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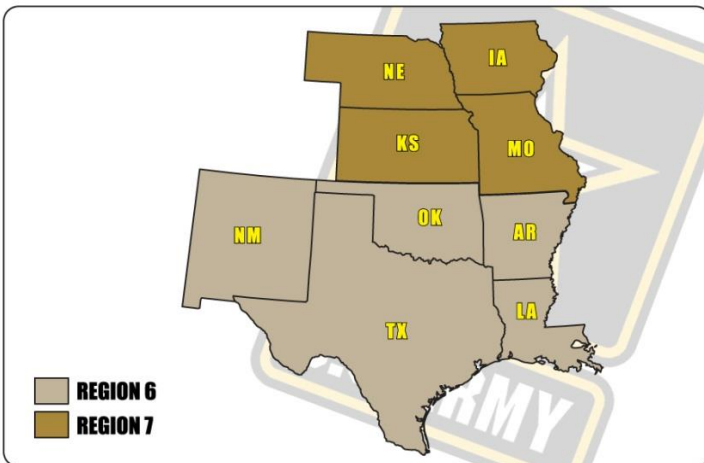


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2019 ARMY POSTURE STATEMENT

The Army Posture Statement is the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army's written testimony to Congress on the state of the U.S. Army. The statement describes where the Army is and what the Army has done over the last year to support the National Defense Strategy.

The [2019 Army Posture Statement](#) explains the Army's budgetary needs to maintain its readiness, modernization, and reform initiatives in fiscal year 2020. It describes major elements of Army support to the Joint Force, ongoing modernization investments, and business reforms.

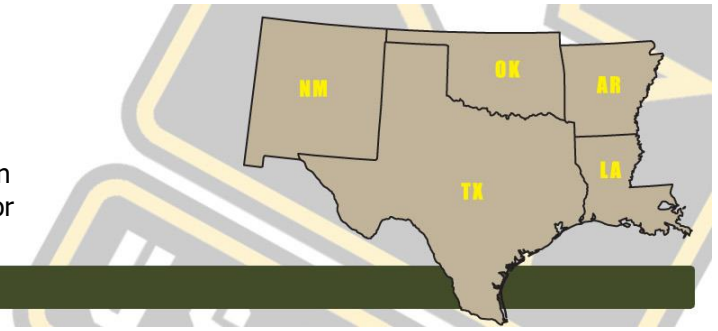
The Army has taken several measures to implement the [National Defense Strategy](#):

- Readiness—Increased Army readiness and lethality by improving and expanding training, and by reorganizing to meet the challenges of great power competition.
- Modernization—Modernizing Army doctrine, equipment, and formations to extend its overmatch against near-peer competitors and adversaries as the character of war changes.
- Reform—Improving stewardship of taxpayer dollars by reforming its business practices to save money and reinvesting those savings into the Army modernization priorities.
- Allies and Partners—Strengthening America's network of allies and partners through combined training and security cooperation to build interoperability and trust.
- People and Values—Ensuring Soldiers and units are resilient and ready for combat while ensuring Army Families have what they need at home to thrive.

The Army Posture Statement reflects the Army Vision and the Army Strategy, providing a short-term waypoint to the Army of 2028. Both the Vision and the Strategy are part of The Army Plan, which is how the U.S. Army meets its obligations under Title 10 of the United States Code.

Region 6

For more information or to comment on any state issues in Region 6, contact your Regional Environmental Coordinator listed in the [Staff Directory](#).



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 14 JAN 19 THROUGH 6 MAY 19

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1709 amends user fees authorized in establishing and implementing a nutrient water quality trading program. Sponsor: Representative Robin Lundstrum (R).

HB 1763 reorganizes the structure of state government to establish cabinet-level departments including creating the Department of Energy and Environment, and Department of the Military. Sponsor: Representative Andy Davis (R).

HB 1776 amends the Sustainable Energy-Efficient Buildings program for state-owned buildings. Sponsor: Representative Fredrick J. Love (D).

HB 1796 requires an applicant to notify adjacent property owners of permit applications and modifications before approval by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Sponsor: Representative Jana Della Rosa (R).

HB 1948 amends the law regarding solid waste licensing for improved operational efficiency, modernization, and flexibility consistent with transformation goals, and creates the Solid Waste and Recycling Licensing Act. This act requires licensing of a solid waste facility or materials recycling facility, excluding hazardous waste facilities. Sponsor: Representative Mark Perry (D).

SB 481 amends the law concerning water and wastewater treatment providers and related services including training, rates, and fiscal compliance. Sponsor: Senator Alan Clark (R).

SB 556 amends the laws regarding sewage disposal system reviews, and creates a licensure for an onsite sewer professional. Sponsor: Senator Jason Rapert (R).

SB 604 modifies the definition of "water system" within the statewide fluoridation program, and reduces the size of water systems required to maintain fluoride content. Sponsor: Senator Bob Ballinger (R).



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 8 APR 19 THROUGH 6 JUN 19

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 172 requires that every fire-resistant material applicator shall undergo training to apply fire-resistant material according to manufacturer specifications and annually register with the office of the state fire marshal. Sponsor: Representative Vincent J. Pierre (D).

HB 175 requires certain facilities to implement a fence-line air monitoring system after receiving three compliance orders for air permit violations. A "facility" is defined as any stationary source or any group of stationary sources that are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties, which are under common control of the same person or persons and are defined as a major source under the federal Clean Air Act. Sponsor: Representative Joseph Bouie (D).

FINAL RULE

RISK EVALUATION/CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM (RECAP) WITHDRAWN (LAC 33:I.1307). The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has withdrawn rulemaking to adopt by reference the RECAP regulation, which serves as the minimum remediation standard for soil and groundwater.

PROPOSED RULES

STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP) REVISION: WITHDRAWAL OF STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY SYSTEMS REQUIREMENTS. DEQ is accepting comments on proposed revisions to the SIP for the Stage II Vapor Recovery System as required under the Clean Air Act (CAA). Comments are due 25 APR 19. POC: [Vivian Aucoin](#).

PROJECT EMISSIONS ACCOUNTING AND OFFSET REQUIREMENTS (LAC 33:III.504). DEQ has proposed a rulemaking to remove phrases from LAC 33:III.504 that explicitly preclude emissions decreases associated with a proposed project from being considered in determining whether the project results in a significant emissions increase. It will also delete obsolete language and remove Livingston Parish from the list of parishes in which offsets for certain new stationary sources and modifications are required. A hearing is scheduled for, and comments are due, 25 APR 19. POC: [Deidra Johnson](#).



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 15 JAN 19 THROUGH 16 MAR 19

Nothing significant to report.



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 4 FEB 19 THROUGH 31 MAY 19

Nothing significant to report.



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 8 JAN 19 THROUGH 27 MAY 19

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1695 relates to the transfer of the regulation of motor fuel metering and motor fuel quality from the Texas Department of Agriculture to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Sponsor: Representative Craig Goldman (R).

HB 2340 encourages state agencies, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, private entities, and individuals to adopt the goals of the strategic plan of the Federal Emergency Management Agency when preparing for, responding to, and recovering from a disaster. The goals emphasize cooperation among federal agencies, state agencies, local governments, nongovernmental organizations, private entities, and individuals in each activity or project undertaken to ensure that the state is prepared to effectively respond to and recover from a disaster. Sponsor: Representative Alex Dominguez (D).

HB 2493 (COMPANIONS SB 475 AND HB 3378) establishes an advisory body to facilitate the creation, aggregation, coordination, and dissemination of best security practices for the electric industry, including the generation, transmission, and delivery of electricity. The advisory body will include federal and state agencies. Sponsor: Representative Justin Holland (R).

HB 2723 relates to the authority of local governments or other political subdivisions. An applicant for a state permit is not required to obtain another permit for the siting, construction, or operation of a hazardous waste management or municipal solid waste facility from a local government or other political subdivision of the state. Sponsor: Representative Drew Darby (R).

HB 2726 (COMPANION SB 1501) relates to the commencement of construction of a project following the issuance of a draft permit for a permit amendment to an air quality permit. To the extent permissible under federal law, a person who submits an application for a permit amendment may, at the person's own risk, begin construction related to the application after the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued a draft permit including the permit amendment. Sponsors: Representative John Kuempel (R).

HB 2846 relates to the sale of the Allens Creek Reservoir Project (ACRP). Not later than 1 JAN 20, the City of Houston shall enter into a contractual agreement with the Brazos River Authority (BRA) to transfer to the BRA the city's ownership interests in the ACRP, including all required water right permits, along with the responsibility to construct the project in accordance with all associated statutory requirements and deadlines. Sponsor: Representative Lyle Larson (R).

HB 2860 (COMPANION SB 2066) relates to on-site distributed generation and energy storage resources, and makes requirements of a seller or lessor who enters into a purchase, lease, or power purchase agreement with a residential or small commercial customer for the operation of an on-site distributed generation resource. Sponsor: Representative Richard Pena Raymond (D).

HB 2861 relates to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation (DOT) to provide road services on federal military property. The DOT may enter into an agreement with the U. S. Department of Defense or other federal entity to allow DOT to assist with the provision of road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations. Sponsor: Representative Brooks Landgraf (R).

HB 2956 relates to the authority of a county to regulate impervious cover in certain floodplains. The commissioner's court of a county may regulate, including by adopting zoning regulations, impervious cover located in the unincorporated area of

the county and in the 100-year floodplain of perennial and intermittent streams and rivers. Sponsor: Representative Erin Zwiener (D).

HB 2998 requires identifying and removing any potential sources of lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities. The bill also requires the public water supplier to replace lead service lines supplying schools and child care facilities. Sponsor: Representative James Talarico (D).

HB 3024 (COMPANION SB 1082) relates to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system. Sponsor: Representative Joseph Deshotel (D).

HB 3035 relates to the relationship between the amount of an administrative penalty imposed by TCEQ and the economic benefit of the violation to the alleged violator. Sponsor: Representative Erin Zwiener (D).

HB 3053 relates to the adoption of a healthy and safe school water plan by public schools. Sponsor: Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (D).

HB 3099 relates to standards for surface and ground water management in certain areas. This bill applies to a county bordering the Rio Grande River, overlying the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, and with a population greater than 40,000. Sponsor: Representative Poncho Nevarez (D).

HB 3142 requires reminders be sent to public drinking water supply system operators regarding reporting requirements. Sponsor: Representative Ryan Guillen (D).

HB 3224 states that a person who arranged for processing, storage, transportation, or disposal of recyclable materials, or accepted for transport the same materials, is not responsible for the materials under Texas statute if that person can show they would not be responsible under federal statute. Sponsor: Representative Jose Manuel Lozano (D).

HB 3264 (COMPANION SB 1726) relates to a study by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) of groundwater conditions in certain counties. Sponsor: Representative Brad Buckley (R).

HB 3318 relates to permit requirements for the land application of domestic septage. Sponsor: Representative DeWayne Burns (R).

HB 3319 relates to the collection of soil monitoring samples from land application units where sewage sludge or domestic septage is applied. Sponsor: Representative DeWayne Burns (R).

HB 3552 relates to certain notice requirements regarding fluoridation of a water supply system. Sponsor: Representative J.D. Sheffield (R).

HB 3644 relates to transfer of irrigation water rights allowed by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Sponsor: Representative Andrew Murr (R).

HB 3656 relates to the transfer of certain permitted irrigation water rights related to a certain portion of the Edwards Aquifer. Sponsor: Representative Andrew Murr (R).

HB 3783 relates to the transportation of municipal solid waste in certain enclosed vehicles. Sponsor: Representative Dustin Burrows (R).

HB 3944 relates to inspections of solid waste facilities conducted by TCEQ. Sponsor: Representative Jose Manuel Lozano (D).

HB 3998 relates to the transfer of the administration of surface water rights permitting from the TCEQ to the TWDB and the regulation of groundwater, authorizing fees, and authorizing civil penalties. Sponsor: Representative Terry Wilson (R).

HB 4049 relates to regulation and permitting of certain recycling facilities. Sponsor: Representative Alex Dominguez (D).

HB 4089 (COMPANION SB 1753) relates to the regulation of low level radioactive waste including shipping notifications, reporting requirements, inspections, and contingency plans. Sponsor: Representative Cesar Blanco (D).

HB 4110 relates to a study evaluating and making recommendations for the regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems in the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Sponsor: Representative Erin Zwiener (D).

HB 4150 (COMPANION SB 2375) relates to safety and inspection reporting requirements for certain utilities. Sponsor: Representative Christopher Paddie (R).

HB 4360 relates to the review of permit applications for municipal solid waste facilities and the issuance of a notice of deficiency. Sponsor: Representative Ed Thompson (R).

HB 4368 applies to a county in which a military aviation facility that trains military personnel to pilot aircraft is located, and prohibits the installation of a wind-powered energy device in the county in an area other than a designated area. Sponsor: Representative Trey Martinez Fischer (D).

HB 4374 relates to liability of prescribed burn directors. Sponsor: Representative Andrew Murr (R).

HB 4486 relates to solid waste facility permits. TCEQ may not approve or allow special conditions for the approval of an application for a permit or an amendment to a permit unless the applicant has satisfied all the requirements and rules and other requirements of state and local law, including requirements relating to authorizations from local governments and requirements relating to siting in a floodplain. Sponsor: Representative Ed Thompson (R).

HB 4554 relates to the Parks and Wildlife Commission's authority to designate wind-powered energy device construction areas near certain lands. This bill applies only to protected lands that are located in a county with between 45,000 and 55,000 in population, and with a military aviation facility that trains military personnel to pilot aircraft. "Military aviation facility" means a base, station, fort or camp at which fixed-wing aviation operations or training is conducted by the U.S. Air Force. Sponsor: Representative John Cyrier (R).

HB 4599 relates to the establishment and implementation by the TCEQ of a program to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases in the state. Sponsor: Representative Cesar Blanco (D).

HCR 118 requests that the lieutenant governor and speaker of the House create a joint interim committee to study the use of state and local partnerships and flood control infrastructure in general to help make Texas resilient to future flood events on a watershed basis. Sponsor: Representative Will Metcalf (R).

SB 1170 (COMPANION HB 1806) relates to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer by certain entities. A utility owned by the city of San Antonio may sell water withdrawn from the aquifer at wholesale to a retail public utility or river authority for use in a county adjacent to the boundaries of the authority. Sponsor: Senator Donna Campbell (R).

SB 1243 (COMPANION HB 522) relates to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process. In making its finding as to whether emissions from the facility will violate the intent of the regulation, TCEQ shall consider the cumulative effects on the public's health and physical property of expected air contaminant emissions from the facility or proposed facility and from other facilities located less than three miles from the facility or proposed facility. Sponsor: Senator Borris Miles (D).

SB 1249 (COMPANION HB 523) relates to permit application requirements for solid waste facilities. A permit application must include a certification from the applicant that the applicant has mailed to each resident living one mile or less from the site and each community organization, nonprofit organization, or civic club located two miles or less from the site an explanation of the site's proposed operations, and a questionnaire seeking community comments regarding the site's proposed operations. Sponsor: Senator Borris Miles (D).

SB 1338 relates to the issuance of a permit for a municipal solid waste landfill facility located in a special flood hazard area. TCEQ may not issue a permit for a new municipal solid waste landfill facility or a lateral expansion of an existing municipal solid waste landfill facility that is contingent on the removal of a part of the facility from a special flood hazard area. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SB 1339 relates to road specifications and safety standards for access to a solid waste facility. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SB 1358 (COMPANION HB 2865) relates to procedures for imposing certain administrative penalties or disgorgement orders by the Public Utility Commission. Sponsor: Senator Kelly Hancock (R).

SB 1443 (COMPANION HB 2535) relates to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, including grant applicant evaluation criteria. Sponsor: Senator Donna Campbell (R).

SB 1446 relates to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks. Sponsor: Senator Nathan Johnson (D).

SB 1498 (COMPANION HB 2426) relates to regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems including occupational licensure requirements associated with those systems. "On-site sewage disposal system" means one or more systems of treatment devices and disposal facilities that produce not more than 10,000 gallons of waste each day, and are used only for disposal of sewage produced on a site on which any part of the system is located. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SB 1656 relates to the conversion of plastics and other recoverable materials through pyrolysis or gasification. Sponsor: Senator Kelly Hancock (R).

SB 1865 relates to certain state programs to address the workforce needs of members of the United States military and their dependents. Sponsor: Senator Juan Hinojosa (D).

SB 1885 (COMPANION HB 2203) relates to notice of a radioactive substance release. Sponsor: Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R).

SB 1976 relates to the fee increases for a municipal solid waste permit application. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SB 1994 relates to reporting requirements for certain accidental discharges or spills. Sponsor: Senator Brian Birdwell (R).

SB 2061 relates to a prohibition on the application of certain pesticides at public school buildings and other facilities. Sponsor: Senator Jose Menendez (D).

SB 2063 (COMPANION HB 3261) requires the use of green stormwater infrastructure in new state buildings. Sponsor: Senator Jose Menendez (D).

SB 2070 (COMPANION HB 3930) relates to a prohibition of the land application of grease or grit trap waste. Sponsor: Senator Jose Menendez (D).

SB 2175 (COMPANION SB 2065) relates to affirmative defenses for TCEQ enforcement actions for unauthorized emission or opacity events. Sponsor: Senator Borris Miles (D).

SB 2367 (COMPANION HB 2086) relates to a controlled substance disposal program for pharmacies and certain health care facilities. Sponsor: Senator Bryan Hughes (R).

SB 2385 relates to the carcinogenic risk level used in the development of certain environmental remediation benchmarks. TCEQ shall set each carcinogenic risk level to be used in the development of a protective concentration level, risk-based exposure limit, or any other remediation standard, at a rate not greater than one in one million. Sponsor: Senator Borris Miles (D).

SB 2393 relates to limitations of the issuance of permits for municipal solid waste landfill facilities. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SB 2394 (COMPANION HB 3805) relates to reporting requirements for certain accidental discharges or spills. Whenever an accidental discharge or spill occurs at or from any activity or facility, which causes or may cause pollution, the individual operating, in charge of, or responsible for the activity or facility shall notify TCEQ and the county judge of the county in which the spill or discharge occurred as soon as possible and not later than 24 hours after the occurrence. The individual's notice to TCEQ and county judge must include the location, volume, and content of the discharge or spill. Sponsor: Senator Larry Taylor (R).

SB 2422 relates to the issuance of a permit for a municipal solid waste facility located in a 100-year floodplain. Sponsor: Senator Judith Zaffirini (D).

SCR 53 urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. Sponsor: Senator Beverly Powell (D).

Region 7

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MIDWEST ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, 23-24 APRIL 2019. This Region 7-focused event explores environmental compliance, permitting, enforcement, and other critical environmental issues that impact Midwest facilities and institutions. The agenda, registration, and lodging information can be found [here](#).



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 14 JAN 19 THROUGH 3 MAY 19

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 542, SB 548, AND SSB 1221 relate to the acquisition of land by certain state governmental entities. On and after 1 JUL 19, nonpoint source water pollution control projects shall not include the acquisition of real property for future donation or sale to a political subdivision, department, or federal government. Certain state entities must also keep a list of real and personal property belonging to the state under that entity's charge, control, and management. The bill requires each entity to update the entity's inventory at least once every two years and to make the list available online to the public. Sponsors: Representative David Sieck (R) and Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

HB 547 relates to the installation and use of composting toilets. The bill allows a building to be served by a composting toilet provided liquid wastewater is not discharged and the system is capable of storing compostable or composted solids for at least two years. Sponsor: Representative Jeff Shipley (R).

HB 654 provides for a strategic plan relating to the implementation or expansion of renewable energy usage in state buildings and facilities. Sponsor: Representative Marti Anderson (D).

HB 669 relates to electric utility rates and infrastructure support options for private generation customers. Sponsor: Committee on Commerce.

HB 677 relates to administrative procedures within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). For a person holding a permit issued by the DNR, an appeal must be received by the director within 60 days of the issuance of the order to the address of the person identified in the permit and the address of the responsible party listed in the permit. Sponsor: Committee on Environmental Protection.

HB 683 relates to the use of gasification and pyrolysis facilities for the conversion of certain recoverable waste materials. Sponsor: Committee on Commerce.

HB 708 relates to specific circumstances requiring the submission of a groundwater hazard statement with the declaration of value submitted to a county recorder in order to grant, assign, transfer, or convey real property. If a known private burial site, known well, known disposal site for solid waste, known underground storage tank, known hazardous waste, or known private sewage disposal system is disclosed pursuant to subsection 1, the groundwater hazard statement shall be submitted to the county recorder with any deed, instrument, or writing for which a declaration of value is required. Sponsor: Committee on State Government.

HSB 220 AND SB 534 relate to the use of gasification and pyrolysis facilities for the conversion of certain recoverable waste materials. Sponsor: Committee on Commerce.

SB 409 allows the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to exempt from permit requirements a class of waste disposal systems that do not discharge into waters of the state and are not currently exempt. This bill also allows the EPC to waive the permit requirement of an individual system that does not discharge into a water of the state. Sponsor: Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

SB 503 relates to fee programs for permittee participation in lieu of required compensatory mitigation of stream and wetland impacts. Sponsor: Committee on Natural Resources and Environment.

PROPOSED RULE

REGIONAL HAZE AND PRONG 4 INFRASTRUCTURE SIP REVISIONS. DNR has proposed revisions to the March 2008 regional haze state implementation plan (SIP) to provide a basis for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to approve the visibility transport (prong 4) element of Iowa's infrastructure SIPs for the 2006 fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), 2008 ozone (O₃), 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂), 2012 PM_{2.5}, and 2015 O₃ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). A hearing is scheduled for and comments are due 29 APR 19. POC: [Matthew Johnson](#).



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 14 JAN 19 THROUGH MID MAY 19

Nothing significant to report.



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 9 JAN 19 THROUGH 31 MAY 19

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 1138 specifies that electric energy may be provided and obtained on a wholesale basis at any electric generating facility over a transformation and transmission interconnect under applicable federal tariffs of a regional transmission organization instead of under retail service tariffs filed with the Public Service Commission (PSC). Sponsor: Representative Rocky Miller (R).

HB 1155 authorizes electrical corporations to file requests for cost recovery with the PSC for investments to improve electricity resilience at critical facilities. The PSC must consider certain factors when determining cost recovery for the investments. Approved investments must be supported through cost-recovery mechanisms otherwise approved by the PSC and the PSC must conduct an annual review of investments to determine their performance in improving critical facility energy resilience. Sponsor: Representative Ron Hicks (R).

HB 1156 prohibits private nuisance actions against persons operating in compliance with DNR, EPA, or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits, excluding radioactive waste, nuclear, and hazardous waste permits. Sponsor: Representative Warren Love (R).

HB 1209 AND SB 517 establish the Missouri Solar Pollinator Habitat Act, which requires DNR, in consultation with other state and nongovernmental agencies, to publish a scorecard that sets out criteria for claiming that a solar site is pollinator-friendly or provides benefits to pollinators. Sponsors: Representative Jeff Knight (R) and Senator Jeanie Riddle (R).

FINAL RULES

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (10 CSR 10-6.060). The Air Conservation Commission has adopted a rulemaking that makes significant changes to the entire construction permit rule to clarify requirements and procedures improving user friendliness and regulatory certainty. The rulemaking also adds a voluntary permit option and a general permit option, updates incorporations by reference, removes unnecessary uses of restrictive words in compliance with Executive Order 17-03, and removes duplicative language. This rule became effective 3 MAR 19.

DISPOSING OF UNWANTED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES—ABANDONED (19 CSR 30-1.078 AND 19 CSR 30-1.023). The Department of Health and Senior Services has abandoned amendments that would have established a process for authorized registrants to collect unwanted controlled substances through collection receptacles or a mail-back program and amendments for destruction of controlled substances by registrants.



LEGISLATIVE SESSION: 9 JAN 19 THROUGH 6 JUN 19

FINAL RULES

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 CERTIFICATION (TITLE 120). DEQ has adopted rules repealing definitions, consolidating provisions, making public notice consistent with federal notice, and updating, simplifying and modernizing language regarding certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). This rule became effective 6 MAR 19.

CERTIFICATION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATORS (TITLE 197). DEQ has adopted rules regarding the certification of wastewater treatment operators. This rule became effective 23 MAR 19.

PROPOSED RULES

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREAS (TITLE 196). DEQ has released a preliminary draft of a proposed rulemaking on groundwater management areas. DEQ is not seeking comments at this time.

AIR QUALITY REGULATIONS (TITLE 129). DEQ has proposed amendments to Title 129, Nebraska Air Quality Regulations, to eliminate language that a Class I permit supersedes the provisions of any previously issued operating or construction permit. A hearing was scheduled for 2 APR 19 and comments were due 3 APR 19. POC: [Annette Kovar](#).

SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS UPDATE (TITLE 117). DEQ has proposed amendments to Title 117, Nebraska Surface Water Quality Standards, as part of the state's triennial review of water quality standards required by Section 303 of the CWA. A hearing was scheduled for 2 APR 19 and comments were due 3 APR 19. POC: [Annette Kovar](#).

STANDARD AIR PERMIT CONDITIONS. DEQ has announced a periodic review and update of the standardized Conditions I and II used in air quality construction permits and air quality operating permits. Comments are due 18 APR 19. POC: [DEQ](#).

Federal Activity

AIR

REVIEW OF PRIMARY NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SULFUR OXIDES. EPA has issued a final rule announcing that based on its review of the air quality criteria addressing human health effects and the primary NAAQS for sulfur oxides, EPA is retaining the current standard, without revision ([84 FR 9866](#)). The final rule becomes effective 17 APR 19.

EMISSIONS MONITORING PROVISIONS IN STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. EPA revised some of the regulations that provide covered states greater flexibility concerning the form of the nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions monitoring requirements that the states must include in their SIPs for certain emissions sources ([84 FR 8422](#)). In this action, EPA revised rules that were originally promulgated in 1998 to implement the [NO_x SIP Call](#). Other revisions remove obsolete provisions and clarify the remaining regulations. This action amends existing regulatory requirements applicable to the SIPs of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The final rule was effective 8 MAR 19.

CLEAN AIR ACT CITIZEN SUIT—PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE. EPA issued notice of a proposed consent decree that would establish deadlines for EPA to review and revise if necessary the Furnaces and Bulk Gasoline NSPS at least every eight years; and to review and revise if necessary the Major Source Bulk Gasoline, Area Source Bulk Gasoline, Foundries, and Wood Preserving NESHAP no less often than every eight years under CAA section 112(d)(6) ([84 FR 7895](#)). The proposed consent decree would resolve a lawsuit filed by Our Children's Earth Foundation seeking to compel EPA to take action under the CAA to review the existing New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) governing several source categories. Comments were due 4 APR 19.

NEW EQUIVALENT METHOD FOR OZONE MEASUREMENT. EPA has designated one new equivalent method for measuring concentrations of O₃ in ambient air ([84 FR 11973](#)). The new equivalent method for O₃ is an automated method (analyzer) utilizing the measurement principle based on UV photometry. A list of all reference or equivalent methods previously designated by EPA is available [here](#).

ENERGY

ETHANOL-GASOLINE BLENDS. EPA has issued a proposed rule to allow gasoline blended with up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) to take advantage of the 1-psi Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) waiver for the summer months. Historically, the waiver has been applied only to gasoline blended with 10 percent ethanol (E10) ([84 FR 10584](#)). Under the proposed rule, E15 could be sold year-round without additional RVP control, rather than just eight months of the year. EPA is also proposing regulatory changes to modify elements of the renewable identification number compliance system under the Renewable Fuel Standard program. A public hearing was held 29 MAR 19 and comments are due 29 APR 19. For more information, click [here](#).

AVERAGE USE CYCLES OR PERIODS OF USE IN DOE TEST PROCEDURES. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has requested information to better understand the average use cycles or periods of use for products covered by DOE energy efficiency standards ([84 FR 9721](#)). DOE is considering whether test procedures for consumer appliances and industrial equipment could be improved to produce results that are more representative of average use cycles or periods of use. DOE's test procedures are required to be reasonably designed to produce test results that measure energy efficiency, energy use, water use, or estimated annual operating cost of covered products or equipment during a representative average use cycle or period of use, and they cannot be unduly burdensome to conduct. Comments are due 17 MAY 19.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

NEW MAILING STANDARDS FOR MAILPIECES CONTAINING LIQUIDS. The U.S. Postal Service has issued a final rule revising the Domestic Mail Manual, and 39 CFR Part 111, to clarify and supplement the mailing standards for mailpieces containing liquids ([84 FR 9716](#)). Current mailing standards require triple packaging only for "breakable" primary containers over four ounces. The revision requires mailers of all liquids in nonmetal containers and certain metal containers to provide triple packaging, including absorbent cushioning materials, sealed secondary packaging, and a strong outer mailing container. Breakable containers include those made of glass, plastic, porcelain, and earthenware. Metal containers with pull-tabs or friction-top closures, having a capacity of more than four fluid ounces, must be triple-packaged. The final rule became effective 28 MAR 19.

NATURAL RESOURCES

NATIONAL CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARDS. The Natural Resource Conservation Service will review the national conservation practice standards in the National Handbook of Conservation Practices and is requesting comments from the public about how to improve conservation practice standards ([84 FR 8663](#)). Comments are due 25 APR 19.

[S. 47](#) JOHN D. DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATION ACT. This bill addresses provisions regarding various programs, projects, activities, and studies for the management and conservation of natural resources on federal lands, including multiple land withdrawals, conveyances, and boundary adjustments. The bill also provides for a desert tortoise conservation center, wildlife habitat and conservation, and endangered fish recovery programs. The bill became law 12 MAR 19.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

CUVIER'S BEAKED WHALE IN GULF OF MEXICO. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has announced a negative 90-day finding on a petition to list the Cuvier's beaked whale in the Gulf of Mexico as a threatened or endangered distinct population segment (DPS) ([84 FR 11058](#)). NMFS found that the petition and information in its files do not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the Cuvier's beaked whale in the Gulf qualifies as a DPS, eligible for listing under the ESA. NMFS also found that the petition and information readily available in its files do not indicate that listing Cuvier's beaked whale as threatened or endangered in a significant portion of its range may be warranted.

Toxics

HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM. EPA released the *Systematic Review Protocol for the Hexavalent Chromium (Cr(VI)) Integrated Risk Assessment Protocol (IRIS) Assessment* ([84 FR 9516](#)). The document communicates the rationale for conducting the assessment of Cr(VI), describes screening criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and describes the process of evidence synthesis/integration and dose-response methods. The protocol includes the list of studies currently considered in the IRIS assessment. A public science webinar is scheduled for 24 APR 19. Comments on the IRIS assessment are due 29 APR 19. For more information about the Cr(VI) IRIS assessment, click [here](#).

CONSUMER SALE OF PAINT REMOVERS WITH METHYLENE CHLORIDE BANNED. EPA issued a final rule prohibiting the manufacture (including import), processing, and distribution of methylene chloride in all paint removers for consumer use ([84 FR 11420](#)). EPA has taken this action because of fatalities that have resulted from exposure to the chemical. Paint removal products containing methylene chloride may not be sold at any retail or distribution establishments that have consumer sales, including e-commerce sales. Those prohibitions start 180 days after the effective date of the final rule, which provides time for establishments selling this chemical to consumers to come into compliance with EPA's ban. EPA is also requiring manufacturers, processors, and distributors to notify retailers and others in their supply chains of the prohibitions and to keep basic records. In a related matter, EPA is also soliciting public input for a future rulemaking that could establish a training, certification, and limited access program for methylene chloride for commercial uses ([84 FR 11466](#)). EPA is asking for input on the key elements required for such a program; comments are due 28 MAY 19. The final rule becomes effective 28 MAY 19.

2017 TOXIC RELEASE INVENTORY. EPA has made available the 2017 Toxics Release Inventory data and analyses. EPA notes significant reductions in the 10 year period from 2007 to 2017, adding that "Almost every sector reduced its releases to air, with the largest reduction coming from the electric utilities sector." An executive summary, full report, and summary data are available [here](#).

SIGNIFICANT NEW USE RULES ON CERTAIN CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES. EPA has issued proposed significant new use rules under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for 28 chemical substances that were the subject of premanufacture notices ([84 FR 9999](#)). The chemical substances are subject to consent orders issued by EPA pursuant to section 5(e) of TSCA. This action would require persons who intend to manufacture, import, or process any chemical substances for an activity that is proposed as a significant new use to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing that activity. The required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the intended use within the applicable review period. Persons may not commence manufacture, importing, or processing for the significant new use until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and has taken such actions as are required with that determination. Comments are due 3 MAY 19.

INITIATION OF PRIORITIZATION UNDER TSCA. EPA, as required under TSCA and related implementing regulations, has initiated the prioritization process for 20 chemical substances as candidates for designation as High Priority Substances for risk evaluation, and for 20 chemical substances as candidates for designation as Low Priority Substances for risk evaluation ([84 FR 10491](#)). The Federal Register notice provides the identity of the chemical substances being initiated for prioritization, a general explanation of why EPA chose these chemical substances, and information on the data sources EPA plans to use to support the designation. Comments are due 19 JUN 19.

GAO REPORT—TSCA ASSESSMENTS. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued the report, *Status of EPA's Efforts to Produce Assessments and Implement the Toxic Substances Control Act* ([GAO-19-270](#)). The report describes the extent to which EPA's IRIS program has addressed identified challenges and made progress toward producing chemical assessments, and implementing TSCA. GAO found that EPA made improvements in timeliness and transparency of its assessment process until May 2018, when progress stalled.

LITHIUM BATTERY AIR TRANSPORT. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued an interim final rule (IFR) revising the Hazardous Materials Regulations for lithium cells and batteries transported by aircraft ([84 FR 80016](#)).

The IFR prohibits the transport of lithium-ion cells and batteries as cargo on passenger aircraft; requires lithium-ion cells and batteries to be shipped at not more than a 30 percent state of charge aboard cargo-only aircraft when not packed with or contained in equipment; and limits the use of alternative provisions for small lithium cell or battery shipments to one package per consignment. The IFR does not restrict passengers or crew members from bringing personal items or electronic devices containing lithium cells or batteries aboard aircraft or restrict cargo-only aircraft from transporting lithium-ion cells or batteries at a state of charge exceeding 30 percent when packed with or contained in equipment or devices. The interim final rule was effective 6 MAR 19. Comments are due 6 MAY 19.

HR 535. The PFAS Action Act of 2019 would require EPA to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. Introduced.

HR 7284. The PFAS Detection Act of 2018 would require the U.S. Geological Survey to perform a nationwide survey of perfluorinated compounds in estuaries, lakes, streams, springs, wells, wetlands, rivers, aquifers, air, and soil using a performance standard developed in accordance with the act. Introduced.

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LIQUIDS MANAGEMENT AT MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS—COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED. In December 2018, EPA issued an [advance notice of proposed rulemaking](#) to solicit comment on potential revisions to the criteria for municipal solid waste landfills and associated issues related to advances in liquids management. The comment period has been extended to 10 MAY 19 ([84 FR 8496](#)).

Department of Defense Activity

SUPPLY CHAIN MATERIEL MANAGEMENT POLICY. [DOD Instruction \(DODI\) 4140.01](#), DOD Supply Chain Materiel Management Policy, was released effective 6 MAR 19. The DODI establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for management of materiel across the DOD supply chain.

REASSIGNMENT OF ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND. Effective 1 MAR 19, Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM) together with its subordinate element (U.S. Army Environmental Command) authorities, responsibilities, personnel, and resources (including funding and equipment) is discontinued as a direct reporting unit to the Chief of Staff, Army, and is reassigned as a major subordinate command of U.S. Army Materiel Command ([GO 2019-13](#)).

Professional Development

DOD TRAINING SOURCES

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROSPECT TRAINING (CLASSROOM). USACE announces course availability for the Fiscal Year 2019 PROSPECT (i.e., [Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training](#)) program. Courses are open to federal, state, county, and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity. Please refer to the [course catalog](#) and list of classes and [schedule](#) for details. Environmental courses include, but are not limited to:

- CERCLA/RCRA Process (Course Control Number (CCN) [356](#))
- Environmental Laws and Regulations (CCN [170](#))

- Environmental Regulations Practical Application Course (CCN [398](#))
- Environmental Remediation Technologies (CCN [395](#))
- Hazardous Waste Manifesting/DOT Certification (CCN [223](#))
- Hazardous Waste Manifesting 16-Hour DOT Recertification Course (CCN [429](#))
- Hazardous/Toxic and Radioactive Waste Construction Inspection (CCN 141)
- Radioactive Waste Transport (CCN [441](#))
- The Complete RCRA Course (Hazardous Waste Generation, Management, and Corrective Action) (CCN [226](#))

NAVY CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS OFFICERS SCHOOL TRAINING. The [Navy Civil Engineer Corps Officers School](#) (CECOS) offers training on environmental management, pollution prevention, environmental compliance, environmental conservation and planning, and environmental restoration. Energy course offerings include Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, Energy Information Administration, and Energy Technology Information. Click [here](#) for information on course offerings and times. Courses offered by CECOS are available to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. government, free of charge. Travel costs are borne by the student.

AIR FORCE CIVIL ENGINEERING SCHOOL TRAINING. The [Air Force Civil Engineer School](#) offers a variety of environmental management courses and seminars, including Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) offerings. Courses are available to all military and civilian employees of the U.S. government, free of charge. Travel costs are borne by the student.

[AIR FORCE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMITS.](#) The Air Force invites attendees to their Regional Environmental Restoration Summits to join the environmental restoration conversation with regulatory partners in EPA Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Upcoming Air Force Summits are as follows:

- 22-23 MAY, Western Summit, Phoenix, Arizona
- 26-27 JUN, Central Summit, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 24-25 JUL, Eastern Summit, Chicago, Illinois

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (SERDP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (ESTCP) WEBINAR SERIES (ONLINE). DOD's environmental research and development funding programs ([SERDP and ESTCP](#)) launched a [webinar series](#) to promote the transfer of innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable solutions developed using SERDP and ESTCP funding. Live webinars are offered every two weeks on Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. Eastern for 90 minutes. Most webinars feature two 30-minute presentations and interactive question and answer sessions on topics targeted for DOD and Department of Energy audiences. Prior presentations are archived for viewing any time. Recently archived webinars are available on demand [here](#).

REPI WEBINAR SERIES FOR 2019. DOD's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program announced the [2019 REPI Webinar Series schedule](#). The webinars showcase best practices and lessons learned from REPI partnerships nationwide that support military missions and accelerate the pace of conservation. Unless otherwise noted, all webinars begin at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

- 5 JUN 19: [Leveraging the New REPI Installation Resiliency Authority](#)
- 10 JUL 19: [How to Obtain Regulatory Relief for Endangered Species without Purchasing a Real Estate Interest](#)
- 28 AUG 19: [REPI and the National Defense Strategy: Rebuilding Readiness by Protecting Key Capabilities](#)
- 9 OCT 19: [Measuring Impacts: Developing Mission Benefit Metrics](#)
- 27 NOV 19: [REPI and the Farm Bill](#)
- 8 JAN 20: [How to Introduce Local Businesses into your REPI Partnership](#)

FEDERAL TRAINING SOURCES

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TRAINING WEBINAR SERIES. EPA has launched a new State Environmental Justice Training Webinar series. This initiative is a strategic investment by EPA to build long-term capacity for environmental justice practitioners working at the state level. Registration is required and free of charge.

FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER (ONLINE). [FedCenter.gov](https://www.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, such as:

- Program development (e.g., environmental management systems, green procurement program);
- Federal and state regulatory requirements for various facility activities;
- Access to [environmental assistance](#);
- Access to free, [FedCenter-sponsored courses](#); and
- [Partnerships](#).

FedCenter also provides member assistance services such as collaboration tools for workgroups, environmental reporting tools, and daily newsletter and subscription services.

BIOBASED PRODUCT TRAINING SERIES (ONLINE). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers a series of [on-demand training modules](#) about biobased products and the BioPreferred® Program:

- [Fundamentals: Biobased Products and the BioPreferred® Program](#)
- [Sustainable Acquisition: Biobased Requirements in the New Executive Order 13693](#)
- [Contracting Officer Role in Contractor Reporting of Biobased Product Purchases](#)
- [BioPreferred® Training for USDA Acquisition Community](#)
- [From Awareness to Action: The BioPreferred® Federal Procurement Preference Program](#)
- [Products in Operations, Maintenance, and Cleaning](#)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SUSTAINABLE FEDERAL BUILDINGS (ONLINE). This training series from the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) provides updated guidance for complying with the 2016 Guiding Principles for Sustainable Federal Buildings. The series consists of five on-demand courses:

- [2016 Guiding Principle I: Employ Integrated Design Principles and Introduction](#)
- [2016 Guiding Principle II: Optimize Energy Performance](#)
- [2016 Guiding Principle III: Protect and Conserve Water](#)
- [2016 Guiding Principle IV: Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality](#)
- [2016 Guiding Principle V: Reduce Environmental Impact of Materials and Guiding Principle VI - Assess and Consider Climate Change Risks](#)

EPA SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ACADEMY (ONLINE). Learn about key issues, successful projects, and a variety of best management practices for creating waste management programs, from the series of [live and archived webinars](#). Building on the familiar concept of [Reduce, Reuse, Recycle](#), sustainable materials management is a systemic approach that seeks to reduce materials use and their associated environmental impacts over their entire life cycle, starting with extraction of natural resources and product design and ending with decisions on recycling or final disposal. The format is a formal presentation followed by a question and answer session.

SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES (ONLINE). The two-hour [course](#) provides staff involved in specifying and purchasing with a thorough introduction to compliance requirements, processes, and tools for procuring sustainable products

and services. Participants will receive specific guidance in how to meet executive order and Federal Acquisition Regulation requirements and understand how sustainable acquisition benefits their agency, community, and the environment.

SUSTAINABLE ACQUISITION TRAINING RESOURCES (ONLINE). The interagency federal Sustainable Acquisition & Materials Management Practices Workgroup compiled a [spreadsheet](#) of sustainable acquisition training resources developed or hosted by federal agencies that are available to government employees, businesses, and non-governmental organizations.

FEMP eTRAINING COURSES (ONLINE). FEMP offers interactive, [eTraining courses](#) to help federal agencies develop core competencies and comply with energy efficiency, renewable energy, water management, and sustainability requirements. FEMP is partnering with the National Institute of Building Sciences' Whole Building Design Guide to host these comprehensive, FEMP-developed eTraining courses.

ENERGY STAR (ONLINE). EPA's [Energy Star program](#) helps identify and promote energy efficiency in products, homes, and buildings. EPA hosts a [webinar series](#) that covers a range of topics, from how to benchmark in Portfolio Manager to financing energy efficiency improvements to how to engage building occupants.

INTERSTATE TECHNOLOGY AND REGULATORY COUNCIL TRAINING (ONLINE). ITRC is a state-led coalition working with federal partners, industry, academia, and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of environmental technologies. In conjunction with EPA's Technology Innovation and Field Services Division, ITRC delivers [training courses](#) to reach a geographically dispersed audience of regulators, consultants, and other members of the environmental community. The training sessions last approximately two hours, cover technical and regulatory information specific to environmental technologies and innovative approaches, and are supported by consensus-based ITRC guidance documents.

GENERAL CONFORMITY TRAINING MODULES (ONLINE). The General Conformity Rule ensures that the actions taken by federal agencies in nonattainment and maintenance areas do not interfere with a state's plans to meet national standards for air quality. EPA's [online conformity training program](#) covers all aspects of the rule and is divided into four modules.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT WEBINAR SERIES (ONLINE). This U.S. Geological Survey [webinar series](#) was developed 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. Information on upcoming webinars is available from the BioClimate newsletter ([click](#) to subscribe).

WATER/WASTEWATER UTILITY ALL-HAZARDS BOOTCAMP TRAINING (ONLINE). Hosted by EPA, this [training course](#) is designed for water and wastewater employees responsible for emergency response and recovery activities. It also explains why and how to implement an all-hazards program, and will cover prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

OTHER TRAINING RESOURCES

21-22 MAY 19, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS: [2019 EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE](#). The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center and the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant are cohosting the conference. The conference will expand beyond the aquatic environment to also include air and soil studies along with effects on human and animal health. The conference will feature presentations on the latest in emerging contaminant research, policies, and outreach.

COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM WEBINAR (ONLINE). The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) released a [webinar](#), available on demand, highlighting ECOS' [paper](#) on Cooperative Federalism 2.0 and offering a deeper look into the EPA-state relationship.

QUALITY CONSIDERATIONS FOR MUNITIONS RESPONSE SITES (ONLINE). ITRC has released an [on-demand training video](#) that provides a 30-minute introductory overview of ITRC's [Quality Considerations for Multiple Aspects of Munitions Response Sites](#) guidance document. The training explains the decision logic used throughout a munitions response (MR)

project and assists in developing the quality assurance and quality control activities that ensure quality data and confidence in decisions. The training provides an overview of the MR process and identifies specific quality considerations at critical decision points for MR projects.

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