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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, a proposed federal PM 2.5 nonattainment area redesignation. In MA, proposed rule changes for siting hazardous waste facilities. In ME, proposed revisions to the Ozone Transport Region SIP.

Region 2

In NJ, a proposed solid material storage general permit. In NY, a final federal SIP revision for the control of NOx and proposed changes to petroleum and chemical bulk storage regulations.

Region 3

In DE, proposed amendments to AST rules and solid waste regulations including infectious waste. In D.C., approval of stormwater fee discount program regulations, adoption of stormwater and sediment and erosion control regulation changes, and notices of proposed MS4 Permit reports. In MD, a proposed general stormwater permit for construction activities. In PA, a regulatory agenda notice and final changes to water quality standards. In VA, proposed revisions to AST regulations.

Region 5

In IL, a new law for electronic submission of environmental information, adoption of IDNR consultation fees, proposed updates to hazardous waste and drinking water rules and approval of changes to TACO rules. In IN, a proposed change to Exceptional Use Waters rules. In MN, a notice of a reissued stormwater general permit for construction. In OH, a proposed Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan, proposed revisions to surface water treatment rules and approval of changes to storm water program and nitrous oxide RACT rules. In WI, proposed rules for certification of wastewater treatment systems and operators and changes to the shoreline protection program.

DOD Activity

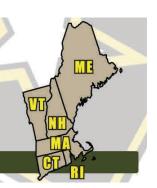
DOD releases DSMOA program guidance for dispute resolution and the Army establishes a new policy for operational energy.

Federal Activity

The White House issues Executive Order 13647, establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs. USFWS final listing of the Diamond Darter as an Endangered Species. USEPA issues conditional exemption for solvent-contaminated wipes.

Region 1

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





Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 5 JUN 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION FOR THE CONNECTICUT PORTION OF THE NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a request submitted by the state of Connecticut to redesignate the Connecticut portion of the NY-NJ-CT fine particle (PM2.5) area from nonattainment to attainment for the 1997 annual National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS (78 FR 43096). The rule proposes approval for: (1) a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision containing a 10-year maintenance plan; (2) a 2007 base-year emissions inventory; and (3) new motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for the years 2017 and 2025. Comments are due by 19 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 2 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS FOR AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has proposed amendments to the hazardous waste regulations at 310 CMR 30.708. The amendments prohibit hazardous waste facilities from being located: (1) within an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); or (2) adjacent to or in close proximity to an ACEC, where such location would fail to protect the outstanding resources of the ACEC. ACECs are places in Massachusetts that receive special recognition because of the quality, uniqueness, and significance of their natural and cultural resources. Comments are due by 23 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 5 DEC 12 and adjourned sine die 19 JUN 13.

PROPOSED RULES

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT SIP The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has **proposed** revisions to Maine's Clean Air Act (CAA) SIP. The proposed revisions remove applicability of the nonattainment new source review (NSR) requirements for major stationary sources of ozone precursors on the sole basis that a source is located in the ozone transport region (OTR). The comment period closed on 30 JUL 13.

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID QUARANTINE The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has **proposed** a rule to modify the existing Hemlock Woolly Adelgid quarantine. The proposed rule adds 81 towns in Maine and additional counties in other states, that have been found to be infested with this pest, to the quarantine area. The rule also removes logs from the list of regulated articles and simplifies some of the reporting requirements imposed on State Plant Regulatory Officials in states that are free of this pest. The comment period closed on 10 AUG 13.

Region 2

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





Legislature convened 8 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.

PROPOSED RULES

PROPOSED DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT FOR SOLID MATERIAL STORAGE The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has **invited comment** on the draft general permit (GP) for certain solid material storage (GP-001A). GP-001A replaces GP-001, Bulk Solid Materials Receiving and Storage Systems. The new draft GP is substantially the same as GP-001, but differs from the current GP by: (1) allowing multiple pieces of solid material storage equipment to be registered; (2) having an inventory list of equipment, emission points, control devices, and emission units; and (3) requiring records of material stored. Comments are due by 14 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP Revision For Ozone Concerning the Control of NO $_{x}$ USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of New York for ozone concerning the control of oxides of nitrogen (NO $_{x}$) (**78 FR 41846**). The SIP revision includes amendments to Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations at: (1) Part 200 - General Provisions; (2) Part 212 - General Process Emission Sources; and (3) Subpart 227-2 - Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) For Major Facilities of NO $_{x}$. The final rule approves control strategies, required by CAA, that will help attain and maintain the NAAQS for ozone. The final rule became effective on 12 AUG 13.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 5917 ASBESTOS PROJECT NOTIFICATION FEES SB 5917 amends the labor law, in relation to asbestos project notification fees per square foot of friable material. Any contractor engaged in an asbestos project involving more than 260 linear feet or more than 160 square feet of asbestos or asbestos materials shall notify both USEPA and the New York Department of Labor Commissioner and provide certain information. The notification is required to be accompanied by a project notification fee, the fee schedule has been calculated using the square footage of friable material associated with the project. The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

PROPOSED RULES

DRAFT REVISIONS OF THE PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL BULK STORAGE REGULATIONS The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) has **requested comment** on draft revisions to the petroleum bulk storage and chemical bulk storage regulations. The revisions address the handling and storage of petroleum and hazardous substances to reflect changes in state and federal laws. NYDEC has provided the public comment period in hopes of identifying any major issues to be addressed before the draft regulations are formally proposed. Comments are due by 20 SEP 13.

Region 3

For more information on any state issues in Region 3, contact Robert Boonstoppel, Acting Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 3, (410) 278-6167.





Legislature convened 8 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 30 JUN 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

HB 94 CRITERIA FOR ISSUING PERMITS TO HANDLE PROTECTED WILDLIFE HB 94 improves and clarifies the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DDNREC) process and criteria for issuing permits to handle or possess protected wildlife, finfish, or shellfish for scientific, education, or propagation purposes. Process improvements and clarifications include: (1) eliminating uncertainty regarding the requirement for a permit; (2) allowing issuance of permits for education purposes; (3) establishing the ability to require increased permit holder accountability and reporting; (4) providing permit revocation authority; and (5) providing clarification of the applicability of existing penalty provisions. A notice of the bill's passage by the House was published in the June 2013 *Northern Review*. The bill was signed by the governor on 25 JUL 13 and became effective upon signature.

PROPOSED RULES

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATIONS DDNREC has <u>proposed</u> amendments to the Aboveground Storage Tanks (AST) regulations at Title 7, Del.C., Chapter 74A. The amendments: (1) extend the required time frame for notification to DDNREC for a retrofit or upgrade from 60 days to one year (Part A, Section 4.6.3); (2) require DDNREC to provide a written response within 90 days of receiving a request for alternative technology approval (Part A, Section 5.3.); and (3) allow an owner or operator to request a one year extension of the DDNREC approval for an installation of a new AST (Part B, Section 1.7). The comment period closed on 6 AUG 13.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS DDNREC has **proposed** amendments to the solid waste, including infectious waste, regulations at 7 DE Admin. Code 1301. The amendments grant regulated parties the opportunity to propose alternative packaging methods for infectious waste under certain circumstances. The amendments also allow infectious waste package labeling to be consistent with federal Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements, rather than applying inconsistent state and federal requirements. The comment period closed on 7 AUG 13.



The DC Council convened 2 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

CONTROL OF EMISSIONS FROM EXISTING HMIWI UNITS USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a negative declaration for hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerator (HMIWI) units within the District of Columbia (DC) (<u>78 FR 40015</u>). The DC District Department of the Environment (DDOE) submitted the negative declaration to USEPA certifying that HMIWI units subject to the requirements of CAA sections 111(d) and 129 do not exist within the jurisdictional boundaries of the DDOE. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 3 SEP 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

PR20-0197 APPROVAL FOR STORMWATER FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM REGULATIONS PR20-0197, Stormwater Fee Discount Program Regulations Approval Resolution of 2013, has been deemed approved without action by the Council of the District of Columbia (CDC). The approved regulations structure a new Stormwater Fee Discount Program to provide customers with an incentive to install eligible best management practices (BMP) that reduce stormwater runoff generated on the customer's property. These BMP installations will help the District comply with its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) final permit from the USEPA. The resolution was approved on 4 JUL 13 and became effective upon approval.

PROPOSED 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 bill 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. The bill was referred to the Transportation and Environment Committee.

FINAL RULES

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEAD HAZARD PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION ACTS DDOE has **adopted** a final rule implementing the Lead Hazard Prevention and Elimination Act of 2008 and the Lead Hazard Prevention and Elimination Amendment Act of 2010. The final rule allows DDOE to fulfill the intent of the acts by: (1) setting specific mandates on lead-safe work practices; (2) setting the requirements for property owners to disclose the presence of any "reasonably known" lead-based paint or lead-based paint hazards; (3) establishing certain basic lead certification requirements; (4) stipulating when an abatement permit must be obtained prior to performing abatement; (5) establishing three discrete exceptions to abatement permit requirements; (6) clarifying when demolition of a pre-1978 building triggers an abatement permit; and (7) setting fines and or penalties that may be imposed on an owner for failure to comply. The final rule became effective on 26 JUL 13.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STORMWATER FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM DDOE has <u>adopted</u> a final rule establishing the Stormwater Fee Discount Program. The final rule amends Title 21 (Water and Sanitation) and Chapter 5 (Water Quality and Pollution) of the DCMR to establish the program. The program applies to any retail DC Water and Sewer Authority customer that pays the stormwater fee. DDOE will grant a stormwater fee discount to a customer that has installed an eligible BMP on their property. These BMP installations will help the District comply with its MS4 NPDES final permit from USEPA. The final rule became effective on 19 JUL 13.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS DDOE has **adopted** a final rule amending the stormwater regulations and the soil erosion and sediment control regulations at DCMR Title 21 Chapter 5. The amendments include: (1) financial incentives for voluntary installation of stormwater retrofits to earn Stormwater Retention Credits; (2) updates to DC's existing requirements to reflect current scientific, engineering and stormwater principles; and (3) BMPs that allow DC to comply with federal requirements established in the MS4 NPDES final permit from USEPA. DDOE has also adopted a final version of the **Stormwater Management Guidebook** (SWMG), which provides guidance on compliance with this final rule. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the September 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 19 JUL 13.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

MS4 PERMIT OUTFALL REPAIR SCHEDULE AND REPORT ON OPTIMAL CATCH BASIN CLEANING, INSPECTION, AND REPAIR DDOE has issued two notices of publication and public comment for a draft MS4 <u>Permit Outfall Repair Schedule and Report</u> and a draft MS4 <u>Report on Optimal Catch Basin Cleaning, Inspection, and Repair</u>. DC is required, via its MS4 NPDES permit, to develop a schedule for evaluating and repairing stormwater outfalls within the DC system. The permit also directs DC to develop a plan to reduce runoff stormwater pollutants by evaluating and optimizing the District's program for cleaning, inspection, and maintenance for all catch basins that collect stormwater from within the District's system. The comment periods closed for both actions on 4 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 8 APR 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

CB-45-2013 WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM The Prince George's County Council has enacted CB-45-2013, an Act Concerning Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program. The act establishes a Watershed Protection and Restoration Program, as required by state law. The act also: (1) provides for the setting, collection, and deposit of a Clean Water Act (CWA) Fee into a Local Watershed Protection and Restoration (LWPR) Fund; (2) identifies the purposes for which money in the LWPR Fund may be used; (3) provides for biannual reporting on the operation of the LWPR Fund; and (4) requires the County Department of Environmental Resources to establish policies and procedures for the reduction of the CWA Fee. A notice of the proposed act was published in the June 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The act will become effective on 9 SEP 13.

PROPOSED RULES

GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has reached a **tentative determination** to reissue the NPDES **General Permit** (GP) for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity. All construction activity in Maryland disturbing one or more acres needs to be covered under the GP. The new proposed permit includes numerous changes from previous permits: (1) a change to the public notification period following submission of the NOI before permit coverage is approved; (2) specific requirements to meet federal effluent limitation guidelines; (3) emergency authorization procedures in the event of public emergencies; and (4) several clarifications, including which types of projects and discharges are eligible for coverage under the GP. Comments are due by 19 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 1 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 351 AUTHORIZATION FOR STORMWATER PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION SB 351 (Public Act:68) amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. The bill authorizes new or existing municipal authorities to undertake stormwater planning, management and implementation as defined in the articles of incorporation by the governing body. If an existing authority is already operating stormwater controls as part of a combined sewer system, sanitary sewer system, or flood control project, it may continue to operate those projects without its articles of incorporation being amended. The bill was signed by the governor on 9 JUL 13 and will become effective on 8 SEP 13.

FINAL RULES

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PDEP) has **adopted** amendments to Chapter 93 of 25 PA Code relating to water quality standards. The amendments fulfill the federally-required triennial review of water quality standards as mandated by the CWA. The water quality standards consist of the existing and designated uses of the surface waters of the commonwealth, along with the specific numerical and narrative criteria necessary to achieve and maintain those uses, and an antidegradation policy. The amendments became effective on 20 JUL 13.

STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR THE WATER QUALITY TOXICS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PDEP has <u>amended</u> Chapter 16 relating to the water quality toxics management strategy-statement of policy. The amendments complement the triennial review and revision of Chapter 93 of 25 PA Code, water quality standards, by updating Chapter 16 to be consistent with the amendments to Chapter 93. The amendments also update and correct approved analytical methods in Tables 2A and 2B. The amendments became effective on 20 JUL 13.

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OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

RELEASE OF ANNUAL STATE REGULATORY AGENDA The Governor's Office has issued its <u>regulatory agenda</u>. Executive Order 1996-1 requires all agencies under the jurisdiction of the governor to publish an agenda of regulations under development or consideration. The agendas are compiled to provide members of the regulated community advanced notice of regulatory activity. As part of the regulatory agenda, PDEP has released a list of future rulemakings, including: (1) amendments to the control of VOCs from Gasoline Dispensing Facilities (Stage II) regulations; (2) air quality Title V fee amendments; and (3) amendments for the control of major sources of NO_x and VOCs.



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FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISIONS TO REMOVE OUTDATED CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS RULES USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia (**78 FR 40011**). The revisions remove four articles located in chapter 9VAC5-40 (Existing Stationary Sources) from the SIP. The articles are being removed because they were repealed in their entirety and have been replaced by the updated corresponding articles in chapter 9VAC5-45 (Consumer and Commercial Products). The provisions of chapter 9VAC5-45 are not affected by the removal of these regulations. Barring adverse comment, the direct final rule will become effective on 3 SEP 13.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE INCINERATOR REGULATIONS The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has **adopted** a final rule amending the commercial/industrial solid waste incinerators regulations at 9VAC5-40 (Existing Stationary Sources). The rule incorporates, by reference, USEPA amendments to the emission guidelines for commercial/industrial solid waste incinerators finalized on 7 FEB 13 (**78 FR 9111**). The final rule was necessary to maintain consistency between the state and federal regulations. The final rule will become effective on 28 AUG 13.

PROPOSED RULES

FACILITY AND ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK REGULATION VDEQ has **proposed** revisions to the facility and AST regulations at 9VAC25-91. The revisions provide clarification of the applicability of the AST regulations and remove the requirement for registration fees to be paid. The pollution prevention requirement, Section 130, has been re-organized to make the regulations easier to understand. The revisions also incorporate new performance standards for certain ASTs located in the City of Fairfax as mandated by Chapter 884 of the 2011 Acts of Assembly. Comments are due by 11 OCT 13.

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS VDEQ has **proposed** a rule to amend numerical and narrative criteria, use designations and other policies contained in the water quality standards at 9VAC25-260. The amendments fulfill the federally-required triennial review of water quality standards as mandated by the CWA. The last review was completed in February 2010. The proposed rule reflects new scientific information and clarifies the regulation. Comments are due by 11 OCT 13.



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 14 APR 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION UPDATES TO MATERIALS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE USEPA has issued a final rule updating the materials that are incorporated by reference into the West Virginia SIP (78 FR 44884). The regulations affected by the update had been previously submitted by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) and

approved by USEPA. The update affects the SIP materials that are available for public inspection at the National Archives and Records Administration, the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center located at USEPA Headquarters in Washington, DC, and USEPA Regional Office. The final rule became effective on 25 JUL 13.

Region 5

For more information on state issues in Region 5, contact <u>Dr. Jim Hartman</u>, DOD Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 5, (410) 278-6991.





Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned 31 MAY 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION CLARIFYING GHG ANNUAL EMISSIONS REPORT REQUIREMENTS USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) (**78 FR 40013**). The revision updates Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) Part 254, Annual Emissions Report. The revision is a non-substantive technical change clarifying that the type of annual emissions report, i.e., a long form or a short form, that a source is required to submit will not be based on its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 3 SEP 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 33 REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION SB 33 (Public Act: 98-0072) authorizes the IEPA to adopt rules requiring the electronic submission of information required pursuant to any: (1) state or federal law; (2) regulation; (3) court order; or (4) Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) order. The bill requires those rules to specify, at a minimum, the information to be submitted electronically and the form and format of electronic submission. A notice of the bill's passage by the Senate was published in the April 2013 *Northern Review*. The bill was signed by the governor on 15 JUL 13 and became effective upon signature.

FINAL RULES

COLLECTION OF CONSULTATION FEES The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has <u>adopted</u> a final rule implementing provisions of the department's sustainability package legislation (PA 97-1136). The final rule amends existing definitions in the consultation regulations and puts into place the regulatory authority and process to collect the consultation fee from non-state agency consultation applicants. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the February 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 5 JUL 13.

TIERED APPROACH TO CORRECTIVE ACTION OBJECTIVES IPCB has <u>adopted</u> amendments to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) rules at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 742. The amendments include the addition of a new exposure route under TACO, the indoor inhalation exposure route. This exposure route addresses the potential for vapors to migrate into buildings from underlying volatile chemicals in soil or groundwater, a process commonly known as "vapor intrusion." The amendments also reflect the addition of 13 chemicals to the TACO tables based upon IPCB's latest amendments to the groundwater quality standards. Further, the amendments to TACO update physical and chemical parameters and revise toxicity values in accordance with the latest USEPA hierarchy for selecting human health toxicity values. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the June 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final amendments became effective on 15 JUL 13.

PROPOSED RULES

UPDATE OF STATE RCRA SUBTITLE C HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS IPBC has proposed multiple rules to update the Illinois Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C hazardous waste rules. The regulations being updated include 35 III. Adm. Code **703**, **704**, **720**, **722**, **724**, **725**, **726**, **727**, **728** and **739**, which are all covered by separate notices. The amendments incorporate corrections to various provisions that USEPA suggested and further update the edition of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) provisions that are incorporated by reference. Comments are due on all of the proposed rules by 19 AUG 13.

PROCEDURAL RULES FOR ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE THERMAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS IPCB has **proposed** a rule to adopt a new Subpart K of Part 106 of the IPBC procedural rules. Specifically, the proposed rule provides procedural rules for establishing alternative thermal effluent limitations under CWA Section 316(a) and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 304.141. Comments are due by 9 SEP 13.

TESTING FEES FOR ANALYTICAL SERVICES IEPA has <u>proposed</u> a rule to amend the drinking water analysis program at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 691. The amendments are in response to changes made to Section 17.7 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act by Public Act 097-0220. Pursuant to Section 17.7, IEPA must base its annual fee determination on actual and anticipated costs for testing. In addition the proposed rule reduces the current three-year participation period to a one-year participation period to correspond with the state's fiscal year. The rule also clarifies that each community water supply (CWS) must notify IEPA of its intent to participate or not participate in the program. Comments are due by 26 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 29 APR 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

Source Impact Analysis Provisions for the 2006 24-Hour PM2.5 NAAQS USEPA has issued a final rule approving portions of a SIP revision submitted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) (<u>78</u> **FR 41311**). The revision addresses CAA section 110(a)(1) and (2) requirements, often referred to as the "infrastructure" SIP. Specifically, USEPA has approved portions of IDEM's revision intended to meet certain CAA requirements with respect to the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS. Among other provisions, these sections of the CAA require states to perform source impact analyses as part of their prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) programs. The final rule became effective on 9 AUG 13.

REDESIGNATION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS AREA TO ATTAINMENT OF THE 1997 ANNUAL STANDARD FOR PM2.5 USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision, submitted by IDEM, to redesignate the Indianapolis nonattainment area (Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Morgan counties) to attainment for the 1997 annual NAAQS for PM2.5 (78 FR 41698). The final rule approves the: (1) plan for maintaining the 1997 annual PM2.5 NAAQS through 2025; (2) comprehensive emissions inventories for NO_x , Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2), primary PM2.5, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and ammonia; and (3) NO_x and PM2.5 MVEBs for 2015 and 2025. The final rule became effective on 11 JUL 13.

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE LOUISVILLE AREA TO ATTAINMENT OF THE 1997 ANNUAL STANDARD FOR PM2.5 USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision, submitted by IDEM, to redesignate the Indiana portion of the Louisville nonattainment area (Madison Township, Jefferson County and Clark and Floyd counties) to attainment of the 1997 annual standard for PM2.5 (**78 FR 41735**). The rule proposes to approve the: (1) plan for maintaining the 1997 annual PM2.5 NAAQS through 2025; (2) 2008 emissions inventory; and (3) PM2.5 and NO_X MVEBs for 2015 and 2025. USEPA has also proposed to approve a supplement, to include ammonia and VOC, to the emission inventories previously submitted by the state. Comments are due by 12 AUG 13.

PROPOSED RULES

EXCEPTIONAL USE WATERS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS UNDER IC 13-18-3-2 IDEM has <u>proposed</u> amendments to the water pollution control regulations in Title 327 as required by IC 13-18-3-2 (Public Law 78-2009). IDEM is currently required to initiate a special designations rulemaking to: (1) determine whether any other designations in addition to

outstanding state resource waters (OSRWs), high quality waters, limited use waters, and outstanding national resource waters (ONRWs) should be established; (2) determine the appropriate factors to consider in designating a waterbody; (3) identify a list of waterbodies for each special designation; and (4) specify antidegradation implementation procedures for OSRWs, ONRWs, and any other newly established designation. IDEM believes these requirements have been fulfilled through multiple statute additions and through the antidegradation standards and implementation procedures under 327 IAC 2-1.3. Therefore, the proposed amendments delete the statute requirement because it is no longer necessary. The comment period closed on 2 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE DETROIT-ANN ARBOR NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a proposed rule to redesignate the Detroit-Ann Arbor Michigan nonattainment area (Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties) to attainment of the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour NAAQS for PM2.5 (78 FR 39654). The rule proposes to approve the: (1) plan for maintaining the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS through 2022; and (2) PM2.5 and NO_X MVEBs. The comment period closed on 1 AUG 13.

FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 264 OPEN DISPOSAL OF NON-CONTAMINATED DREDGE MATERIALS SB 264 (Public Act:0087'13) amends Parts 301 (Inland Lakes and Streams) and 325 (Great Lakes Submerged Lands) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The amendments: (1) allow the open lake disposal of dredge materials that are not contaminated with toxic substances under certain conditions; and (2) place certain conditions on dredging permits. Permits issued for dredging or placing dredged spoils on bottomland under Parts 301 and 325 would be valid for five years. During the term of the permits, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality would be prohibited from requiring additional environmental studies or surveys unless an "act of God" resulted in significant geological or ecological changes to the permitted area. The bill also clarifies that MDEQ is required to process applications for Part 325 minor project and general permits and Part 301 general permits within 60 days. The bill was signed by the governor on 27 JUN 13 and became effective upon signature.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 20 MAY 13.

FINAL RULES

GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has **approved** the reissuance, with amendments, of the Minnesota NPDES/State Disposal System (SDS) Construction Stormwater GP (MNR100001). The GP for construction stormwater protects lakes and streams in two ways: (1) temporary practices during construction to manage runoff; and (2) permanent treatment of additional runoff. The GP is for persons conducting construction activity and for discharges of stormwater from construction activity, to the waters of the state of Minnesota. A notice of the proposed GP was published in the March 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The GP became effective on 1 AUG 13.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 DEC 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE CLEVELAND-AKRON-LORAIN AREA NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision, submitted by the state of Ohio, to redesignate the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain area to attainment for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour NAAQS for PM2.5 (**78 FR 45116**). The rule proposes to approve the related elements including comprehensive emissions inventories for ammonia, VOC, NO_X, direct PM2.5, and SO₂, maintenance plans, and the accompanying motor vehicle budgets. Comments are due by 26 AUG 13.

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE DAYTON-SPRINGFIELD NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision, submitted by the state of Ohio, to redesignate the Dayton-Springfield nonattainment area to attainment for the 1997 annual NAAQS for PM2.5 (**78 FR 45135**). The rule proposes to approve the related elements including comprehensive emissions inventories for ammonia, VOC, NO_X, direct PM2.5, and SO₂, maintenance plans, and the accompanying motor vehicle budgets. Comments are due by 26 AUG 13.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO THE NOx RACT REGULATIONS The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has <u>adopted</u> amendments to the NO_x RACT rules at <u>3745-110-01</u>, <u>-02</u>, <u>-03</u>, <u>-04</u>, and <u>-05</u>. The amendments: (1) bring the rules in line with federal requirements; (2) correct minor typographical errors; (3) fulfill formatting requirements of the Legislative Services Commission (LSC); and (4) add and update citation information on referenced materials. A notice of the proposed rules was published in the June 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became on 18 JUL 13.

ADOPTED STORMWATER PROGRAM RULE AMENDMENTS OEPA has <u>adopted</u> amendments to the stormwater program rule at Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-39-04. The rule contains administrative requirements for the stormwater program for industries, construction, and large and medium MS4s. The amendments consist of: (1) minor updates to clarify rule contents and organization; (2) removal of vacated exemptions; (3) removal of unnecessary expired dates; and (4) revised references and grammatical edits. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the May 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 15 JUL 13.

PROPOSED RULES

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULE OEPA has **proposed** revisions to the surface water treatment rules at **OAC 3745-81-65**, **-66**, **-71**, **-72**, **-73**, **-74**, **-75**, **-79**. These rules have been reviewed pursuant to the five year rule requirements set forth in ORC 119.032. The revisions include: (1) adding the definition for an uncovered water storage facility previously removed from rule 3745-83-01; (2) corrections and clarifications required for OEPA to maintain primary enforcement authority; (3) aligning source designation provisions with changes, proposed separately, to OAC 3745-81-01 and 3745-81-76; and (4) clarifications to address the demonstration of alternative technologies, monitoring requirements for systems using grab sampling, and monitoring disinfectant residuals. Comments are due by 19 AUG 13.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

2013 DRAFT LAKE ERIE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PLAN The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) has released the **draft** Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan 2013 (LEPR) for public comment. The plan reflects actions the OLEC and its member agencies plan to take over the next several years to protect, preserve and restore Ohio's Great Lake. The state's actions complement federal and local partners' initiatives in the Lake Erie basin and across the region. Comments are due by 23 AUG 13.

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FEDERAL ACTIVITY

DISAPPROVAL OF SIP REVISIONS FOR PM2.5 PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS USEPA has issued a final rule to disapprove SIP revisions, submitted by the state of Wisconsin, concerning permitting requirements relating to PM2.5 (**78 FR 44881**). The final rule disapproves the revisions because they do not meet the 2008 PM2.5 SIP requirements. The final rule becomes effective on 26 AUG. 13.

PROPOSED RULES

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANT OPERATORS The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has **proposed** revisions to Chapter NR 114 Subchapter I, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the certification requirements of wastewater treatment systems and plant operators. The revisions: (1) update and revise treatment plant classifications and subclasses to reflect new and changed technologies; (2) eliminate advanced certification examinations and replace them with an advanced certification point system; (3) expand certification to include sanitary sewer collection systems; (4) provide more on-line classes and apprenticeship opportunities; and (5) separate the certification requirements for waterworks and wastewater works operators for improved readability and understanding. Comments are due by 29 AUG 13.

SHORELAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVISIONS WDNR has **proposed** revisions to ch. NR 115, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the shoreland zoning standards under the state shoreland protection program. The proposed 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. Comments are due by 5 SEP 13.

Department of Defense Activity

ARMY ESTABLISHES NEW POLICY FOR OPERATIONAL ENERGY On 30 APR 13, the Secretary of the Army, the Hon. John McHugh, signed a **policy memorandum** that describes Operational Energy as the energy and associated systems, information, and processes required to train, move and sustain forces and systems for military operations. The memorandum directs the Assistant Secretaries, Army Staff, Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands, and Direct Reporting Units to find ways to: (1) improve energy performance through techniques, behaviors, and organizational culture; (2) integrate operational energy considerations into planning, requirements development, acquisition, construction, operations, research, development, technology and evaluation, reporting, and management programs; (3) coordinate energy-related plans, budgets and activities; and (4) track, manage, and report operational energy performance and usage.

DSMOA Program Guidance for Dispute Resolution DOD has issued <u>guidance</u> for dispute resolution within the Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement (DSMOA) program. The guidance provides the Military Services and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grants Officer a better understanding of DOD's position on the nature of the dispute resolution process and ensures the process' continued value in resolving restoration issues. This guidance will be incorporated into the next revision of <u>DoD Manual 4715.20</u>, Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) Management.

DOD ANNUAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR FY 12 DOD has released the annual facilities energy management **report**, for FY 12, detailing its energy goals, plans to meet those goals, and progress to date. DOD conducted a comprehensive assessment of energy initiatives across the Department. In particular, the assessment identified a significant need for an energy policy to encompass all DOD Components and to guide the department's full range of energy activities. These include operational energy, facilities energy, and energy-related elements of mission assurance that are largely reliant on energy security.

DOD 2013 ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE RANGES The **Annual Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges** described no significant changes in range capability or encroachment since 2012. It identified emerging challenges to training range sustainability, and reported on actions being taken to mitigate them. It used goals and milestones in its progress updates, and reported its projected funding requirements for implementing planned actions. Together these elements describe DOD's progress in implementing its comprehensive plan and addressing training constraints at its ranges.

Federal Activity

<u>ENERGY</u>

GRANT FUNDING FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES AT FEDERAL FACILITIES The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has **announced** their intent to provide direct grant funding in FY 14 to federal agencies for the development of capital projects and other initiatives to increase the energy efficiency and renewable energy investments at agency facilities. Two topic areas are anticipated: (1) Combined Heat and Power (CHP); and (2) Renewable Energy, including solar, wind, biomass, landfill gas, ocean, geothermal, waste to energy, and new hydroelectric energy technologies. Agencies are expected to propose projects that lend themselves to being replicated at additional federal sites, and leverage DOE funds using agency-appropriated funds or alternative project financing mechanisms such as Energy Savings Performance Contracts, Utility Energy Service Contracts, or Power Purchase Agreements.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

CONDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS FOR SOLVENT-CONTAMINATED WIPES FROM SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS The USEPA has issued a final rule modifying the hazardous waste management regulations for solvent-contaminated wipes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (FR 78 46447). Specifically, the final rule revises the definition of solid waste to conditionally exclude solvent-contaminated wipes that are cleaned and reused and revises the definition of hazardous waste to conditionally exclude solvent-contaminated wipes that are disposed. The final rule is based on USEPA's final risk analysis, which was peer reviewed in 2008 and published for public comment in 2009. USEPA estimates that the final rule will result in a net savings of between \$21.7 million and \$27.8 million per year. The final rule will become effective on 31 JAN 14.

NATURAL RESOURCES

LISTING OF THE DIAMOND DARTER AS ENDANGERED SPECIES The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a final rule designating the diamond darter as endangered (**78 FR 45074**). The diamond darter is a fish species found in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia. The significant threats to the species include sedimentation and siltation from a variety of sources, pollutants originating from inadequate wastewater treatment, habitat changes, and direct habitat disturbance. These threats are ongoing and severe and occur throughout the species' entire current range. FWS will be finalizing a designation of critical habitat for the diamond darter in a separate rulemaking in the near future. The rule will become effective on 26 AUG 13.

PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OCEAN LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE DPS The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a proposed rule to establish critical habitat for the Northwest Atlantic Ocean loggerhead sea turtle Distinct Population Segment (DPS) within the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (78 FR 43005). Specific areas proposed for designation include 36 occupied marine areas within the range of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean DPS. These areas contain one or a combination of nearshore reproductive habitat, winter area, breeding areas, and migratory corridors. Comments are due by 16 SEP 13. NOTE: Five recovery units are identified in the Northwest Atlantic and two fall within the area of responsibility of the REEO-N: (1) Northern Recovery Unit - defined as loggerheads originating from nesting beaches from the Florida-Georgia border through southern Virginia (the northern extent of the nesting range); and (2) Greater Caribbean Recovery Unit - composed of loggerheads originating from all other nesting assemblages within the Greater Caribbean (Mexico through French Guiana, The Bahamas, Lesser Antilles, and Greater Antilles).

WATER

WATER EFFICIENCY IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED On 10 JUL 13, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued **Implementing Instructions: Federal Agency Implementation of Water Efficiency and Management Provisions of Executive Order 13514**. The instructions establish guidelines for accounting for federal water uses, measurement and verification methods, and strategies for water conservation and reuse. They also provide instructions for prioritizing projects and direct agencies to pursue the most beneficial and cost-effective opportunities first.

REMOVAL OF THE PESTICIDE DISCHARGE NPDES PERMITTING EXEMPTION USEPA has issued a final rule to remove language exempting the application of pesticides from NPDES permit requirements in two circumstances (**78 FR 38591**). The circumstances are: (1) when the application of the pesticide is made directly to waters of the U.S. to control pests that are present in the water; and (2) when the application of the pesticide is made to control pests that are over, including near, waters of the U.S. The final rule became effective on 27 JUN 13.

OTHER

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13647 ESTABLISHING THE WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS On 26 JUN 13, the President issued **Executive Order 13647**, establishing the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The Secretary of the Interior will chair the council, which includes heads of executive agencies, including DOD. The council will work across executive departments, agencies, and offices to coordinate development of policy recommendations to support tribal self-governance and improve the quality of life for Native Americans. The council will coordinate the U.S. government's engagement with tribal governments and their communities.

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 should not be interpreted as a government endorsement of those training or conferences.

TRAINING—ONLINE

22 OCT 13, INTRODUCTION TO UTILITY ENERGY SERVICE CONTRACTS (UESC) This **Federal Energy Management Program** (FEMP) **UESC Webinar** provides attendees with an overview of the contracting options and services available from their local utility companies to engineer, finance, and install cost-effective energy and water savings projects. Participants are walked through the typical project process from the audit phase to commissioning the equipment. This webinar introduces participants to UESCs and helps them determine if this alternative financing opportunity is right for them.

<u>UTILITY ENERGY PROJECT INCENTIVE FUNDS</u> This 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 at your desktop.

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.

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

<u>MILITARY MUNITIONS SUPPORT SERVICES SERIES</u> This new series of monthly webinars sponsored by EPA's Contaminated Sites Clean-Up Information (CLU-IN) program supports the Military Munitions Support Services (M2S2) community.

<u>DEFENSE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING/AWARENESS</u> The U.S. Army offers numerous environmental training courses. Information on training providers and fiscal year class schedules is provided by the U.S. Army Environmental Command.

<u>USACE PROSPECT TRAINING</u> USACE announces its FY13 PROSPECT training program. Please see the <u>Course</u> <u>Catalog (a.k.a. Purple Book)</u> and <u>List of Classes and schedule</u> 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. (It is not necessary to own an iPod in order to view or listen to a podcast.)

<u>Navy and ISEERB Environmental Training FY13</u> The Navy and the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Environmental Training schedule for FY13 is available. Course topics include environmental overview and management; law planning and sustainability; pollution prevention; restoration; conservation; supplemental and Internet/computer-based training, and more.

<u>AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL TRAINING FY13</u> The Air Force Civil Engineering School offers a variety of environmental management courses and seminars, including ISEERB offerings. Courses offered by the Civil Engineer School are available to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. government. Fees vary according to personnel status (i.e., active duty Air Force/civilian, other U.S. government employee, contractor).

NPDES TRAINING COURSES AND WORKSHOPSTraining 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 INITIATIVE — 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.

<u>USEPA Watershed Academy Webcast Series</u> 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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