



# Northern Review

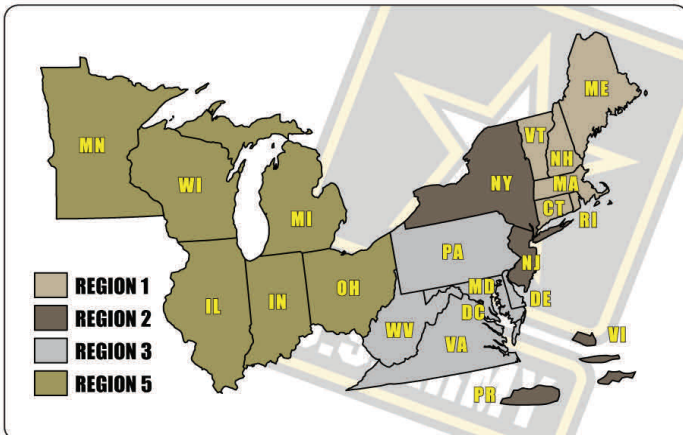
## of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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



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## What's In This Review?

### Region 1

In CT, a proposal to adopt water quality standards. In ME, proposed industrial solvent cleaning requirements and the intent to reissue three GPs for MS4s. In NH, the proposed readoption with amendments to the standards for stationary fuel burning devices, pretreatment of industrial wastewater, and wetland program rules.

### Region 2

In NJ and NY, pending approvals for SIP revisions; and in NY a proposed new law to allow the federal government to enter into conservation easements.

### Region 3

In DC, USEPA approval of a SIP revision for the control of VOCs. In MD, passage of the Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013, and a new law authorizing MDE to allow state and federal agencies to serve as approval authority for erosion/sediment control plans and stormwater management plans for their construction activities. The DOD list of de minimis/environmental beneficial activities leads to an MOU between DOD and Maryland leadership. In VA, VDEQ assumes additional water quality programs from VDNR; a GP for discharges of stormwater from small MS4s, and fast-tracked regulatory actions regarding hazardous and medical waste management regulations.

### Region 5

In IL, an EO abolishing certain boards and commissions, and the adoption of technical requirements for USTs supplying emergency power generators. In MI, proposed legislation for diesel pollution control and adopted revisions to the air pollution control rules. In OH, adopted amendments to the rules governing NPDES, pretreatment permit program, and stage II vapor recovery and automobile coating; and proposed revisions to the rules governing water quality, NSR program, and wetland anti-degradation.

### DOD Activity

Winners of the 2013 Secretary of Defense Environmental Award announced.

### Federal Activity

USEPA adopted revised mercury and air toxics standards; and proposed revisions to the GHG Reporting Rule, and effluent limitations guidelines/standards for the C&D point source category.

# Region 1

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



**Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 5 JUN 13.**

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**WATER QUALITY STANDARDS** The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CDEEP) has [proposed](#) adopting the "Connecticut Water Quality Standards Regulations." The proposal codifies Connecticut's established water quality standards as regulations. The surface water quality standards are required by and consistent with Section 303 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). A hearing is scheduled for 21 MAY 13 and comments are due the same day.



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

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**LD 1430 CLARIFICATION FOR PERMITTED USES OF AQUATIC PESTICIDES** LD 1430 allows the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) to issue permits for certain discharges of pesticides. The bill covers Class AA, A, SA and GPA waters, tributaries of Class GPA waters and waters having a drainage area of less than 10 square miles where discharges are currently prohibited. Due to a federal court decision, all discharges of pesticides to waters of the U.S. are now required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**INDUSTRIAL SOLVENT CLEANING REQUIREMENTS** MDEP has issued a [proposed rule](#) to establish requirements for testing, evaluating, and limiting volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from solvent cleaning operations machines. The rule also sets minimum requirements for equipment and operation standards in order to reduce VOC emissions. The proposed rule adds an industrial solvent cleaning section to the regulation governing exemptions, compliance standards and recordkeeping requirements. The amendments will be submitted to USEPA as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. Comments are due by 17 MAY 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**SIP ADEQUACY FOR THE 2010 NAAQS FOR NO<sub>2</sub>** MDEP has [invited comment](#) on the certification of SIP adequacy for the 2010 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). On 22 JAN 10, USEPA promulgated a new NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), as measured by NO<sub>2</sub>. The certification satisfies an USEPA requirement to submit SIP amendments meeting the requirements of section 110(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) within three years after promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS. The comment period closed on 6 May 13.

**INFRASTRUCTURE SIP FOR THE 2008 OZONE STANDARD** MDEP has [invited comment](#) on a SIP amendment to incorporate the Ozone Infrastructure Plan, which certifies to USEPA that Maine's SIP fulfills the infrastructure requirements established in sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the 1990 CAA amendments for ozone. Maine is required to

address 13 basic SIP requirements, including emission inventories, monitoring, and modeling to assure attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS. These elements, and the sections of the Maine program that are consistent with those elements, are identified in the plan. The SIP amendment will be submitted to USEPA for approval. The comment period closed on 6 MAY 13.

**REISSUE OF THREE GENERAL PERMITS FOR MS4s** MDEP has issued a [notice of intent](#) to reissue three Maine pollutant discharge elimination system general permits (GPs). The GPs cover: (1) discharge of stormwater from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s); (2) discharge of stormwater from state or federally owned MS4s; and (3) discharge of stormwater from Maine Department of Transportation and Maine Turnpike Authority MS4s. The GPs authorize discharges of stormwater from MS4s to waters of the state other than groundwater. Comments are due by 24 MAY 13.



**Legislature convened 2 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 13. Crossover Deadlines: House - 4 APR 13; Senate - 28 MAR 13.**

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**COMMENT EXTENSION FOR DRAFT MS4 NPDES GENERAL PERMIT** USEPA has extended the comment period for the New Hampshire draft Small MS4 NPDES general permit, published in the Federal Register on 12 FEB 13 ([78 FR 9908](#)). A notice of the proposed draft general permit was published in the March edition of the *Northern Review*. The comment period has been extended by 30 days; comments are due by 15 MAY 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FUEL SPECIFICATIONS RULE** The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has [proposed](#) to readopt with amendments rule Env-A 1600, Fuel Specifications. The amendments prevent, abate, and control pollutants emitted into the ambient air by controlling the use of fuels containing specific pollutant elements and compounds. The rule was scheduled to expire on 23 APR 13. As part of the readoption, NHDES has proposed removing gaseous fuel sulfur standards because the sulfur content of natural gas, which is the primary target of the rule, is set by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, not by the state. In a [companion rulemaking](#), the rules governing general recordkeeping requirements for combustion devices (Env-A 903.03) are being amended to reflect the proposed changes in Env-A 1600. Both proposals have hearings scheduled for 30 MAY 13 and comments are due by 13 JUN 13.

**PARTICULATE AND VISIBLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR STATIONARY FUEL BURNING DEVICES** NHDES has [proposed](#) to readopt with amendments Env-A 2000, which establishes emission standards for particulate matter (PM) and visible emissions from stationary fuel burning devices. The rule was scheduled to expire on 23 APR 13. The amendments clarify the rules but do not make significant changes. NHDES anticipates that substantive revisions will be needed after USEPA issues a final SIP call relating to opacity, which is expected to occur in late 2013. A hearing is scheduled for 30 MAY 13 and comments are due by 13 JUN 13.

**STANDARDS FOR PRETREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER** NHDES has [proposed](#) to readopt with amendments the rules governing the Industrial Pretreatment Program for wastewater (Env-Ws 904). The rules were scheduled to expire on 23 APR 13. The amendments establish that a facility that discharges medical/infectious waste is a "significant indirect discharger" only if the municipality has designated the discharge as having a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the publicly owned wastewater treatment plant's (POTWs) operation/performance or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement. The amendments also revise the requirements for approvable municipal sewer use ordinances. A hearing is scheduled for 21 MAY 13 and comments are due by 30 MAY 13.

**READOPTION OF WETLANDS PROGRAM RULES** NHDES has [proposed](#) to readopt the wetlands program rules at Env-Wt 300 through Env-Wt 700. Specifically, the rules establish: (1) criteria and conditions for permits; (2) requirements for delineation and classification of wetlands; (3) criteria for classification and evaluation of projects; (4) design and construction criteria for shoreline structures, intake and outflow structures, and shoreline stabilization; (5) permit application procedures for the various types of permits issued; (6) procedures and criteria for suspension, revocation, or

modification of permits; (7) design and construction criteria for projects in tidal wetlands; and (8) procedures for designating prime wetlands. Most of the rules were scheduled to expire on 25 APR 13. The comment period closed on 3 MAY 13.

**WETLANDS PROGRAM RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE** NHDEP has [proposed](#) to readopt with amendments the wetland program rules of practice and procedure at Env-Wt 200. The rules establish procedures for hearings on permit applications, reconsideration of permitting decisions and administrative orders, and waiver requests. The rules were scheduled to expire on 25 APR 13. The amendments clarify and reflect statutory changes enacted after the effective date of the rules. The comment period closed on 3 MAY 13.



**VT Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 10 MAY 13.**

### **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT** The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) has issued a [draft Wetland General Permit](#) for public comment. The GP is for activities with minimal impact within Class II wetlands and associated buffer zones. The GP will allow VANR to more effectively and efficiently regulate and protect Vermont's significant wetlands. Comments are due by 24 MAY 13.

## **Region 2**

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



### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN FEDERAL WATER QUALITY CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO NEW JERSEY AND PUERTO RICO** USEPA has issued a final rule withdrawing certain human health and aquatic life water quality criteria applicable to waters of New Jersey and Puerto Rico ([78 FR 20252](#)). In 1992, USEPA promulgated the National Toxics Rule (NTR) to establish numeric water quality criteria for 12 states and two territories, including New Jersey and Puerto Rico. Since then, New Jersey and Puerto Rico have adopted, and USEPA has approved, water quality criteria for certain pollutants included in the NTR. USEPA has determined that the federally promulgated criteria are no longer needed for these pollutants. The final rule becomes effective on 3 JUN 13.



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

### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP REVISION FOR 8-HOUR OZONE AND PM2.5 STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve most elements of SIP revisions submitted by New Jersey ([78 FR 21296](#)). New Jersey submitted the revisions to demonstrate that the state meets CAA requirements for the 1997 8-hour ozone and the 1997 and 2006 fine particulate matter (PM2.5) NAAQS. USEPA has also proposed to conditionally approve certain elements of the revisions, as well as to find that certain elements of New Jersey's submittal do not meet requirements of existing state rules. The CAA requires that each state adopt and submit a SIP for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of each NAAQS promulgated by USEPA. The comment period closed on 10 MAY 13.





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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**OZONE SIP REVISION FOR NO<sub>x</sub> CONTROL** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a New York SIP revision for ozone concerning the control of NO<sub>x</sub> (**78 FR 21302**). The SIP revision consists of amendments to: (1) "General Provisions" at Title 6 Part 200; (2) "General Process Emission Sources" at Title 6 Part 212; and (3) "Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) For Major Facilities of NO<sub>x</sub>" at Subpart 227-2. The proposed rule approves control strategies, required by CAA, that will result in emission reductions to help attain and maintain the NAAQS for ozone. Comments are due by 10 MAY 13.

**SIP REVISION FOR 8-HOUR OZONE AND PM2.5 STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve most elements of SIP revisions submitted by the state of New York (**78 FR 25236**). New York submitted the revisions to demonstrate that the state meets the CAA requirements for the 1997 8-hour ozone and the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS. USEPA has also proposed to conditionally approve certain elements of New York's revisions. Comments are due by 30 MAY 13.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**SB 4553 (AB 5976) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWED TO ENTER INTO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS** SB 4553 amends the environmental conservation law, by expanding the definition of "public body" to include the federal government for purposes of conservation easements. By expanding the definition, the bill allows the federal government to enter into conservation easements the same way as the state government. The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

**SB 4770 BIOGAS RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES** SB 4770 alters the definition of "manure storage and handling facilities" to include renewable energy generation facilities at which biogas made from anaerobic digestion is used to generate electricity. The bill was referred to the Local Government Committee. **Note:** *The Army is experimenting with the use of biofuels to generate energy at facilities such as West Point and Fort Drum.*

## **FINAL RULES**

**EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE EMERGENCY RULE** The New York Department of Agriculture and Markets (NYDAM) has **adopted** an emergency rule amending section 141.2 of Title 1 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) to establish an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine. EAB is a non-indigenous destructive wood-boring insect native to eastern Europe and Asia. The quarantine includes the counties of Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Dutchess, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Seneca, Sullivan, Tioga, and Tompkins. The emergency rule also extends the quarantine to the southern portions of: Fulton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, and Onondaga counties. NYDAM has also proposed to adopt the amendments on a permanent basis. Comments are due by 18 MAY 13 and the emergency rule will expire on 12 JUN 13.



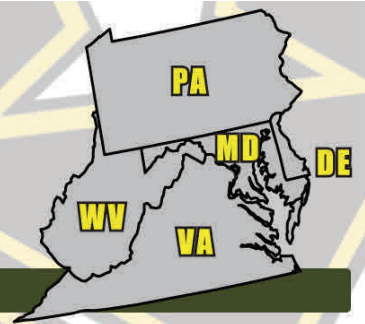
Legislature convened 14 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 16.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**PS 504 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COLLECT IMPACT FEES** PS 504 amends the Permit Process Reform Act. The bill allows impact fees to be collected directly by the individual territory agency that imposed the fee. Currently, the Permit Management Office collects impact fees imposed by multiple agencies. The bill was referred to the Infrastructure, Urban Development and Transportation Committee.

# Region 3

For more information on any state issues in Region 3, contact [Amy Alton](#), Army Regional Environmental Coordinator, Region 3, (410) 278-6170.



**Legislature convened 8 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 13.**

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**SEDIMENT AND STORMWATER TECHNICAL DOCUMENT** The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has issued a [notice](#) releasing the [Sediment and Stormwater Technical Document](#) for public review and comment. The technical document supports the separately proposed Delaware sediment and stormwater regulations. A notice of the proposed sediment and stormwater regulations was published in the April 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The comment period for the technical document closed on 30 APR 13.



**Legislature convened 2 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 14.**

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**VOC EMISSIONS REDUCTION REGULATIONS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the District of Columbia (DC) ([78 FR 24992](#)). The SIP revision consists of amendments to Title 20 Chapters 1 and 7 of the DC Municipal Regulations for the Control of VOC. The revision allows DC to meet the requirement to adopt RACT for sources as recommended by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) model rules and USEPA's Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) standards. The revision also includes negative declarations for various VOC source categories. The final rule becomes effective on 29 MAY 13.



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

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**HB 97 SEDIMENT CONTROL AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS** HB 97 authorizes a designee of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to serve as the approval authority for erosion and sediment control plans and stormwater management plans related to state and federal construction activities. The bill also allows the designee to establish sediment control criteria. The bill was signed by the governor on 9 APR 13 and becomes effective on 1 OCT 13. **NOTE:** *Proponency for the aforementioned approval authority is now being discussed by the Army's principal stakeholders.*

**HB 226 MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY ACT OF 2013** HB 226 alters the Maryland renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) program to include a certain amount of energy derived from offshore wind energy. The bill: (1) prohibits the portion of the RPS that represents offshore wind energy from applying to certain sales; (2) requires the Public Service Commission to establish the RPS obligation for offshore wind renewable energy credits (ORECs) on a certain basis; (3) establishes an application process for proposed offshore wind energy projects; and (4) establishes the Clean Energy Technical Education Program Task Force. The bill was signed by the governor on 9 APR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUN 13.

**SB 64 Repeal of Certificate Display Requirement for Controlled Hazardous Substance Vehicles** SB64 repeals the requirement that certain haulers, while transporting a controlled hazardous substance, display a certain certificate on the outside of the cab of the controlled hazardous substance vehicle. The bill was signed by the governor on 9 APR 13 and becomes effective on 11 OCT 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DOD LIST OF DE MINIMIS / ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFICIAL ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO CZMA** The Maryland Department of Natural Resources [requested comments](#) on DOD's request that [certain activities](#) are de minimis and/or environmentally beneficial and therefore not subject to further federal consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA). The comment period closed on 26 APR 13. **NOTE:** *The list of de minimus activities was generated as part of a larger effort, led by DOD and Component RECs for Region 3, to clarify the application and implementation of Maryland's enforceable coastal policies for federal consistency review under CZMA. The effort resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was formally signed 8 MAY 13 by DOD, the Services, and Maryland leadership during a ceremony at the Naval Academy.*

**GP FOR DISCHARGES FROM STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES** MDE is preparing a final permit determination regarding the GP for discharges from stormwater associated with industrial activities and has [invited comments](#). MDE is considering revising the permit to clarify requirements for additional numerical water quality based limits for specific dischargers. MDE is also considering specifying that a "No Exposure Certification" will not relieve any facility from an obligation to obtain permit coverage, but such certification would exempt the permittee from: (1) control measures required in Part III.B; (2) a stormwater pollution prevention plan required in Part III.C; and (3) monitoring and reporting requirements of Part V of the permit. A notice of the tentative determination was published in the November 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. Comments are due by 20 MAY 13.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**MVEBS FOR THE PHILADELPHIA-WILMINGTON, PA-NJ-DE 1997 PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT AREA** USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ([78 FR 19991](#)). The revision consists of an update to the SIP-approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for the Pennsylvania counties in the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE 1997 PM2.5 nonattainment area (Philadelphia Area). The update reflects the use of the most recent version of the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator model (MOVES). The Pennsylvania counties impacted by the revision are Philadelphia, Montgomery, Delaware, Chester, and Bucks. The final rule became effective on 3 APR 13.

**ATTAINMENT OF THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD FOR THE PITTSBURGH AREA** USEPA has issued a final rule making two separate and independent determinations regarding the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley 1997 8-hour ozone nonattainment area (Pittsburgh Area) ([78 FR 20244](#)). First, USEPA has determined that the Pittsburgh Area attained the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of 15 JUN 10, based on monitoring data for the 2007-2009 monitoring period. Second, USEPA has determined that the Pittsburgh Area is attaining the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS, based on ambient air monitoring data for the 2009-2011 monitoring period, and preliminary data for 2012. Due to the final determination the Pittsburgh Area is not required to submit an attainment demonstration, reasonably available control measures (RACM), a reasonable further progress (RFP) plan, and contingency measures related to attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS. These determinations do not constitute a redesignation to attainment. The final rule became effective on 6 MAY 13.



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 23 FEB 13.

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY REGULATIONS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia ([78 FR 19421](#)). The revision amends Virginia's transportation conformity requirements to be consistent with USEPA's revised transportation conformity requirements. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 31 MAY 13.

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**[HB 1482](#) WASTEWATER WORKS OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS** HB 1482 requires the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals to allow any wastewater works operator to sit for the conventional onsite sewage system operator examination. The bill was signed by the governor on 3 APR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUL 13.

**[HB 2048](#) ([SB 1279](#)) CONSOLIDATION OF WATER QUALITY PROGRAMS** HB 2048 moves several water quality programs currently administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR) to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ). VDEQ and the State Water Control Board will have oversight of water quality planning and laws dealing with stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (VSWCB) will continue to have responsibility for oversight of the soil and water conservation districts and of resource management planning. VSWCB will also continue to be responsible for administration of the flood prevention and dam safety laws. The bill, along with its companion bill SB 1279, was signed by the governor on 3 APR 13 and they both become effective on 1 JUL 13.

**[HB 2137](#) USE OF DEICING AGENTS CONTAINING UREA** HB 2137 exempts the sale of deicing agents containing urea from the current prohibition on such sales where the deicing agent is to be used by a municipal corporation at an airport. The bill authorizes a municipal corporation to apply any deicing agent containing urea for the purpose of deicing airports owned or operated by the corporation provided the application does not exceed Virginia PDES stormwater permit requirements. The bill was signed by the governor on 3 APR 13 and become effective on 1 JUL 13.

## **FINAL RULES**

**GP FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER FROM SMALL MS4s** VDCR's Soil and Water Conservation Board has [adopted](#) a final rule amending the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) GP for Discharges of Stormwater from Small MS4s. The final rule was necessary to update and reissue the GP, as the current permit expires on 8 JUL 13. The final rule sets guidelines for the permitting of discharges of stormwater runoff from small MS4s in urbanized areas. Small MS4s include systems owned or operated by municipalities, federal facilities, state facilities, and universities. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the November 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule becomes effective on 1 JUL 13. **NOTE:** *The DOD REC submitted consolidated comments from the military services. Of primary concern was the method VDCR used to calculate MS4 nutrient/sediment loads and the required reductions.*

**AMENDMENT TO REMOVE TRANSPORTER ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT** VDEQ has proposed a [fast-track regulatory action](#) to amend the Virginia hazardous waste management regulations under 9VAC20-60. The amendment deletes the annual report requirement for transporters of hazardous waste. Comments are due by 19 JUN 13. Barring adverse comment the amendment will become effective on 4 JUL 13.

**AMENDMENT TO REPEAL TRANSPORTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS** VDEQ has proposed a [fast-track regulatory action](#) to amend the regulated medical waste management regulations under 9VAC20-120. Currently, transporters of regulated medical waste are required to register with VDEQ. The registration is duplicative of federal registration requirements and unnecessary. The amendment repeals the registration requirements and makes other conforming changes. Comments are due by 19 JUN 13. Barring adverse comment the amendment will become effective on 4 JUL 13.





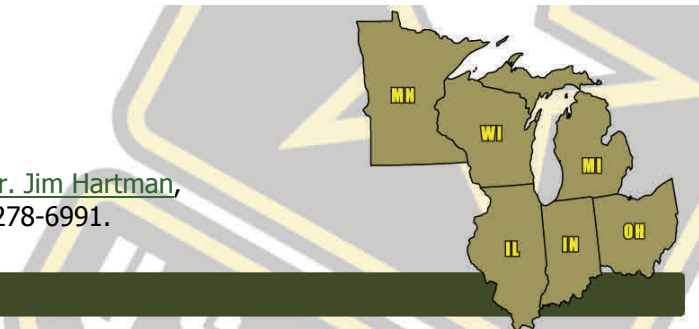
Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 14 APR 13.

### OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

**WORKSHOPS FOCUS ON MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS** The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has announced workshops where organizations from across the state can learn more about sustainability and other ways to improve their social, economic and environmental performance. The free workshops, scheduled 3-4 JUN and 5-6 JUN, are sponsored by the WVDEP, the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable and the Sustainability Institute at Bridgemont Community and Technical College. The registration deadline for the workshops is 13 MAY 13.

## Region 5

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



Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 MAY 13. Crossover Deadlines: House - 19 APR 13; Senate - 25 APR 13.

### FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**SMALL CONTAINER EXEMPTION FROM VOC COATING RULES** USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of Illinois (78 FR 23495). The SIP revision amends the Illinois Administrative Code by adding a "small container exemption" for pleasure craft surface coating operations in the Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas. The exemption is approvable because it is consistent with USEPA VOC RACT policy. The final rule becomes effective on 20 MAY 13.

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

**ABOLISHMENT OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** On 29 MAR 13, Illinois Governor Patrick Quinn issued Executive Order (EO) 1305, which supersedes the previously voided EO 1304. EO 1305 abolishes or consolidates those entities directly responsible to the governor whose functions are now obsolete or duplicative, whose abolition increases agency efficiency, and streamlines the executive branch. EO 1305 will become effective 60 days after delivery to both houses of the General Assembly, if neither house disapproves. The EO was filed with the House and Senate on 1 APR 13.

### PROPOSED LEGISLATION

**SB 2362 HERPTILES-HERPS ACT OF 2013** SB 2362 provides possession limits for indigenous amphibian and reptile taxa. The bill also: (1) provides that no person shall take or possess any of the herptiles listed in the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act; (2) provides for the taking of certain herptiles and areas that are closed to the taking of herptiles; (3) adds protective regulations concerning herptiles; (4) creates a permit process for the possession of special use herptiles; and (5) provides for the suspension of privileges and revocation of certain permits and record keeping requirements of certain permits. The bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee.

## **FINAL RULES**

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USTs SUPPLYING EMERGENCY POWER GENERATORS** The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has **adopted**, on an emergency basis, amendments to 41 Ill. Adm. Code 175: Technical Requirements for Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and the Storage, Transportation, Sale, and Use of Petroleum and Other Regulated Substances. The emergency amendments require an UST owner and operator to substitute a local alarm for fuel shutoff or flow restriction upon the detection of a release at USTs supplying emergency power generators. OSFM's current UST rules require interstitial monitoring sensors and automatic line leak detectors to trigger immediate shutoff or restriction of the fuel supply upon the detection of a release. The current rules make no exception for USTs supplying emergency power generators to avoid the loss of essential services in an emergency. In a separate notice, OSFM has **proposed** the amendments following the formal rulemaking process. Comments are due on the proposed amendments by 3 JUN 13. The emergency rules became effective on 4 APR 13.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP REVISION FOR PM AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of Indiana (**78 FR 23492**). The SIP revision contains the 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS promulgated by USEPA in 2006, and removes the annual coarse particle (PM<sub>10</sub>) NAAQS that USEPA has previously revoked. The SIP revision also incorporates certain federally regulated criteria pollutant definitions and abbreviations. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 18 JUN 13.

**PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS AREA TO ATTAINMENT OF THE 1997 ANNUAL PM<sub>2.5</sub>** USEPA has issued a supplemental proposal to a prior proposed approval of redesignation for the Indianapolis area to attainment for the 1997 annual NAAQS for PM<sub>2.5</sub> (**78 FR 20856**). The supplemental proposal revises and expands the basis for proposing approval of the state's request, in light of developments since USEPA issued its initial proposal on 27 SEP 11. The supplemental proposal would approve the addition of emission inventories for ammonia and VOC, in conjunction with the inventories for NO<sub>x</sub>, direct PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) that were included in the previous proposed approval. The comment period closed on 29 APR 13.

## **FINAL RULES**

**EMERGENCY ATTAINMENT STATUS DESIGNATIONS** The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has adopted an **emergency rule** that temporarily amends rules at 326 IAC 1-4 by adding the federal designation for Lawrenceburg Township in Dearborn County, Lake County, and Porter County to nonattainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. The emergency rule also adds the remainder of Dearborn County to unclassifiable or attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. Finally, the rule adds the federal designation for parts of Dearborn County, Gibson County, Pike County, and Spencer County to unclassifiable or attainment of the annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. The emergency rule became effective on 16 APR 13.



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## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HB 4499 DIESEL POLLUTION CONTROL** HB 4499 requires, beginning 1 JUL 16, that a fleet owner or operator not operate a regulated highway diesel vehicle unless at least half of the regulated highway diesel vehicles in that fleet have level 3 controls installed, properly maintained, and functioning. The bill also states, beginning 1 JUL 17, a fleet owner or operator cannot operate a regulated highway diesel vehicle unless that vehicle has level 3 controls installed, properly maintained, and functioning. HB 4499 establishes deadlines and exceptions for the newly mandated air pollution equipment, along with mandating fines for violations. The bill was referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

## **FINAL RULES**

**REVISIONS TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL RULES** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has **adopted revisions** to the air pollution control rules. The revisions amend Part 4, Emission Limitations and Prohibitions - Sulfur Bearing Compounds, and are minor revisions to correct deficiencies identified by USEPA. The rules being revised include: (1) Rule 401 – Emission of sulfur dioxide from power plants; (2) Rule 402- Emission of SO<sub>2</sub> from fuel-burning equipment at a stationary source other than power plants; (3) Rule 404 - Emission of SO<sub>2</sub> and sulfuric acid mist from sulfuric acid plants; (4) Rule 420 - Applicability determinations, definitions, and permitting requirements under the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) SO<sub>2</sub> trading program. The revisions became effective on 11 MAR 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES** MDEQ has **proposed amendments** to the hazardous waste management rules. The amendments improve the overall quality of the rules and reduce regulatory barriers by providing streamlined and flexible requirements. The amendments are also necessary for MDEQ to maintain its federal authorization from USEPA. A hearing is scheduled for 23 MAY 13 and comments are due by 24 MAY 13.



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## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HF 814 (SF 1033) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASE** HF 814 requires the report of hazardous substance release to a local 911 emergency dispatch center. The bill specifies that the state emergency response center must direct a caller to notify a local 911 emergency dispatch center if the situation requires an immediate response or the area is unknown to the center. In all other cases, the state emergency response center must notify a local firefighting or law enforcement organization of the situation within 24 hours of receiving the notification. The bill passed the House on 26 APR 13, and was delivered to the Senate on 29 APR 13. The bill was referred to the Rules and Administration Committee.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**WATERS IDENTIFIED AND DESIGNATED AS INFESTED WATERS** The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has issued a **notice** identifying waters in the state that have been identified and designated as infested waters. *NOTE: Two lakes (Alexander and Shamineau) in Morrison County near Camp Ripley are on the list due to the presence of Eurasian water milfoil.*



**Legislature convened 7 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 13.**

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**CORRECTION FOR AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a final rule that corrects a codification error in a previously issued 26 OCT 10 final rule (**78 FR 19990**). The 2010 final rule approved revisions to Ohio regulations that consolidated air quality standards into a new chapter of rules and adjusted references accordingly in various related regulations. USEPA erroneously codified approval of the rule, which could be misread as having inadvertently approved several other provisions that were not addressed in the 2010 final rule. The final rule makes the codification consistent with the approval. The final rule became effective on 3 APR 13.

**VOC EMISSION CONTROL MEASURES** USEPA has issued a final rule approving several VOC rules that were submitted by the state of Ohio as a SIP revision for the Cleveland Ozone Nonattainment Area (**78 FR 24990**). The rules, which include the source categories covered by control techniques guideline documents issued in 2008, as well as several other miscellaneous rule revisions, will help Ohio's effort to attain the 2008 ozone standard. The rules were approved

because they are consistent with the CTG documents issued by USEPA in 2008, and satisfy the RACT requirements of CAA. The final rule becomes effective on 29 MAY 13.

## **FINAL RULES**

**NPDES AND PRETREATMENT PERMIT PROGRAMS** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has **adopted** amendments to the NPDES and pretreatment program rules at Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) **3745-33-04** and **3745-36-03**. The amendments affect the rule sections that address conditions under which OEPA may renew permits. On 5 JUN 12, the governor signed into law Senate Bill 294, OEPA's Omnibus Bill. Included in this bill was a revision to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111.03(J)(3), which provides the OEPA Director with the discretion to renew a permittee's permit or deny the renewal. Since the statute has been revised, OEPA is amending rule language to be consistent with the statute. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the February 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 1 MAY 13.

**STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY AND AUTOMOBILE COATING AMENDMENTS** OEPA has **adopted** amendments to OAC Rule 3745-21-09, "Control of emissions of volatile organic compounds from stationary sources and perchloroethylene from dry cleaning facilities." The amendments address a modification in the allowable VOC content of coatings used in lines coating fewer than 35 vehicles per day. The amendments also exempt new gasoline stations from the requirement to install a Stage II vapor recovery system. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the March 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 29 APR 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**STORMWATER PROGRAM RULE** OEPA has **proposed amendments** to the stormwater program rule at OAC 3745-39-04. The rule contains administrative requirements for the stormwater program for industries, construction, and large and medium MS4s. Section 119.032 of the ORC requires OEPA to review rules every five years to determine whether they should be changed. 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. The comment period closed on 14 MAY 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**2013-2014 RULEMAKING PLAN** OEPA's Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDGW) has released its **2013-2014 Rulemaking Plan**. The plan outlines the intended rulemaking activities DDGW will undertake to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements of ORC section 119.032, and to adopt federal regulations.

**DRAFT WATER QUALITY STANDARDS RULES** OEPA has invited comment on **draft revisions** to the water quality standards rules at OAC Chapter 3745-1. The draft revisions address existing rules 3745-1-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 31-34 and 36-39, and add new rules 40-43. These rules define beneficial use designations, establish water quality criteria protective of the use designations and establish antidegradation procedures. Comments are due by 20 MAY 13.

**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW SOURCE REVIEW PROGRAM** OEPA has invited comment on **draft amendments** to Ohio's permit-to-install and operate rule at OAC Chapter 3745-31. The draft amendments include language for the incorporation of USEPA requirements for the implementation of the New Source Review (NSR) program for PM<sub>2.5</sub>, promulgated in 2008, as well as the requirements for establishing increments, significant impact levels, and a significant monitoring concentration for fine particulate pollution, promulgated in 2010. The comment period closed on 10 MAY 13.

**DRAFT WETLAND ANTI-DEGRADATION RULE** OEPA has invited comment on **draft revisions** to the wetland anti-degradation rule at OAC 3745-1-54. On 5 JUN 12, the governor signed into law Senate Bill 294, OEPA's Omnibus Bill. The bill included revisions to the ORC sections pertaining to wetlands. The draft revisions allow an approved entity to create an in-lieu-fee mitigation program and allows a in-lieu-fee to be used as required mitigation for Section 401 water quality certifications and isolated wetlands permits. The draft revisions also set a defined mitigation hierarchy preference for Section 401 water quality certifications and isolated wetlands permits and require OEPA to adopt this hierarchy in rule. Comments are due by 17 MAY 13.

**OTTAWA RIVER (LIMA AREA) WATERSHED DRAFT TMDL REPORT** OEPA has invited comment on a **draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report** issued for the Ottawa River (Lima Area) Watershed. The draft report details



findings on the Ottawa River and its tributary streams in Allen, Putnam, and Hardin counties, and small parts of Hancock and Auglaize counties. Stream data was collected in 2010. The report includes conclusions from the data analysis and suggestions for further improving water quality. Comments are due by 20 MAY 13.



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## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**AMENDMENTS TO VEHICLE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the state of Wisconsin concerning the state's vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in southeast Wisconsin ([78 FR 24373](#)). The SIP revision amends I/M program requirements in the active control measures portion of the ozone SIP to reflect changes that have been implemented at the state level since USEPA fully approved the I/M program in 2001. Comments are due by 28 MAY 13.

# **Department of Defense Activity**

**DoD ANNOUNCES 2013 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS** Each year DoD honors individuals, teams, and installations for their outstanding achievements and innovative environmental practices and partnerships that promote quality of life and increase efficiencies without compromising mission success. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Mr. Frank Kendall, has named winners of the [2013 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards](#). **NOTE:** *Winners within the REEO-N area of responsibility are: (1) Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition, Small Program: Counterfeit Refrigerant Impact Team, Tank Automotive RD&E Center, Michigan; and (2) Environmental Restoration, Installation: U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground, Directorate of Public Works, Maryland.*

**AIR FORCE RELEASES UPDATED AIR FORCE ENERGY STRATEGIC PLAN** The updated [Air Force Energy Strategic Plan](#) replaces the 2010 Energy Plan and shifts how the Air Force looks at energy. The plan incorporates energy security and operational energy into the Air Force's strategic energy priorities and goals. By developing a robust, resilient, and ready energy posture, the Air Force will expand operational effectiveness in air, space, and cyberspace, and enhance national security.

# **Federal Activity**

## **AIR**

**USEPA PROPOSES TIER 3 MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSION AND FUEL STANDARDS** USEPA has issued an announcement of public hearings and comment period regarding [draft proposed rules \(78 FR 20881\)](#). The draft rules, which will be published separately in the Federal Register, address auto emissions and reduce the allowable sulfur content of gasoline by more than 60%, down to 10 parts per million in 2017. The public hearings were held in April, and comments are due by 13 JUN 13.

**REMOVAL OF THE VENTING PROHIBITION FOR CERTAIN REFRIGERANT SUBSTITUTES** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to exempt certain refrigerant substitutes from the [CAA Section 608](#) prohibition on venting, release and disposal ([78 FR 21871](#)). Specifically, USEPA has proposed to exempt: (1) isobutane (R-600a) and R-441A, which were listed as acceptable as refrigerant substitutes in household refrigerators, freezers, and combination refrigerators and freezers; and (2) propane (R-290), which was listed as acceptable as a refrigerant substitute in retail food refrigerators and freezers. Comments are due by 11 JUN 13.

**MERCURY AND AIR TOXICS STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a final rule taking action on its [reconsideration](#) of certain aspects of the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) NESHAP, and the New Source Performance Standards rule (Utility NSPS) ([78 FR 24073](#)). USEPA is taking final action on the revised new source numerical standards in the MATS NESHAP and the definitional and monitoring provisions in the Utility NSPS that were addressed in the proposed reconsideration rule. The final rule became effective on 24 APR 13.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

**NATIONAL FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY** The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) have announced the availability of the final [National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy](#). The strategy supports natural resource professionals and other decision makers in taking action to conserve the nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and ecosystems. Adaptation principles included are: (1) improve consideration of impacts of climate change to fish, wildlife, and plants; (2) enhance coordination between sectors and natural resource managers, land use planners, and decision makers regarding climate change adaptation; (3) use integrated planning to engage all levels of government and multiple stakeholders in multi-sector planning; and (4) assess the need for, and utility of, expanding compensatory mitigation requirements for projects that reduce ecosystem resilience.

**REVISIONS TO GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING RULE** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to amend the [Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule](#) ([78 FR 19801](#)). The amendments reflect revised global warming potentials of some greenhouse gases that have been published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and add global warming potentials for certain fluorinated greenhouse gases. The rule also proposes confidentiality determinations for the reporting of new or substantially revised data elements contained in these proposed amendments to the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule. Comments are due by 17 MAY 13.

## **ENERGY**

**INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL TO UPDATE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE** On behalf of the International Code Council (ICC), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has published an announcement seeking to increase public participation in developing and maintaining ICC codes and standards ([78 FR 18321](#)). ICC updates international codes every three years based on receipt of proposals from interested individuals and organizations.

**ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS IMPROVEMENT** The US Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a notice requesting information regarding improvements to Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) ([78 FR 20097](#)). DOE has awarded various "umbrella" indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts to energy services companies. These IDIQ contracts can be used by federal agencies by awarding task orders for ESPC projects at their facilities. In addition to requesting comments about improving the contracting process, DOE is seeking comment on areas such as: (1) improvements to measurement and verification methodologies, to achieve and maintain the greatest assurance of energy savings at the least cost; (2) approaches to encourage innovative or underutilized energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and (3) approaches to incentivize energy services companies to propose innovative or underutilized technologies. The comment period closed on 3 MAY 13.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**OCEAN POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASED** The National Ocean Council has released the final [Ocean Policy Implementation Plan](#). Developed in response to [Executive Order 13547](#), the plan describes more than 50 federal actions to improve the health of the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes.

## **WATER**

**CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT POINT SOURCE CATEGORY** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to amend the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the construction and development point source category ([78 FR 19434](#)). USEPA has proposed these changes pursuant to a settlement agreement to resolve litigation. The proposed rule would withdraw the numeric discharge standards, which are currently stayed, and change several of the non-numeric provisions of the existing rule. Comments are due by 31 MAY 13.

## OTHER

**BIOBASED PRODUCT CATEGORIES FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT** The Department of Agriculture has published a final rule that would designate additional biobased product categories for federal procurement ([78 FR 19393](#)). Categories (and minimum percent biobased content) that would be designated are: (1) aircraft cleaners (48%) and boat cleaners (38%); (2) automotive care products (75%); (3) engine crankcase oils (27%); (4) gasoline fuel additives (92%); (5) stainless steel cleaners (75%), other metal cleaners (56%), and corrosion removers (71%); (6) microbial cleaning products: drain maintenance products (45%), wastewater maintenance products for sewer lines and septic tanks (44%), and general cleaners (50%); (7) paint removers (41%); (8) water turbine bearing oils (for electric power generating water turbines) (46%); and (9) addition of the countertops (89%) subcategory to the previously designated composite panels category. The final rule became effective on 1 MAY 13.

# 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.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCES

**5-6 AUG 13, WASHINGTON, DC [THE AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY SUMMIT](#)** Hosted by the [United States Leadership Forum](#), the conference features top government and industry leaders, providing the latest details on federal energy priorities, programs, and contracts, featuring the Departments of Defense, Energy, Agriculture, Veterans Affairs, and other federal agencies. Topics include state government and local government energy priorities, programs, and contracts; energy efficiency priorities, including achieving net zero installations and advanced lighting solutions; and clean energy priorities, including biofuels for jets and electric and natural gas-powered ground transportation.

## TRAINING—ONLINE

**(NEW) [NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES \(NCSL\) E-LEARNING](#)** 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 [Multimedia Library](#) for a collection of video and audio files from previous NCSL meetings and webinars.

**(NEW) [MILITARY MUNITIONS SUPPORT SERVICES SERIES](#)** 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.

**[DEFENSE AND FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING/AWARENESS](#)** The U.S. Army offers numerous environmental training courses. Information on training providers and fiscal year class schedules is provided by the US Army Environmental Command.

**[USACE PROSPECT TRAINING](#)** USACE announces its FY13 PROSPECT training program. Please see the [Course Catalog \(a.k.a. Purple Book\)](#) and [List of Classes and schedule](#) for details. Courses are open to all federal employees, state, county and city employees and contractors. There are different registration processes for each entity.

**[ARMY PODCAST SERVICE](#)** The Army offers free podcasts on a wide variety of topics, including an environmental series, an Army Corps of Engineers series, and many more. The podcasts are available through a free subscription service. (It is not necessary to own an iPod in order to view or listen to a podcast.)

**[NAVY AND ISEERB ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING FY13](#)** 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.

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

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

**READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 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.

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

**TRAINING FOR FEDERAL GHG INVENTORIES** A component of FedCenter's broader Greenhouse Gas Inventory Reporting site is available. The DOE Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)-developed training offers three types of training that can help in understanding the processes needed to develop an agency's GHG inventory under EO 13514 section 9. These trainings include online interactive courses, archived webinar videos and PowerPoint files from training courses.

### **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.

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