation and use of the water supply, treatment and distribution of drinking water; (2) proper treatment and disposal of wastewater; (3) production, transmission, distribution and consumption of energy; (4) air emissions resulting from the burning of fossil fuels; and (5) conservation and efficient use of energy and generating public policy. The bill was referred to the Rules, Calendar, and Internal Affairs Committee.



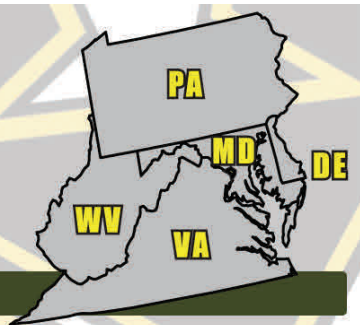
Legislature convened 14 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die NOV / DEC 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

AMEND 891 DEVELOPMENT OF A VEHICLE EMISSIONS CONTROL AND CAR INSPECTION PROGRAM The legislative amendment instructs the Virgin Islands (VI) Department of Planning and Natural Resources to develop and implement a vehicle emissions control and car inspection program in conjunction with the VI Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The amendment was introduced and is awaiting a committee referral.

Region 3

For more information on any state issues in Region 3, contact [Patrick Timm](#), Army Regional Program Coordinator, Region 3, (410) 278-6139.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 30 JUN 14.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DDNREC) has **adopted** amendments to the hazardous waste regulations at 7 DE Admin. Code 1302. The amendments add compliance self-certification provisions that will enable DDNREC to offer customized compliance assistance and verification to identified business sectors, providing selected hazardous waste generators regulatory guidance that is specific to their business needs. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the February 2014 *Northern Review*. The amendments will become effective on 21 APR 14.



Legislature convened 2 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE OF FINES The District of Columbia Department of the Environment (DDOE) has **proposed** amendments to the DDOE *Civil Infractions Schedule of Fines*. Currently, fines for civil infractions of laws regulated by the DC Department of Health and DDOE are both codified in Chapter 36 of Title 16 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR). The amendments move the fines for environmental civil infractions from Chapter 36 to a new chapter in Title 16, Chapter 40. The environmental fines apply to violations in eight separate DDOE programs: air quality, pesticides, lead-base paint activities, hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, water quality, soil erosion and sediment control and stormwater management, and aquatic animal and fishing. The comment period closed on 12 APR 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned sine die 7 APR 14.

FINAL RULES

WILDLIFE DAMAGE CONTROL PERMIT AMENDMENTS The Maryland Department of the Natural Resources has **adopted** amendments to Regulation .24 under COMAR 08.03.15, *Wildlife Damage Control Permit*. The amendments allow beaver trapped under the authority of a wildlife damage control permit to be transported and released on a wildlife management area or other areas under certain conditions. Current regulation requires beaver trapped to be either released on the site of capture or killed. The amendments became effective on 17 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns 30 NOV 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

UPDATE OF MVEBs FOR READING 1997 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS MAINTENANCE AREA USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania (**78 FR 17875**). The revisions update the SIP-approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for Berks County (Reading Maintenance Area). The SIP revisions also update point and area source inventories for NO_x. The approval makes the updated MVEBs available for transportation conformity purposes. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 30 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 2039 INTERSTATE COMMISSION ON THE POTOMAC RIVER BASIN DESIGNEE REQUIREMENTS HB 2039 amends the 1945 Act that created the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin (ICPRB). The ICPRB's jurisdictions are represented by appointed commissioners from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the federal government. Currently, Pennsylvania statute regarding ICPRB does not permit a member of the commission from the general assembly to have a designee with proxy voting rights. The bill allows an ICPRB general assembly member to have a designee with voting rights. The bill passed the House and was referred to the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned 8 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010 NO₂ NAAQS USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia (**79 FR 15012**). The revision addresses CAA section 110 (1) and (2) requirements, often referred to as the "infrastructure" SIP. Specifically the revision addresses the infrastructure requirements necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) NAAQS. The final rule will become effective on 17 APR 14.

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2008 OZONE NAAQS USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia (**79 FR 17043**). The revision addresses CAA section 110 (1) and (2) requirements, often referred to as the "infrastructure" SIP. Specifically the revision addresses the infrastructure requirements necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the 2008 ozone NAAQS. The final rule became effective on 28 APR 14.

FINAL LEGISLATION

HB 856 REMOVAL OF PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE HB 856 (Public Law 139) removes the requirement to have a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) permit to transport hazardous waste. The bill was signed by the governor on 5 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14. A notice of the bill's House passage was published in the February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*.

SB 513 (HB 1253) CREATION OF HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION SB 513 (Public Law 545) creates the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission (HRTAC). The bill transfers responsibility from the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) to the HRTAC for: (1) approval of projects; and (2) setting project priority pursuant to the Hampton Roads Transportation Fund. The bill also directs the HRTPO and the Virginia Department of Transportation to assist the new HRTAC in its formation. Finally, the bill establishes HRTAC membership requirements. The bill was signed by the governor on 3 APR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14.

SB 569 (HB 911) EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS FOR LIVING SHORELINE PROJECTS SB 569 (Public Law 112) requires that general permit regulations for living shoreline projects include an expedited review process. The bill allows construction of such projects under the local wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes ordinances. A living shoreline is a shoreline management practice that: (1) provides erosion control and water quality benefits; (2) protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and (3) maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, and fill. The bill was signed on 3 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14. A notice of the bill's Senate passage was published in the February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*.

FINAL RULES

PERMITS FOR STATIONARY SOURCES OF POLLUTANTS SUBJECT TO REGULATION VDEQ has proposed a **fast track regulation** to revise 9VAC5-85, *Permits for Stationary Sources of Pollutants Subject to Regulation*. The revisions implement recently promulgated USEPA amendments that provide a more streamlined implementation of the federal program for establishing plant-wide applicability limits (PALs) for greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions. The fast track regulation became effective on 13 MAR 14.

CERTIFICATION OF LABORATORIES ANALYZING DRINKING WATER The Virginia Department of General Services has **adopted** a rule that repeals 1VAC30-40 and replaces it with 1VAC30-41, *Regulation for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water*. The new regulations update the drinking water laboratory certification regulation to incorporate, by reference, the most recent federal guidance. The regulations also have revised fee provisions and references to federal and Virginia Department of Health requirements. The repeal and new regulations will become effective on 1 MAY 14.

PROPOSED RULES

FEE INCREASE FOR WATERWORKS AND WASTEWATER WORKS OPERATORS AND ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEM PROFESSIONALS The Virginia Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals has **proposed** changed to 18VAC160-20 to adjust licensing fees for regulants of the board. The board must establish fees adequate to support its operating costs and a proportionate share of the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation operations. By the close of the next biennium, the current fees will not provide adequate revenue for those costs. Comments are due by 7 MAY 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

OZONE PRECURSORS 2011 BASE YEAR INVENTORY FOR DC-MD-VA 2008 OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREA VDEQ has **proposed** the 2011 base year inventory for ozone precursors in the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA 2008 Ozone Nonattainment Area. The precursors are CO, NO_x, and VOCs. Once final, the commonwealth will submit the inventory as a SIP revision to USEPA. A public hearing is scheduled for 22 APR 14 and comments are due by 23 APR 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned sine die 8 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION FOR FIVE-YEAR HAZE PROGRESS REPORT USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the state of West Virginia ([79 FR 14460](#)). The SIP revision addresses CAA and USEPA requirements for states to submit: (1) periodic reports describing progress being made toward regional haze reasonable progress goals (RPGs); and (2) a determination of the adequacy of the state's existing regional haze SIP. The SIP revision addresses requirements for the first regional haze implementation period. Comments are due by 14 APR 14.

CHARLESTON AREA ATTAINMENT FOR 1997 ANNUAL AND 2006 24-HOUR PM2.5 STANDARD USEPA has issued a final rule approving the state of West Virginia's requests to redesignate the Charleston nonattainment area to attainment for the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM2.5) NAAQS ([79 FR 17884](#)). The final rule also approves 2008 emissions inventories and maintenance plans through 2025. The final rule will become effective on 30 APR 14.

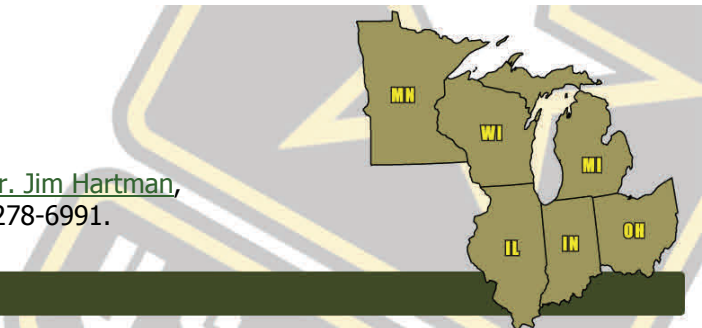
FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 373 AMENDMENTS TO AST REGULATIONS SB 373 amends the Water Resources Protection and Management Act to create a public water supply protection program, and creates an aboveground storage tank (AST) program. The bill requires new regulations governing the storage of regulated material in chemical ASTs, including ancillary pipes and dispensing systems, located within zones of critical concern in the vicinity of public water systems (PWSs). The bill defines an AST as a device made to contain an accumulation of more than 1320 gallons of specified fluids. SB 373 specifies construction and maintenance requirements, including annual inspections. The bill also establishes: (1) PWS emergency response plan requirements; (2) an AST registration system with an annual fee; and (3) a remittance system for PWS plans with an annual fee. Finally, the bill requires the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to present the newly required regulations for legislative review during the 2015 regular session. The bill was signed by the governor on 1 APR 14 (responding to the 9 JAN 14 Elk River chemical spill) and will become effective on 6 JUN 14.

SB 165 AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS TO PROMULGATE LEGISLATIVE RULES SB 165 authorizes the West Virginia Commissioner of Highways to promulgate legislative rules relating to the transportation of hazardous waste on state highways. The bill was signed by the governor on 20 MAR 14 and it became effective 7 MAR 14, the day it passed the House.

Region 5

For more information on state issues in Region 5, contact [Dr. Jim Hartman](#), DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 5, (410) 278-6991.



Legislature convened 29 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 5936 ASBESTOS OCCUPATIONS LICENSURE ACT HB 5936 known as the "Asbestos Occupations Licensure Act," states that persons licensed to perform asbestos abatement-related activities under the Asbestos Abatement Act (AAC) or the Commercial and Public Building Asbestos Abatement Act (CPBAAC) will be licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The bill also: (1) repeals sections of the AAC and CPBAAC that have been recodified in the Asbestos Occupations

Licensure Act; (2) provides that after the effective date of this act, rulemaking for the AAC or CPBAAC will be done by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB); and (3) makes corresponding changes to other acts. The bill has passed the Business & Occupational Licenses Committee and is scheduled for a second reading.

FINAL RULES

IMPLEMENTATION OF FOREVER GREEN ILLINOIS PROGRAM The Illinois Department of Agricultural (IDOA) has **adopted** emergency rules to implement the Forever Green Program, 8 Ill. Adm. Code 241. The program was established to maintain and beautify greenery on property owned or controlled by the state or a unit of local government. The program will consist of a series of pilot projects wherein IDOA will execute cooperative agreements with municipalities to remove trees that are negatively impacting public and/or private property infrastructure and replant with more appropriate trees and/or shrubs. The emergency rules became effective on 6 MAR 14 and they expire on 3 AUG 14.

PROCEDURAL RULES FOR ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE THERMAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS IPCB has **adopted** a rule amending the procedural rules by creating a new Subpart K of Part 106. Specifically, the new section provides procedural rules for establishing alternative thermal effluent limitations under the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 316(a) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.141. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the August 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The adoption became effective on 26 FEB 14.



Legislature convened 13 JAN 14 and adjourned sine die 14 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

EVANSVILLE AREA 1997 ANNUAL PM2.5 MAINTENANCE AIR QUALITY SIP UPDATE USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of Indiana to update the 1997 annual PM2.5 maintenance air quality SIP for the Evansville/Southwestern Indiana Area (**79 FR 15224**). The update also replaces the on-road emissions inventories and MVEBs with inventories and budgets developed using USEPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) emissions model. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 19 MAY 14.

FINAL LEGISLATION

HB 1052 AMENDMENT TO "MILITARY BASE" DEFINITION HB 1052 expands the definition of "military base" to include the Glendora Lake Test Facility in Sullivan County at which the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane conducts affiliated operations. The amended definition extends restrictions on zoning associated with NSA Crane to the Glendora Lake Test Facility. The bill was signed by the governor on 26 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14. A notice of the bill's House passage was published in the February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*.

HB 1217 SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR WETLAND WORK PERMITS HB 1217 requires the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to develop and implement a program under which the agencies will jointly accept and process applications for certain certifications and permits. The jointly processed applications would include: (1) water quality certifications from IDEM under CWA Section 401; (2) permits from IDEM for wetland activity in a state regulated wetland; and (3) permits from the IDNR director for a structure, obstruction, deposit, or excavation in a floodway. The bill was signed by the governor on 27 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14. A notice of the bill's House passage was published in the February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*.

HB 1342 TRANSFER OF FEE COLLECTION AUTHORITY TO IDEM HB 1342 transfers authority to collect certain fees from the Indiana Department of State Revenue to IDEM. IDEM will now collect the: (1) hazardous waste disposal fees (which replaced the hazardous waste disposal tax); (2) disposal or incineration of solid waste fees; and (3) annual registration fees paid by owners of underground storage tanks. The bill also allocates where and how fee revenue collected by IDEM will be distributed. The bill was signed by the governor on 27 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14.

PROPOSED RULES

IN-LIEU FEE MITIGATION The Indiana Natural Resources Commission (INRC) has **proposed** new regulations (312 IAC 9.5) that establish an option for an in-lieu fee to mitigate the adverse impacts to fish, wildlife, or botanical resources from activities authorized by certain permits. The regulations allow an applicant for certain IDNR permits to provide payment to the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation to mitigate for impacts that result from the project. A **public hearing** is scheduled for 15 APR 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY RULES CONCERNING TOTAL COLIFORM RULE IDEM is soliciting public comment on its **intent to amend** and add rules according to USEPA revisions to the Total Coliform Rule (TCR). Minor revisions to various drinking water standards rules are also included in this rulemaking to maintain compliance with USEPA requirements. The comment period closed on 4 APR 14.

AQUATIC LIFE AND HUMAN HEALTH AMBIENT WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR METALS IDEM is soliciting public comment on its **intent to revise** the state aquatic life and human health ambient water quality criteria (WQC) for metals. The revisions would reflect updates to national recommended water quality criteria at CWA Section 304(a). IDEM is conducting a review to evaluate the need to update or revise the criteria in order to remain consistent with state and federal laws. The comment period closed on 4 APR 14.

VOLUNTARY PERFORMANCE BASED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS IDEM is soliciting public comment on its intent to amend the rules at **326 IAC 25** and **329 IAC 18** concerning the Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) and the Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network Community Challenge Programs (CLEAN). These programs are performance-based incentive programs for companies and communities. The CLEAN program requires participants to identify five continuous environmental improvement initiatives for the three year membership term. This rulemaking considers reducing the number to four, and also considers increasing the term of membership from three to four years for each program. This rulemaking will also consider eliminating the requirement for members to implement an environmental management system (EMS) for participation in CLEAN. The EMS requirement for ESP will remain in effect. Comments are due by 18 APR 14.



Legislature convened 25 FEB 14 and adjourns sine die 19 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 2016 (HB 2616) GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS SB 2016 implements recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) January 2014 report, *Additional Tools to Implement Groundwater Sustainability Requirements*. The bill expands current water investigation authority of MDNR to include investigation of activities conducted with a permit. The bill also amends the administrative penalties regulations, including the establishment of a \$300 per calendar year of violation for unauthorized appropriation of water. The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 1701 (HB 2165) UPDATE TO THE MINNESOTA SUSTAINABLE FOREST RESOURCES Act SB 1701 updates the Minnesota Sustainable Forest Resources Act and extends the act's sunset to 2021. The bill: (1) makes technical changes relating to site-level and landscape-level impacts to the forest; (2) clarifies that established forest protection processes will be maintained; (3) directs the Forest Resources Council (FRC) to periodically revise forest management guidelines and adds the consideration of cultural resources; and (4) directs the FRC to maintain forest resource planning and coordination and broadens the coordination directive to go beyond the landscape-level. The bill has passed the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

SB 2193 (HB 2543) ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND REGULATORY MODIFICATIONS SB 2193 creates MDNR and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) permitting efficiency modifications. The bill also: (1) classifies preliminary data in the MPCA online data submission system; (2) modifies reporting requirements; (3) modifies MPCA duties; (4) modifies administrative penalty order and field citation provisions; and (5) provides for civil penalties. The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.



Legislature convened 6 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

PROPOSED RULES

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF GENERAL CONFORMITY REGULATIONS The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has **proposed** rescinding the general conformity regulations in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-102. The regulations in this chapter are currently a part of Ohio's SIP for the attainment and maintenance of NAAQS. Ohio's regulations mirror the language in the federal rules (40 CFR part 92, Subpart B); therefore, OEPA has determined that continuing to maintain these rules was of no added benefit. OEPA regulations will be replaced by the federal standards that will apply in future cases for state facilities needing a general conformity review. A public hearing is scheduled for 29 APR 14 and comments are due the same day.

AMENDMENTS TO LICENSE TO OPERATE RULES OEPA has **proposed** amendments to public water systems' license to operate (LTO) rules found at OAC 3745-84. The amendments: (1) clarify definitions; (2) add a definition for "license to operate"; (3) clarify how the OEPA director acts on LTO applications; (4) adjust terminology to match definition changes; (5) revise public notice requirements; and (6) clarify how fees are determined. A notice of the drafted amendments was published in the January 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*. A public hearing is scheduled for 21 APR 14 and comments are due the same day.

NEW PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL RULES The Ohio Department of Health has **proposed** new OAC rules 3701:1- 37-01 to 3701:1-37-31. The new rules provide requirements for a physical protection program when a licensee possesses category one or category two quantities of radioactive material. Ohio is an Agreement State with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), meaning it assumes regulatory control of the possession and use of radioactive material in the state. The new rules allow the state to maintain regulations compatible with applicable federal regulations. The comment period closed on 3 APR 14.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 4 JAN 15.

PROPOSED RULES

WPDES PERMIT PROGRAM REVISIONS The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board has **proposed** revisions to Chapters NR 200, 201, 203, and 205 regarding the administration of the Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit program. The revisions ensure consistency with federal regulations related to processing of permits and other related permit issues. A public hearing is scheduled for 1 MAY 14 and comments are due by 12 MAY 14.

Department of Defense Activity

REEO WEBINAR: INTRODUCTION TO THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES On 30 APR 14, Army REEO-Southern will host an overview of what the REEOs do, how we operate, and how we can help you. Join us for a 30 minute webinar that will highlight the roles, responsibilities, and work of a DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator; how the REEOs conduct legislative engagement and work with the Army Energy Initiatives Task Force; and keys to successful partnering. Details regarding time, call-in number, and web link to follow. **Contact REEO-S** for further information.

2014 QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW DOD has released the ***Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) 2014***, a legislatively mandated review of DOD strategy and priorities. The review sets the course for DOD to address current and future conflicts and threats. The 2014 QDR outlines three broad themes: an updated defense strategy, the rebalance of the joint force, and DOD's commitment to protecting the all-volunteer force. It also discusses the rationale behind many of the proposals included in DOD's latest five-year spending plan. For more information, refer to this **fact sheet**.

VAPOR INTRUSION SUMMARY REPORT The Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) and the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) **released** a summary report on vapor intrusion into indoor air from contaminated groundwater. The summary report is a follow up to a 2013 workshop held with the goal of developing a path forward for investments and technology transfer by SERDP and ESTCP in vapor intrusion assessment. The workshop agenda focused on research needed to deal more efficiently with characterization and mitigation of sites impacted by contaminant vapor intrusion.

ESOH ACQUISITION COMMUNITY CONNECTION WEBSITE UPDATE The Army **Environmental Safety and Occupational Health (ESOH) Community** on the Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) website has been updated. New content elaborates on guidance in the Defense Acquisition Guidebook and contains key resources. Additional topics such as battery safety, laser safety, and energy usage/fuel consumption reduction will be added to the site. Please join the ESOH Community on the ACC, take a look at the content, and share with others. CAC login required.

Federal Activity

AIR

REVISIONS TO TEST METHODS AND TESTING REGULATIONS USEPA has issued a final rule promulgating numerous technical and editorial corrections for source testing of emissions and operations (**79 FR 11227**). The revisions improve the quality of data and give testers additional flexibility to use newly approved alternative procedures. The final rule became effective on 27 FEB 14.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED: GHG EMISSIONS FROM NEW EGUs USEPA has issued a notice extending the public comment period on the **8 JAN 14 proposed rule** to limit GHG emissions from new electric generating units (**79 FR 12681**). The notice also extends the public comment period on the agency's **26 FEB 14** request regarding the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A notice of the 8 JAN 14 proposed rule was published in February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*. Comments for both rules are due 9 MAY 14.

DRAFT INTEGRATED REVIEW PLAN FOR SO₂ NAAQS USEPA has released the draft document, *Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide* (**79 FR 14035**). The document contains plans for the review of air quality criteria for sulfur oxides and NAAQS for sulfur dioxide (SO₂). Comments are due 17 APR 14.

CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE DATA INITIATIVE The Obama administration **launched** a new on line portal, **climate.data.gov**, that makes government information related to climate change available to the public. The new portal is part of the **data.gov** website, which was launched in 2009 and is the central site to find U.S. government data resources. Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the U.S. Geological Survey, DOD, and other federal agencies will be featured on the new portal. The first batch of climate data will focus on coastal flooding and sea level rise.

DRAFT INVENTORY OF GHG EMISSIONS AND SINKS USEPA has released the ***Draft Inventory of US Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2012*** (**79 FR 10143**). The inventory contains estimates of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride emissions. The inventory also includes estimates of carbon fluxes in U.S. agricultural and forest lands.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

USEPA DENIES PETITION FOR NEW LEAD PAINT RENOVATION RULE USEPA has denied a petition to require property managers, building owners, and contractors disturbing lead-based paint in public and commercial buildings to submit to USEPA certain records related to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction standards for lead (**79 FR 13968**). The petition sought to require owners of buildings undergoing lead paint renovation/removal to submit certain records concerning employee exposure to lead, pursuant to requirements under the Toxic Substances Control

Act (TSCA) Section 8(d). USEPA denied the petition in part because owners are not required to maintain many of the requested records. USEPA's response to the petition was signed 28 Jan 14.

WASTE

DISPOSAL AND REPORTING OF FEDERAL ELECTRONIC ASSETS The General Services Administration (GSA) has issued a proposed rule to amend the Federal Management Regulation by changing its personal property policy regarding the disposal and reporting of Federal Electronic Assets (FEA) ([79 FR 12681](#)). The proposed changes provide policy for the safe handling and disposal of FEA, and make minor clarifying edits to existing policies. Comments are due by 5 MAY 14.

WATER

CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT POINT SOURCE CATEGORY EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS USEPA has issued a final rule amending the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the Construction and Development point source category ([79 FR 12661](#)). The amendments are pursuant to a settlement agreement to resolve litigation. The final rule withdraws the numeric discharge standards, which are currently stayed, and changes several of the non-numeric provisions of the existing rule. The final rule will become effective on 5 MAY 14.

OTHER

REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENT USEPA has released the draft [Report on the Environment 2014](#) for public comment ([79 FR 17145](#)). The report is a comprehensive source of scientific indicators that describe trends in the nation's environmental and human health condition. The indicators help to answer important questions about the status and historical trends in U.S. air, water, land, human health, ecological systems, and aspects of sustainability at the national and regional levels. These indicators are based on data collected by USEPA, other federal and state agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The 2014 report is fully online, allowing viewers to customize graphics, pan and zoom on graphics, and vary how statistical data is viewed. The report also includes a new conceptual framework and sustainability theme. Comments are due by 28 APR 14.

UPDATE OF ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE HISTORY ONLINE (ECHO) WEBSITE USEPA has completed [Enforcement and Compliance History Online \(ECHO\) Release 2.1](#), which offers a substantial upgrade in both searching and report viewing. The launch follows closely on the heels of USEPA's complete website re-design (ECHO 2.0) that launched in December 2013. The two biggest changes in the new release are the addition of Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance data searching, and the addition of the Enforcement Case Report, which contains information about USEPA enforcement actions taken against environmental violators.

Professional Development

For a full listing of Professional Development opportunities please visit the REEO-N [website](#).

Please note: Listing of commercial sponsored training and conferences is not a government endorsement of the training or conferences.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

23-25 APR, ORLANDO, FL: [NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT \(NISTM\) INTERNATIONAL ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK CONFERENCE](#) The international conference provides educational opportunities, resources, and training seminars about the operation, regulation, and management of ASTs. 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.

TRAINING

29 APR - 1 MAY, WASHINGTON, DC: ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS (ESPC) WORKSHOP The workshop educates attendees on how to implement energy and water projects through an energy savings performance contract (ESPC). The workshop consists of a basic introduction to the DOE Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contracts and how to get started with an ESPC project. Registration is open to federal employees and DOE management and operating contractors. The Introduction to ESPC webinar is a prerequisite to this course.

5-6 MAY, CHICAGO, IL: ADVANCED UTILITY ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACTING (UESC) WORKSHOP UESCs offer a method for serving utilities to provide significant assistance to federal agencies through comprehensive energy efficiency/renewable energy projects including financing and performance assurance. The advanced workshop will examine strategies and methods used by experienced contracting officers and technical teams from project development to contract award and post-acceptance. Priority registration will be given to contracting officers, contracting specialists, and other federal employees. Attendees from private industry will be admitted (one per company) as space allows.

(NEW) 7-9 MAY, WASHINGTON, DC: 2014 NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE ON THE TOXICS RELEASE INVENTORY (TRI) AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS IN COMMUNITIES The conference includes sessions on pollution prevention, environmental justice, and environmental public health along with TRI and other sources of environmental information.

(NEW) 12-14 MAY, WASHINGTON, DC: CLIMATE STRATEGIES FORUM Plenary sessions and boot camps address topics such as establishing GHG reduction goals and GHG management structures, identifying energy efficiency opportunities and fugitive emissions, cross sector collaboration, and understanding and leveraging renewable energy credits. This forum was formerly scheduled to take place in October 2013.

(NEW) 19-21 MAY, ARLINGTON, VA: 4TH DEFENSE RENEWABLE ENERGY SUMMIT This event brings together military decision-makers with renewable energy developers and leading financiers to facilitate the formation of this new market. The summit will explore how viable and financeable projects can be developed to the profit of all. It will provide the latest on the emerging guidelines and processes for a new market that melds the complexity of federal acquisitions with the risk allocation methods of project finance, as well as practical experience gained on pioneering projects.

(NEW) 20-21 MAY, WASHINGTON, DC: 2014 ENERGY EFFICIENCY GLOBAL FORUM The forum is a gathering of global energy leaders. Visit the website for further information.

TRAINING—ONLINE

(NEW) 23 APR, ONLINE: CLIMATE READY WATER UTILITIES: COMMUNICATING CLIMATE RISKS An introduction to common communication challenges and how utilities can effectively prepare messages and conduct outreach to communities and stakeholders.

(NEW) 30 APR, ONLINE: AN INTRODUCTION TO REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY OFFICES REEO-S will host an overview of what the REEOs do, how we operate, and how we can help you. Join us for a 30 minute webinar that will highlight the roles, responsibilities, and work of a DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator; how the REEOs conduct legislative engagement and work with the Energy Initiatives Task Force; and successful partnering. Details regarding time, call-in number, and web link to follow. Contact REEO-S for further information.

(NEW) 30 APR, ONLINE: PREPARING A SEEDING PLAN FOR CONSERVATION PRACTICES Learn which issues to consider when planning and implementing critical area seedlings and other conservation plantings. Choices made in planning a seeding for critical area stabilization, conservation plantings, or a restoration will be highlighted. Emphasis will be placed on issues such as the use of natives, spread of invasive, and selecting, purchasing, and installing plant materials.

(NEW) 28 MAY, ONLINE: CLIMATE READY WATER UTILITIES: FINANCING ADAPTATION An introduction to how utilities around the country are effectively financing and implementing adaptation strategies. This session will feature different utility case studies.

(NEW) 5 JUN, ONLINE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXPERT EVALUATIONS: A CUSTOMIZED ASSESSMENT APPROACH This seminar provides a step-by-step method to conduct an energy efficiency expert evaluation, a customized process to

meet site-specific energy goals. This approach combines the most effective features of an energy audit and retro-commissioning, while avoiding the limitations of each. Learn about a multi-disciplinary process to streamline site visit planning and on-site discovery, recommend corrective measures, establish a "Master List of Findings," and complete the project handoff.

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.

USEPA TRAINING PRESENTATIONS ON GHG REPORTING USEPA provides training presentations and a tutorial on general provisions (subpart A), stationary combustion (subpart C), electricity generation (subpart D), and municipal landfills (subpart HH) sections of the GHG Reporting Program Part 98. For additional information and to register for the webinars visit USEPA's GHG Reporting Program **website**.

DOD MASTER PLANNING INSTITUTE (DODMPI) 2014 COURSE SCHEDULE DODMPI offers master planning courses that teach the practice of installation planning. These courses present a planning curriculum that provides the DOD planning community with a breadth of understanding of the base planning process. DODMPI has an extensive 2014 course schedule.

UTILITY ENERGY PROJECT INCENTIVE FUNDS This Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) course teaches federal agencies about financing the capital costs of energy improvement projects from savings generated through energy efficiency measures funded by utilities, public benefit funds, and other resources. This training opportunity targets federal energy, environmental, and fleet professionals and is offered at no cost by leading experts. The training session is delivered live via satellite or through streaming media.

FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER FedCenter.gov is the federal government's home for comprehensive environmental stewardship, compliance assistance, and professional development information. FedCenter.gov provides a wide variety of information in the following areas: program development; 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; USEPA 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.

MILITARY MUNITIONS SUPPORT SERVICES SERIES A series of monthly webinars sponsored by USEPA's Contaminated Sites Clean-Up Information program supports the Military Munitions Support Services community.

USACE PROSPECT TRAINING USACE announces its FY14 Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT) training program. Please see the **Course Catalog** and **List of Classes and schedule** for details. Courses are open to all federal employees, state, county and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity.

ARMY PODCAST SERVICE The Army offers free podcasts on a wide variety of topics, including an environmental series, an Army Corps of Engineers series, and many more. The podcasts are available through a free subscription service.

NAVY AND ISEERB ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING FY14 The Navy and the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Environmental Training schedule for FY14 is available. Course topics include environmental overview and management, law planning and sustainability, pollution prevention, restoration, conservation, supplemental and Internet/computer-based training, and more.

AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL TRAINING FY14 The Air Force Civil Engineering School offers a variety of environmental management courses and seminars, including ISEERB offerings. Courses offered by the Civil Engineer School are available to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. government. Fees vary according to personnel status (i.e., active duty Air Force/civilian, other U.S. government employee, contractor).

NPDES TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPS Training courses, workshops, and webcasts explain the regulatory framework and technical considerations of the NPDES Permit program. They are designed for permit writers, dischargers, USEPA officials, and other interested parties.

READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION – WEBINAR SERIES The REPI Webinar Series is presented by DOD in partnership with the **Land Trust Alliance**. This online series covers best practices, tutorials, and knowledge sharing on REPI partnerships that support military mission and accelerate the pace and rate of conservation. All webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern unless otherwise noted. For detailed webinar descriptions please visit the **REPI website**.

USEPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY Learn about key issues, successful projects, and a variety of best management practices for creating waste management programs. Hear from experts around the country on how to make your program more successful. The format is a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session.

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

How the Regional Offices Work for You

The U.S. Army Regional Environmental and Energy Office-Northern (REEO-N) monitors the following actions on your behalf. If a proposed state legislative or regulatory 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 visit the **Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices' website**.

Do you want to comment on a rule or bill in the Review? Please contact your Regional Environmental Coordinator listed in each respective regional section of the Northern Review.

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