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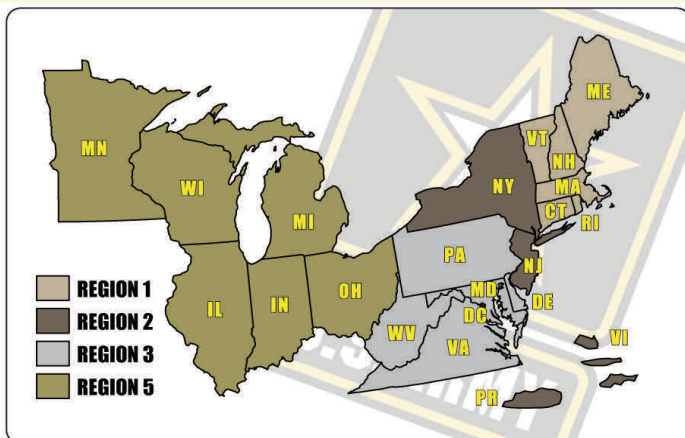
## of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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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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### ARMY REEOs TRANSITION TO ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Army Regional Environmental and Energy Offices (REEOs) transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, effective Oct. 1.

The REEOs, as part of the larger DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator (REC) program, were established in 1995 to support Army and DOD readiness, training, and testing. The offices engage with state legislators, federal, and state regulators, and nongovernmental organizations on behalf of DOD and the Army to enable military installation training, testing, operations and readiness. The offices also conduct strategic communications to promote greater understanding of the Army's commitment to sustainable practices and energy security.

As part of the DOD REC program of "representatives in the field," the Army REEOs serve as the DOD leads in the USEPA's Regions 4, 5, 7 and 8. The Air Force serves as the DOD lead in Regions 2, 6 and 10, and the Navy is the DOD lead in Regions 1, 3 and 9.

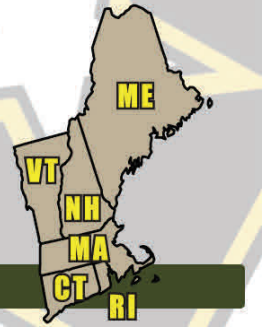
Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment) [ASA(IEE)], and Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, USACE Commanding General, signed a Memorandum of Agreement approving the transfer in early June. Headquarters Department of the Army will retain the DOD lead agent function and oversight of the four REEOs. USACE will maintain operational control and program execution. Each regional office director will report to a USACE division — the REEO-Northern to the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, the REEO-Western and REEO-Central both to the Northwestern Division, and the REEO Southern to the South Atlantic Division.

The REEOs have five functions that sum up what they do for the Army and DOD: monitor state-level legislation, monitor state and federal regulations, provide outreach, provide information on trends and emerging state legislative and regulatory issues, and fully support ASA (IEE) as DOD's REC lead agent.

"These functions will not change as both USACE and the office of the ASA (IEE) look for synergies with the REEOs as they continue to fully implement their mission and function while focusing on Army energy and environmental priorities. Given that USACE programs also support these priorities, it's a great fit," said Karen Baker, Acting Director, USACE Environmental Division. For more information about the Army REEOs, visit [www.asaie.army.mil/Public/InfraAnalysis/REEO/index.html](http://www.asaie.army.mil/Public/InfraAnalysis/REEO/index.html).

# Region 1

For more information on any state issues in Region 1, contact [Patrick Timm](#), Army Regional Program Coordinator, Region 1, (410) 278-6139.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned sine die 18 JUN 14.

## PROPOSED RULES

**AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS** The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has **proposed** amendments to hazardous waste regulations. The specific chapters being amended include: (1) **Ch. 850**, *Identification of Hazardous Wastes*; (2) **Ch. 851**, *Standards for Generators of Hazardous Waste*; (3) **Ch. 853**, *Licensing of Transporters of Hazardous Waste*; (4) **Ch. 857**, *Hazardous Waste Manifest Requirements*; and (5) **Ch. 858** (New), *Universal Wastes*. The amendments support Maine's waste management hierarchy by providing for a paint stewardship program, provide overall clarification of requirements for universal wastes, and eliminate the closure requirements for central accumulation facilities. Comments are due by 17 OCT 14.

**AMENDMENTS TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS** MDEP has **proposed** amendments to stormwater management regulations at Chapter 500. The amendments provide greater flexibility while encouraging the use of innovative stormwater designs that will accommodate measures for addressing climate change, resiliency, and adaptation in infrastructure. Amendments include: (1) revised treatment levels in the general standards; (2) establishment of a new voluntary Low Impact Development (LID) credit that reduces the volume of stormwater that must be treated if an applicant uses LID techniques; (3) new treatment levels for redevelopment projects; and (4) updated appendices that provide basic performance standards for a variety of stormwater management and associated activities. A public hearing is scheduled for 16 OCT 14 and comments are due by 27 OCT 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**DRAFT NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MS4s** USEPA has issued a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for stormwater discharges from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) to certain waters of the commonwealth of Massachusetts (**79 FR 58774**). The draft NPDES general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, prohibitions, and management practices for stormwater discharges from small MS4s. USEPA has substantially modified the previous two draft general permits released in 2010. Comments are due by 29 DEC 14.

## PROPOSED RULES

**UPDATE TO MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT** The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife has **proposed** amendments that update the list of animal and plant species protected by the Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) (321 CMR 10.90 and 321 CMR 10.91). The amendments involve science-based changes to the list of species, rather than changes to the MESA regulatory requirements. A public hearing was held on 7 OCT 14.



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

**FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**REVISED STATE PLAN FOR LARGE AND SMALL MUNICIPAL WASTE COMBUSTORS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving the Clean Air Act (CAA) section 111(d)/129 state plan revisions for large and small municipal waste combustors (MWCs) submitted by the state of New Hampshire ([79 FR 52201](#)). The revised state plan is in response to: (1) amended emission guidelines (EGs) and new source performance standards (NSPS) for large MWCs promulgated by USEPA in 2006; and (2) strengthened emission limits on small MWCs enacted by the New Hampshire General Court in 2005. New Hampshire's state plan is for implementing and enforcing provisions at least as protective as the USEPA EGs applicable to existing large and small MWC units. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 3 NOV 14.



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

**FINAL RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN** The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) has **adopted** amendments to the ***Solid Waste Management Plan***, including significant changes to the structure and layout of the plan. The amendments include five material specific chapters and a chapter addressing general planning needs. Each chapter contains tools of action, state goals, and performance standards. The state goals and performance standards establish deliverables for the planning period that include reporting, outreach and education, and convenience requirements. The amendments incorporate recommendations from the 2008 VANR solid waste stakeholder group. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the ***January 2014 Northern Review***. The amendments became effective on 18 JUN 14.

**PROPOSED RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO STAGE I VAPOR RECOVERY REGULATION** VANR has **proposed** amendments to the Air Pollution Control Regulations (APCR). The **amendments**: (1) clarify and provide additional flexibility to several definitions relating to gasoline storage and distribution; (2) clarify requirements in the existing Stage I vapor recovery regulation; and (3) improve consistency of the APCR with federal requirements for gasoline dispensing facilities. The amendments help ensure that Stage I emission reductions of gasoline vapors containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and hazardous air contaminants (HACs) are maintained and enhanced. A public hearing is scheduled for 29 OCT 14 and comments are due by 5 NOV 14.

# Region 2

For more information on any state issues in Region 2, contact [Patrick Timm](#), Army Regional Program Coordinator, Region 2, (410) 278-6139.



**FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED LISTING FOR THREE CARIBBEAN PLANTS** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has issued a final rule determining threatened and endangered status for three Caribbean plants ([79 FR 53303](#)). The final rule grants endangered species status for *Agave eggersiana* and *Gonocalyx concolor*, and threatened species status for

*Varronia rupicola*. Agave eggersiana is a flowering plant endemic to the island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI). Gonocalyx concolor is a small evergreen and Varronia rupicola is a large shrub; both exist only in Puerto Rico. USFWS has also issued a final rule designating critical habitat (located in St. Croix, USVI, Puerto Rico, and Vieques Island) for these plants ([79 FR 53315](#)). Both final rules became effective on 9 OCT 14. **NOTE:** Both final rules have the potential to affect the Virgin Islands National Guard and Army National Guard, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Los Indios, Yauco, Guanica, Vieques, Penuelas.

**PROPOSED LISTING OF NASSAU GROUPER AS A THREATENED SPECIES** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a proposed rule announcing a 12-month finding and listing determination on a petition regarding the Nassau grouper ([79 FR 51929](#)). The rule proposes to grant threatened status to the Nassau grouper under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Nassau grouper is primarily a shallow-water, insular fish species that has long been valued as a major fishery resource throughout the wider Caribbean, South Florida, Bermuda, and the Bahamas. NMFS is also requesting information relevant to the listing and designation of critical habitat. Comments are due 31 DEC 14.

**FINAL DETERMINATION FOR 66 CORALS** NMFS has issued a final rule listing 20 reef-building coral species as threatened ([79 FR 53851](#)). Five of the species are found in the Caribbean, while the remaining 15 are found in the Indo-Pacific. Collectively, the species can be found in the United States and its territories, though many occur more frequently in other countries. In addition, NMFS has determined that 43 coral species do not warrant listing as endangered or threatened. A determination could not be made for the remaining three species under review. The final rule became effective on 10 OCT 14.



**Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 12 JAN 16.**

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**SB 811 (AB 2222) ENERGY EFFICIENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS** SB 811 requires the state to install, replace, or maintain outdoor lighting fixtures that comply with design requirements intended to minimize wasted light and state funds. The bill does not require the state to replace outdoor lighting fixtures that function properly and only applies to outdoor lighting fixtures that are deficient or that are installed after the bill's effective date. The bill passed, with amendments, in the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

## **FINAL RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO PINELANDS COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN** The Pinelands Commission has **adopted** amendments to Subchapters 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10 of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The amendments: (1) codify current commission practices; (2) clarify existing standards and requirements; (3) eliminate unnecessary application requirements; (4) provide an extended time period within which the installation of certain alternate design wastewater treatment systems will be permitted; and (5) remove a particular technology from the Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems Pilot Program that has been unable to demonstrate compliance with CMP standards. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the [March 2014 Northern Review](#). The amendments became effective on 2 SEP 14.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**APPLICATION FEE AMENDMENTS WITHIN COASTAL, FRESHWATER WETLANDS, AND FLOOD HAZARD PERMITTING PROGRAMS** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has **proposed** amendments and new regulations concerning permit application fees and determinations/approvals within the coastal rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7), freshwater wetland rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7A), and the flood hazard rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13). The coastal, freshwater wetlands, and flood hazard permitting programs are all administered by the NJDEP's Division of Land Use Regulation. The proposed amendments and new regulations establish a simplified, cohesive fee structure across the three rule chapters, and incorporate a process to adjust fees in the future for each of the three permitting programs based on their respective projected annual budgets and projected fee revenues. Comments are due by 1 NOV 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving certain elements of State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the state of New York addressing the infrastructure requirements for the 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) ([79 FR 54617](#)). The revisions address CAA sections 110(a)(1) and (2) requirements that provide basic program elements necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. The final rule becomes effective on 14 OCT 14.

**ELECTRONIC REPORTING APPROVED FOR USEPA ADMINISTERED NPDES PROGRAM** USEPA has approved a state of New York request to revise its USEPA administered permit programs regarding NPDES ([79 FR 57077](#)). The revision allows the use of electronic reporting. The approval became effective on 24 SEP 14.

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**AB 9927 (SB 7643) UNIVERSAL SIGN FOR THREAT AND MITIGATION OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES** AB 9927 directs the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to establish a universal sign relating to the threat and mitigation of aquatic invasive species. The bill requires NYSDEC, by 23 SEP 15, to post or provide for the posting of the universal sign at each public boat launch site in the state. The bill was signed by the governor on 23 SEP 14 and it became effective upon signature.

## **FINAL RULES**

**AMENDMENT TO "NONATTAINMENT AREA" DEFINITION** NYSDEC has [adopted](#) a rule amending the definition of "nonattainment area" in the New York Air Pollution Regulation (6 NYCRR section 200.1). USEPA has finalized the redesignation of the New York portion of the New York-New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area from nonattainment to attainment for particulate matter of less than 2.5 micrometers (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). The new rule removes multiple counties from the list of areas indentified under the definition of "nonattainment area" for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The rule keeps the state designation status for NAAQS up to date with the federal status. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the [June 2014 Northern Review](#). The rule became effective on 17 SEP 14.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PLATFORM FOR NEW ENERGY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES** The New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC) has [proposed](#) revisions to its regulatory framework in order to create a flexible platform for new energy products and services. In particular, NYPSC has proposed revisions to transform regulation of the state's electric facilities by utilizing a Distributed System Platform provider to drive a market-based, efficient, clean, reliable and consumer oriented industry. Comments are due by 25 OCT 14.

# 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 adjourned 30 JUN 14.**

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**HB 374 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT PROGRAM** HB 374 (Public Act 430) amends Title 7 of the Delaware code relating to the Title V Operating Permit Program. The bill extends the CAA Title V Operating Permit Program annual fees that were to sunset on 31 DEC 14. The bill authorizes the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DDNREC) to collect annual fees through 2017. The bill also specifies that the Title V Operating Permit Program Advisory Committee will aid in the development of a management system review of the Title V air permitting scope, funding, and revenue generation process. The bill was signed by the governor on 11 SEP 14 and became effective upon signature.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**SEDIMENT AND STORMWATER REGULATION AMENDMENTS** DDNREC has **proposed** amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 5101, *Sediment and Stormwater Regulations*. The amendments revise multiple sections and add the definition of "functional equivalency." The amendments clarify that the regulatory technical document is guidance to be used as a reference for compliance and is not the only means of complying with the regulations. Functionally equivalent methods to those provided in the technical document may be considered on a case-by-case basis. The comment period closed on 10 OCT 14.



**Legislature convened 2 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.**

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**B20-0368 Air Quality Amendment Act of 2013** B20-0368 amends the DC Air Pollution Control Act of 1984 and the DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to establish a procedure for receiving, monitoring, and responding to air quality complaints. The new law also increases the maximum penalties for emissions and sets forth criteria for determining whether a particular emission interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of life and property. A notice of the bill's introduction was published in the [August 2013 Northern Review](#). The new law became effective on 9 SEP 14.



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

## **FINAL RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO RADIATION PROTECTION REGULATIONS** The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) has **adopted** amendments to the control of ionizing radiation regulations at COMAR 26.12.01.01. The amendments incorporate Supplement 24, which includes: (1) two U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules relating to general radioactive materials licenses and technical regulation corrections; (2) changes to schedule for application for radioactive material license; (3) requirement for thyroid shielding when an x-ray beam may strike a patient's thyroid gland; and (4) minor changes and corrections. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the **July 2014 Northern Review**. The amendments became effective on 15 SEP 14.

**AMENDMENTS TO WATER POLLUTION PERMIT REGULATIONS** MDE has **adopted** amendments to the water pollution permit regulations regarding general discharge permits and fees (Regulations .09 and .09-1). The amendments update regulations to include additional related discharge categories of dewatering (such as aquifer testing, construction dewatering, and foundation drainage) and groundwater remediation. The amendments are intended to protect the waters of the state, improve customer service, and increase efficiency. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the **June 2014 Northern Review**. The amendments became effective on 29 SEP 14.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY ACT OF 2013** The Maryland Public Service Commission has **adopted** rulemaking to implement the Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013. The regulations establish a process for the commission to receive and evaluate offshore wind project applications. The regulations also establish an escrow account to facilitate the transfer of funds among electricity suppliers, retail electric customers, and a project owner. The regulations became effective on 15 SEP 14.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**NEW REGULATIONS FOR WELL CONSTRUCTION** MDE has **proposed** replacing the current well construction regulations (COMAR 26.04.04.01 through .13) with a new chapter COMAR 26.04.04.01 through .39. The proposed regulations include: (1) provisions allowing treatment for fecal coliform bacteria in carbonate rock areas; (2) regulation of hydrofracturing of wells; (3) regulation of the construction of geothermal wells; and (4) elimination of telescoped casing in new wells where aquifer drawdown could render such wells unusable for domestic water supplies. The proposed regulations also include provisions for notification prior to commencing well construction activities, establishment of a variance procedure, and language that clarifies requirements. The comment period closed on 6 OCT 14.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns 30 NOV 14.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HB 1565 AMENDMENTS TO BUFFER REQUIREMENTS WITHIN CLEAN STREAMS LAW** HB 1565 amends the Clean Streams Law to provide more flexibility for mitigating potential pollution. The bill allows the use or installation of riparian buffers and riparian forest buffers as options among other best management practices (BMPs). The bill also states that if a project impacts a buffer zone, the buffer must be replaced elsewhere in the drainage basin and other BMPs must be utilized at the project site to maintain water quality. 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 2008 OZONE AND 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia ([79 FR 58682](#)). As federally required, the commonwealth submitted two separate SIP revisions to address CAA sections 110(a)(1) and (2) infrastructure requirements for the 2008 ozone and 2010 NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. The final rule approves the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) portions of the infrastructure requirements for the commonwealth's SIP submittals. The final rule becomes effective 30 OCT 14.

**PROPOSED RULES**

**WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE CHARGE** The Virginia State Corporation Commission has **proposed** rules that allow Virginia water and wastewater utilities to apply for commission approval of a water and wastewater infrastructure service charge (WWISC). The WWISC would recover the costs of replacing aging infrastructure and address primary and secondary water quality by prioritizing the highest risk facilities and replacing these on an accelerated basis. The proposed rules establish: (1) parameters for utilities to apply for a WWISC; (2) WWISC plan for investing funds collected from ratepayers; and (3) WWISC rider, which is a mechanism for collecting charges from customers. The proposed rules also require eligible utilities to file with the commission an annual reconciliation showing the difference between the recognized eligible infrastructure costs and the amounts recovered under the WWISC rider. Comments are due by 7 NOV 14.

**OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR BACK AND POQUOSON RIVER WATERSHEDS** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has **announced** a public meeting to discuss the development of Implementation Plans (IP) that address fecal bacteria impairments to shellfishing and recreation in the Back and Poquoson River watersheds. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies for the impairments were approved by USEPA in 2014. The IPs will include corrective actions needed to reduce bacteria and the associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts. The IPs will also provide measurable goals and a timeline of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The public meeting is scheduled for 22 OCT 14 and comments are due by 21 NOV 14.



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

**FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP REVISION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of West Virginia ([79 FR 56513](#)). The revision pertains to amendments of West Virginia's Legislative Rule on Ambient Air Quality Standards. The amendments change the NAAQS incorporation by reference effective date, as well as the monitoring reference and equivalent methods. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 21 NOV 14.

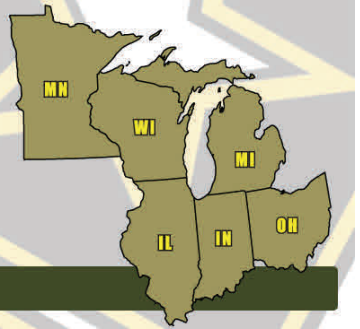
**PROPOSED RULES**

**INITIAL INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION AND SPILL PREVENTION RESPONSE PLAN REQUIREMENTS** The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has **proposed** an interpretive rule, 47 CSR 62, *Initial Inspection, Certification and Spill Prevention Response Plan Requirements*. The interpretive rule provides guidance and clarification for complying with the initial inspection and certification requirements set forth in the Aboveground Storage Tank Act (W.Va. Code § 22-30-6) and the requirements for submitting Spill Prevention Response Plans (W. Va. Code § 22-30-9). The comment period closed on 9 OCT 14.



# Region 5

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



## Illinois

Legislature convened 29 JAN 14 and adjourned 31 MAY 14.

### FINAL RULES

**ACCREDITATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES REGULATORY UPDATE** The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has **adopted** amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 186, *Accreditation of Laboratories for Drinking Water, Wastewater and Hazardous Waste Analyses*. IEPA is accredited by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP). To maintain accreditation, IEPA is required to incorporate the 2009 TNI (The NELAC Institute) Standard, *Requirements for the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program*, into its laboratory accreditation regulations. The amendments also update the incorporation by reference, and establish the laboratory accreditation application procedure that was not included in the 2009 TNI Standard. The amendments became effective on 1 SEP 14.

### PROPOSED RULES

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL GENERAL PROVISION AMENDMENTS** The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) has **proposed** amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 810, *Solid Waste Disposal: General Provisions*. The amendments update the Illinois Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle D municipal solid waste landfill rules to correspond with USEPA amendments that were adopted from 1 JAN 14 through 30 JUN 14. Comments are due by 27 OCT 14.



## Indiana

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

### FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**SIP REVISIONS INCORPORATING OPEN BURNING PROVISIONS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of Indiana ([79 FR 55641](#)). The revision incorporates provisions of the state Open Burning Rule (326 IAC 4-1). The direct final rule approves the provisions for attainment counties, but USEPA has taken no action on the rule for Clark, Floyd, Lake and Porter counties that are nonattainment or maintenance areas for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) or particulate matter (PM). Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 17 NOV 14.



## Michigan

Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

### FINAL LEGISLATION

**SB 959 EXTENSION OF SUNSET DATE FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM USER FEES** SB 959 (Public Act 286 of 2014) amends Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) Part 121, *Hazardous Waste Management*, to extend the sunset of certain user fees. The fees were scheduled to sunset on 1 OCT 14 and the bill extends them to 1 OCT 17. By changing the sunset dates, the bill gives the Michigan Department of Environmental

Quality (MDEQ) the authority to continue to collect the fees. The fees extended by the bill are: (1) hazardous waste manifest; (2) hazardous waste handler user charge; and (3) hazardous waste site identification. The bill does not change any fee amounts. The bill was signed by the governor on 23 SEP 14 and became effective upon signature.

**SB 960 Extension of SUNSET PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN LIQUID INDUSTRIAL WASTE FEES** SB 960 (Public Act 287 of 2014) amends NREPA Part 111, *Liquid Industrial Wastes*, to extend sunset provisions for certain fees charged by the MDEQ. These fees were scheduled to sunset on 1 OCT 14 and the bill extends the sunset to 1 OCT 17. The bill does not change any of the fee amounts. The fiscal year (FY) 2014-15 MDEQ budgets are predicated on the extension of the fees. A notice of the bill's Senate passage was published in the [June 2014 Northern Review](#). The bill was signed by the governor on 23 SEP 14 and became effective upon signature.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**REOPENING OF COMMENT PERIOD AND UPDATED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR DAKOTA SKIPPER AND POWESHIEK SKIPPERLING** USFWS has issued a proposed rule reopening the public comment period on the 24 OCT 13 proposal to designate critical habitat for the Dakota skipper and Poweshiek skipperling butterflies ([79 FR 56704](#)). USFWS has also revised the proposed critical habitat rule to: (1) add two proposed critical habitat units for the Poweshiek skipperling in Minnesota; (2) remove two proposed units (one for the Dakota skipper in Minnesota and one for the Poweshiek skipperling in North Dakota); and (3) revise the boundaries of seven Poweshiek skipperling units and five Dakota skipper units in Minnesota. These changes are proposed based on new or updated biological and ecological information for those areas. A draft economic analysis of the proposed designation of critical habitat is also available. A notice of the October 2013 proposal was published in the [November 2013 Northern Review](#). Comments are due by 23 OCT 14.



Legislature convened 6 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

## **FINAL RULES**

**FACILITY EMERGENCY AND HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL INVENTORY FORM RULE** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has **adopted** amendments to the regulations at Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) [3750-30-20](#), *Facility Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form*. The amendments incorporate new data elements and revise some existing data elements on the Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The changes align state and federal rules to ensure the program is equivalent in scope, content, and coverage. The amendments make reporting easier for facilities and make the form more user-friendly for state and local planners and responders. A notice of the draft amendments was published in the [February 2014 Northern Review](#). The amendments became effective on 12 SEP 14.

**AMENDMENTS TO GREAT MIAMI RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN WATER QUALITY STANDARDS** OEPA has **adopted** amendments to the water quality standards at [OAC 3745-1-21](#), *Great Miami river drainage basin*. The amendments: (1) add site specific aquatic life copper criteria for two stream locations (Indian Creek and Jackson Center Creek); and (2) update the beneficial use designations in the lower Great Miami River watershed to include verifications of current use designations for 10 streams and add one previously undesignated stream. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the [March 2014 Northern Review](#). The amendments became effective on 1 SEP 14.

**AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR LEAD TRAINING PROGRAMS** The Ohio Department of Health (ODOH) has **adopted** amendments to the application procedures for lead training programs (OAC 3701-82-01, and -.02). The amendments: (1) substitute acronyms throughout the Chapter; (2) add the requirement to submit a course completion certificate number for each trainee who attends an approved course; and (3) clarify record keeping and quality control requirements for clinical laboratories processing lead tests. The amendments became effective on 7 AUG 14.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY EPISODE RULES** OEPA has **proposed** amendments to the regulations at **OAC 3745-25**, *Emergency Episodes and Ambient Air Quality*. These regulations establish the ambient air quality standards and emergency episode standards that the state will use to attain and maintain NAAQS as required under CAA Section 110. The amendments include various minor fixes to correct typos and update formatting to comply with Legislative Services Commission (LSC) conventions, along with necessary updates to reflect newly enacted NAAQS. A public hearing is scheduled for 21 OCT 14 and comments are due the same day.



**Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 4 JAN 15.**

## **FINAL RULES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW PROCEDURES UNDER WEPA** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has **adopted** an emergency rule to repeal, amend, and create multiple regulations relating to WDNR's environmental analysis and review procedures under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). Significant revisions to Wisconsin Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter NR 150, *Environmental Analysis and Review Procedures*, became effective on 1 APR 14. The emergency rule clarifies procedures for the review and analysis of new administrative rules along with other actions and policies to assure that the intent of the April 2014 revisions is being met. Additionally, the emergency rule clarifies the intent of the April 2014 revisions for procedures for WEPA compliance determinations, publication requirements, and plan approvals for various actions and policies. The emergency rule became effective on 31 AUG 14 and will expire on 27 JAN 15.

**AMENDMENTS TO PROPERTY TRANSFER WELL INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS** The WDNR has **adopted** amendments to WAC Chapters NR 146 and NR 812, to create specific requirements for property transfer well inspections. The amendments do not require inspections of wells at the time of property transfer, but set uniform minimum standards if an inspection is performed. The amendments reduce the amount of time staff currently spend answering questions and writing variances because several requirements for existing wells have been simplified and/or eliminated. The amendments also conform rule provisions to existing statutes. The amendments became effective on 1 OCT 14.

**AMENDMENTS TO HEAT EXCHANGE DRILLING REQUIREMENTS** WDNR has **adopted** revisions to WAC Chapters NR 146 and 812, relating to geothermal licensing. The revisions amend licensing criteria for heat exchange drillers and standards for heat exchange drill holes that will be approved with notification rather than individual review. WDNR will issue a single drilling license with authorizations available for either water well or heat exchange drilling or both. The revisions also include provisions for obtaining and maintaining authorization to construct heat exchange drill holes. The revisions became effective on 1 OCT 14.

**SHORELAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVISIONS** WDNR has **adopted** revisions to WAC Chapter NR 115, relating to the shoreland zoning standards under the state shoreland protection program. The revisions clarify and modify certain sections of the code to address concerns expressed by some counties that the current standards are unclear or burdensome to implement. A notice of the proposed revisions was published in the **August 2013 Northern Review**. The amendments became effective on 1 OCT 14.

# Department of Defense Activity

**2015 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS** Nominations for the 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards are due 2 MAR 15. Each military service and defense agency may submit one nomination for each of the six Installation and three Individual/Team award categories listed in the [guidance](#) for accomplishments from 1 OCT 2012 through 30 SEP 2014.

**ARMY NET ZERO ENERGY INITIATIVE** The [fiscal 2013 Net Zero Energy Roadmap and Program Summary](#) is available. The document includes data on each site's energy baseline and efficiency, energy audit, completed and planned renewable energy projects, and Net Zero Energy roadmap. The document also shows that all nine of the pilot installations participating in the Army's Net Zero Energy initiative have made substantial progress in identifying, developing, and executing energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in the first several years of the program.

**AIR FORCE ENCROACHMENT MANAGEMENT** The Air Force has issued [Air Force Instruction \(AFI\) 90-2001 Encroachment Management](#), effective 3 SEP 14. The instruction defines encroachment management roles and responsibilities at all levels of the Air Force. It requires the establishment of installation encroachment management teams and the development of Installation Complex Encroachment Management Action Plans (ICEMAPs).

## Federal Activity

### AIR

**AIRCRAFT CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS** USEPA is [moving forward](#) with a rulemaking process to potentially regulate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, specifically carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from aircraft. The rulemaking is in response to: (1) a 2007 petition that requested USEPA make an "endangerment finding" for aircraft GHGs and regulate these emissions under CAA; and (2) a 2012 D.C. District Court ruling that the CAA requires USEPA to make a final determination on whether aircraft GHG emissions cause or contribute to air pollution, which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Under USEPA's current schedule, it would propose endangerment and cause/contribute findings and domestically release an advance notice of public rulemaking in late April 2015. USEPA anticipates it will take approximately another year to finalize the findings.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: OZONE NAAQS** USEPA has released three final documents supporting the review of ozone NAAQS titled *Policy Assessment for the Review of the Ozone NAAQS, Health Risk and Exposure Assessment for Ozone*, and *Welfare Risk and Exposure Assessment of Ozone* ([79 FR 53192](#)). The documents were prepared for the ongoing review of the primary (health-based) and secondary (welfare-based) NAAQS for ozone.

**AMBIENT MONITORING QUALITY ASSURANCE** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to revise the ambient air monitoring requirements for criteria pollutants ([79 FR 54355](#)). The revisions: (1) reorganize and clarify quality assurance requirements; (2) simplify and reduce data reporting and certification requirements; (3) clarify the annual monitoring network plan public notice requirements; (4) revise certain network design criteria for non-source lead monitoring; and (5) address other issues in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 58, *Ambient Air Quality Surveillance Requirements*. Comments are due 10 NOV 14.

### ENERGY

**ANNUAL ENERGY DATA AND SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE** The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) has collated information and performance data illustrating federal agencies' annual progress in meeting energy and other sustainability goals for their facilities and operations. The [website](#) offers complete annual data sets of agency aggregated annual energy and water consumption and costs by end-use sector, efficiency investment information, and progress toward key goals. Detailed annual comprehensive GHG inventories by federal agency are presented along with

progress toward achieving scope 1, 2, and 3 GHG reduction targets. The data tables may also be filtered by numerous variables (agency, year, sector) and are exportable to Excel.

**FEDERAL BUILDING ENERGY BENCHMARKING GUIDANCE** The Department of Energy (DOE) has issued [updated guidance](#) for energy and water efficiency measures in federal buildings. The guidance: (1) clarifies the criteria for “metered building”; (2) designates USEPA’s Energy Star Portfolio Manager as the sole benchmarking tool for federal agencies to use in fulfilling the benchmarking requirements; and (3) reiterates the criteria and process for requesting non-disclosure of building performance for national security reasons.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**VOLUNTARY PRELISTING CONSERVATION ACTION POLICY** USFWS has extended the public comment period on a [draft policy](#) on crediting voluntary conservation actions taken for species prior to their listing under ESA ([79 FR 56602](#)). Under the proposed policy, landowners could obtain credits for current efforts that benefit declining species. These conservation credits could later be redeemed to offset or mitigate actions that are detrimental to a species that was subsequently listed under the act. The credits may also be traded or sold to a third party. A notice of the draft policy was published in the [August 2014 Northern Review](#). The comment period was extended to 6 NOV 14.

**CANADA LYNX** USFWS has issued a final rule to designate revised critical habitat for the contiguous U.S. distinct population segment (DPS) of the Canada lynx and revise the boundary of the Canada lynx DPS ([79 FR 54781](#)). The final rule designates 38,954 square miles of critical habitat in Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming and extends ESA protections to the species wherever it occurs in the contiguous U.S. The final rule becomes effective on 14 OCT 14.

**FIVE-YEAR STATUS REVIEW: SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE AND SPERM WHALE** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is conducting a five-year status review of the [southern right whale](#) and [sperm whale](#) ([79 FR 53171](#)). NMFS has requested information that has become available since the last reviews (2007 and 2009, respectively). The southern right whale occurs throughout the southern hemisphere from temperate to polar latitudes. Sperm whales are found throughout the world’s oceans in deep waters. For management purposes, sperm whales inhabiting U.S. waters have been divided into five stocks: California-Oregon-Washington stock, North Pacific (Alaska) stock, Hawaiian stock, Northern Gulf of Mexico stock, and North Atlantic stock. Comments are due 7 NOV 14.

## **NEPA**

**PROGRAMMATIC NEPA REVIEWS** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has officially published draft guidance, *Effective Use of Programmatic National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Reviews* ([79 FR 50578](#)). Programmatic reviews may be followed by site-specific reviews, a process known as tiering, or they may serve as stand-alone NEPA reviews. This guidance encourages a more consistent approach to programmatic NEPA reviews by clarifying various planning scenarios under which an agency may prepare a programmatic, broad-scale review, as well as how to prepare reviews that are timely, informative, and useful in advancing decision-making. The comment period closed on 9 OCT 2014.

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDEBOOK** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has requested input on ways to improve the Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) as it develops the 2016 version (ERG2016) ([79 FR 52106](#)). The ERG provides guidance to emergency services personnel for initial response to hazardous materials incidents. The development of the ERG2016 is a joint effort involving transportation agencies of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

**HAZMAT TRANSPORT REVERSE SHIPMENTS** PHMSA has extended the public comment on its [11 AUG 14 proposed rule](#) to revise the hazardous materials regulations applicable to return shipments of certain hazardous materials by motor vehicle ([79 FR 57494](#)). The proposed revisions define “reverse logistics” for HAZMAT returned to or between a vendor, distributor, or manufacturer for credit, replacement, or similar reason. The revisions also provide an exception for materials transported in a manner that meets the definition of reverse logistics. In addition to providing a new reverse logistics exception, the revisions also expand an existing exception for reverse logistics shipments of used

automobile batteries that are being shipped from a retail facility to a recycling center. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the [September 2014 Northern Review](#). The comment period was extended to 10 NOV 14.

**TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY REPORTING** USEPA has issued a final rule to add a nonylphenol category to the list of toxic chemicals subject to reporting under section 313 of EPCRA and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act ([79 FR 58686](#)). Nonylphenol is used in lubricating oils, detergents, and emulsifiers, as a protectant in polymers (e.g., rubber, vinyl, polyolefins, and polystyrenics), and as a stabilizer in plastic food packaging. Nonylphenol is classified as an endocrine disruptor. The final rule became effective on 30 SEP 14 and applies for the reporting year beginning 1 JAN 15.

## **WASTE**

**DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has issued a final rule governing the secure disposal of controlled substances (i.e., pharmaceuticals) by registrants and ultimate users ([79 FR 53519](#)). The final rule implements the [Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010](#) by expanding the options available to collect controlled substances for disposal to include take-back events, mail-back programs, and collection receptacle locations. The final rule became effective on 9 OCT 14.

## **WATER**

**FIVE-YEAR GREAT LAKES RESTORATION ACTION PLAN** The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) has [released](#) its new action plan, *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II*. The plan summarizes the actions that federal agencies will take during the next five years to protect water quality, control invasive species, and restore habitat in the fresh water system. These actions will build on restoration and protection work carried out under the first GLRI Action Plan, with a major focus on: (1) cleaning up Great Lakes areas of concern; (2) preventing and controlling invasive species; (3) reducing nutrient runoff that contributes to harmful/nuisance algal blooms; and (4) restoring habitat to protect native species.

**SMALL VESSEL GENERAL PERMIT** USEPA's ten regional offices have finalized the NPDES Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP) to authorize discharges incidental to the normal operation of non-military and non-recreational vessels less than 79 feet in length ([79 FR 53702](#)). USEPA has finalized the sVGP, because the law imposing a moratorium against NPDES permitting of these discharges (except ballast water) expires on 18 DEC 14. The sVGP is effective 19 DEC 14.

**EFFLUENT GUIDELINE PROGRAM PLANS AND REVIEW REPORTS** USEPA released the [Final 2012 and Preliminary 2014 Effluent Guidelines Program Plans](#) for public review and comment ([79 FR 55472](#)). The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires USEPA to publish a plan for new and revised effluent guidelines every two years. The program plan identifies any new or existing industrial categories selected for effluent guidelines rulemaking and provides a schedule for such rulemaking. Comments are due 17 NOV 14.

**NPDES TEST METHODS** USEPA has issued a correction for the [19 AUG 14 final rule](#) regarding the use of "sufficiently sensitive" test methods associated with NPDES permit applications ([79 FR 56274](#)). USEPA corrected two citations that are contained within the text of two "Notes" in the final rule. A notice of the August final rule was published in the [September 2014 Northern Review](#). The correction became effective 18 SEP 14.

**WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT OF 2014** USEPA is holding a series of informational and stakeholder meetings to discuss implementation of the [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014](#) ([79 FR 55794](#)). The act, which was signed into law on 11 JUN 14, is an innovative financing mechanism for water-related infrastructure of national or regional significance. USEPA will be providing an overview of the statute, assistance options and terms, and ideas for implementing the program. USEPA would like participants to discuss: (1) project ideas and potential selection criteria; (2) opportunities, challenges, and questions about implementation; and (3) future stakeholder engagement. Meetings were held in New York City in September 2014. Additional information and stakeholder input sessions will be held in locations around the country through December 2014. Locations and dates for the additional sessions will be announced when they become available.

# 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.

## **TRAINING—ONLINE**

**29 Oct, ONLINE: [PLANNING AND DESIGN OF STREAM CROSSINGS](#)** The Science and Technology Training Library is hosting the webinar that will build an understanding of process and procedures required to successfully plan and design a stream crossing structure to meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service Practice Standard, Code No. 578 - Stream Crossing.

**30 Oct, ONLINE: [MOVING TOWARD SUSTAINABILITY: SUSTAINABLE AND EFFECTIVE PRACTICES FOR CREATING YOUR WATER UTILITY ROADMAP, WEBINAR 1](#)** This USEPA webinar is the first of a two-part webinar series that will provide an overview of the recently released roadmap and concepts of community sustainability. Future webinars are planned for March, May, and June 2015.

**8-12 Dec, WASHINGTON, DC: [WATER QUALITY STANDARDS ACADEMY \(WQSA\)](#)** Provided by USEPA, the training addresses water quality issues including waters of the US, designated uses, water quality criteria, and mixing zones. The course is offered free of charge; however, attendees must preregister. Online registration is preferred, or apply by phone: USEPA WQSA Registration Coordinator, Erin Cabral, (508) 833-6600. **[Applications](#)** are due 10 OCT 2014.

**AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (AFIT) TRAINING COURSE, [QUALIFIED RECYCLING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT](#)** This Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) designated course emphasizes principles and techniques to assist students in implementing a sound Qualified Recycling Program. The course focuses on learning what products can be recycled, products prohibited from recycling, QRP regulations, necessary processing equipment, collection and sorting methods to maximize returns, working with your Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), establishing contracts, recording transactions, DOD recordkeeping, and estimating future budgets.

**[ENERGY STAR WEBCASTS](#)** Energy Star is hosting a series of webcasts covering various topics including Federal Guiding Principles Checklist, Portfolio Manager 101, and Portfolio Manager 201.

**[CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES](#)** The National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center is partnering with the National Conservation Training Center to offer the webinar series to inform scientists, land managers, and the public about potential and predicted climate change impacts on fish and wildlife, and to help guide resource management decisions across the United States. Video recordings with closed captioning are made available one to two weeks after each presentation.

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

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

**[BEST PRACTICES FOR COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT FOR FEDERAL FACILITIES TRAINING](#)** The training is provided by USDOE's Federal Energy Management Program and provides federal facility and energy managers with knowledge and skills to assist in meeting water-related legislative and executive order requirements. Participants

develop skills in increasing water efficiency, and reducing water use through sound operations practices and water-efficient technologies. Water metering is covered, as well as life cycle costing and establishing the overall economics for strategic water management.

**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.

**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 (USAEC) website.

**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 has announced its FY15 Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training PROSPECT) 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 FY15** The Navy and the ISEERB Environmental Training schedule for FY15 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 FY15** 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.



**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](#)**.

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