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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](#).

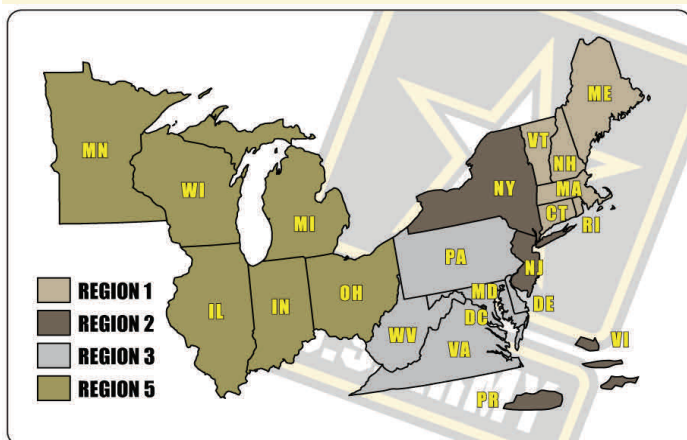


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What's In This Review?

Region 1

In CT, proposed legislation to assess general permit annual fees. In ME, proposed revisions to remediation program guidance. In MA, proposed revisions to water program and coastal zone management regulations. In NH, proposed amendments to surface water discharge permit rules. In VT, a draft rule establishing limitations on motor vehicle idling.

Region 2

In NJ, proposed legislation to establish the NJ Coastal Commission. In NY, authorization of state hazardous waste management program revisions and proposed legislation to implement a recycling program for all state-owned and state-leased properties. In PR, proposed legislation concerning redevelopment authority of Roosevelt Roads Military Base.

Region 3

In DE, proposed revisions to sediment and stormwater regulations. MD addresses submerged aquatic vegetation protection zones. In VA, an EO establishing the Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities and a new law requiring local planning commissions to consult with military commanders on development near military installations.

Region 5

In IL, proposed new laws for the establishment of late-filing fees for CAA permits and new material disposal restrictions at certain landfills, along with a final adoption of hazardous water rule revisions. In IN, approval of the state public water system supervision program and adoption of amendments to drinking and groundwater standards. In MI, a draft state-wide mercury TMDL for inland waters. In OH, draft amendments to surface water treatment rules. In MN, proposed legislation to create permitting efficiency and EIS requirements, along with proposed amendments to health risk limit rules for groundwater.

DOD Activity

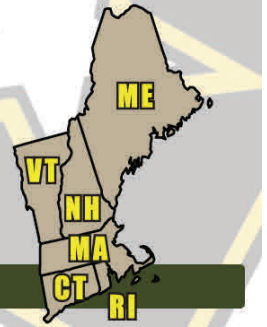
DOD releases a Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap.

Federal Activity

USEPA releases document regarding watershed modeling for 20 watersheds. FWS de-lists the Virginia flying squirrel. USACE launches a federal support toolbox for integrated water resources management.

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 LEGISLATION

HB 6536 ANNUAL FEE FOR GENERAL PERMITS HB 6536 authorizes the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CDEEP) to assess an annual fee for general permits (GP) in order to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the GP. The bill was reported out of the Joint Committee on Environment as a favorable substitute and filed with the legislative commissioners' office.

SB 1012 BEST PRACTICES GUIDE FOR COASTAL STRUCTURES AND PERMITTING SB 1012 requires CDEEP, no later than 1 OCT 13, to acquire information relevant to the development of a best practices guide for coastal structures permitting. CDEEP is required to obtain the information by consulting with environmental protection, planning, and development agencies in other coastal states and the federal government. The bill was reported out of the Joint Committee on Environment as a favorable substitute and has been referred to the office of legislative research and the office of fiscal analysis.

PROPOSED RULES

LOW EMISSIONS AND ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES CDEEP has issued a [notice of intent](#) to amend existing, and adopt new permanent, regulations for the Low Emissions Vehicles (LEV) and Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) programs. The programs are also referred to as the California Clean Cars program, and are a critical element of CDEEP's strategy to reduce smog and other pollutants. CDEEP intends to adopt changes in a manner that is identical to recent actions by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Upon adoption, the LEV regulations will be submitted to USEPA as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision. A hearing is scheduled for 18 APR 13, and comments are due by 19 APR 13.

SIP REVISION FOR 2010 1-HOUR SO₂ NAAQS CDEEP has issued a [notice of intent](#) to amend the SIP with respect to the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). CDEEP has also proposed to incorporate the current version of section 16a-21a of the Connecticut General Statutes (Sulfur Content of Home Heating Oil and Off-Road Diesel Fuel) into the SIP in order to maintain continued compliance with the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS. The SIP revisions will be submitted to USEPA for review and approval. Comments are due by 1 MAY 13.



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

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

LD 1061 REQUIREMENTS FOR WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LD 1061 requires applicants for wind energy permits to submit to the permitting municipality and specified state commissions/agencies a detailed summary of the data from each meteorological tower the applicant used in evaluating the suitability of a site for a wind energy development. The bill also requires the regulatory entities involved to provide certain notifications related to permits for the construction or installation of a meteorological tower. The required notifications include notice to landowners within eight miles of the tower. The bill was referred to the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee.

PROPOSED RULES

REVISIONS TO REMEDIATION PROGRAM GUIDANCE The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has proposed **revisions** to multiple remediation program guidance documents. The documents include: (1) Guidance for Human Health Risk Assessments for Hazardous Substance Sites; (2) Remedial Action Guidelines for Sites Contaminated with Hazardous Substances; and (3) multiple environmental covenant templates. The comment period closed on 10 APR 13.



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

PROPOSED RULES

REVISIONS TO WATER PROGRAM REGULATIONS The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has proposed **revisions** to multiple water regulations, including: (1) surface water quality standards; (2) sewer system extension and connection permit program; (3) operation, maintenance, and pretreatment standards for wastewater treatment works and indirect dischargers; (4) land application of sludge and septage; and (5) standard requirements for the siting, construction, inspection, upgrade, and expansion of on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems and for the transport and disposal of septage. A hearing is scheduled for 16 APR 13, and comments are due by 10 MAY 13.

REVISIONS OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (MCZM) has proposed **revisions** to the state's federally-approved coastal program regulations. The revisions merge existing regulations concerning federal consistency review authority (currently in 301 CMR. 21) into the revised Coastal Zone Management Program regulations at 301 CMR 20. Federal regulations governing federal consistency review were modified in 2007, and those changes required updates and revisions to MCZM's state regulations. Comments are due by 22 APR 13.



Legislature convened 2 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 13.

PROPOSED RULES

CERTIFICATION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has proposed to readopt, with **amendments**, the regulations governing the certification of wastewater treatment plant operators. The current regulations are set to expire on 23 APR 13. The proposed amendments include: (1) modifying the definition of operating experience; (2) establishing a requirement for an interview with the certification committee; (3) adding a continuing education unit requirement for the renewal of licenses for Grade I and Grade I-OIT (operator-in-training) operators. A hearing is scheduled for 18 APR 13, and comments are due by 25 APR 13.

STATE SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMITS NHDES has proposed to readopt, with **amendments**, the existing state surface water discharge permit rules (Env-Ws 401). The current rules are scheduled to expire on 28 MAY 13. The proposed amendments: (1) renumber the rules into a new Chapter (Env-Wq 300); (2) move statutory definitions into an appendix; (3) clarify existing requirements, and (4) add three requirements in the application section to address situations that have arisen in other NHDES permitting programs. A hearing is scheduled for 23 APR 13, and comments are due by 30 APR 13.



Rhode Island

Legislature convened 1 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 13.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 5801 ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT HB 5801 creates the Rhode Island Energy Independence and Climate Solutions Act to attempt to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG). The act requires the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and other state agencies/entities to take action to meet statewide GHG emission limits established by the act. RIDEM is required to adopt, by 1 MAY 14, a statewide GHG emissions limit that is equivalent to 20% below the 1990 level, to be achieved by 2024, and a limit that is 80% below the 1990 level, to be achieved by 2054. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.



Vermont

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

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 446 SITING IN-STATE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES HB 446 makes various amendments concerning in-state electric generation facilities subject to regulation by the Public Service Board (PSB). The amendments include requiring the submission of a scoping plan to PSB and to the legislative body of the municipality in which the facility is to be located. The bill was referred to the Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

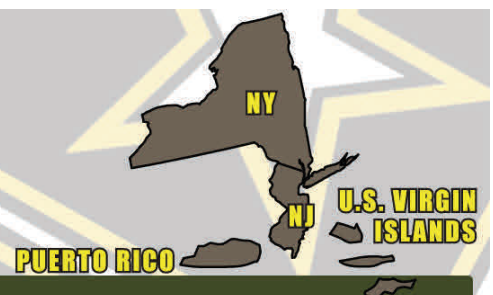
OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

GENERAL LIMITATION ON MOTOR VEHICLE IDLING The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) has issued a **draft rule** establishing a general limitation on motor vehicle idling. The general limitation is subject to a number of activity-based exceptions to allow for situations in which it is necessary to operate the primary propulsion engine while the vehicle is stationary. In advance of initiating a formal rulemaking, VANR is requesting comments on the draft rule. Comments are due by 4 JUN 13. **Note:** *The DoD REC for Region 1 is preparing a comment letter requesting a military tactical vehicle exemption from the proposed rule.*

DRAFT REVISION OF THE STREAM ALTERATION GENERAL PERMIT The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VDEC) has released **draft revisions** of the Stream Alteration General Permit for public comment. The revisions will update the current permit that was adopted in April 2011. The need for revisions was identified during the response to Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Comments are due by 12 APR 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.



New Jersey

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

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

ACR 186 (SCR 148) COASTAL LAKE RESTORATION PROJECTS ACR 186 is a concurrent resolution that urges the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to consider coastal lake restoration projects when studying and evaluating projects to be undertaken as part of Hurricane Sandy recovery. The concurrent resolution declares that it is necessary and in the best interest of New Jersey and in the public interest to urge the U.S. Congress and the USACE to rebuild infrastructure comprehensively within the state's coastal communities. The concurrent resolution was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 3920 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY COASTAL COMMISSION AB 3920 establishes a New Jersey Coastal Commission (NJCC) and sets forth the NJCC's powers. The bill transfers certain functions to NJCC that are currently vested in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) under various acts. The acts include the: (1) Waterfront Development Law; (2) Wetlands Act of 1970; (3) Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act; (4) Coastal Area Facility Review Act; and (5) Flood Hazard Area Control Act. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 3921 AMENDS THE COASTAL AREA FACILITY REVIEW ACT AB 3921 amends the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA). The bill changes the types of development that require a CAFRA permit from NJDEP. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 3932 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT AB 3932 establishes permit conditions for NJDEP permits issued to a beachfront property owner pursuant to the Coastal Area Facility Review Act. As a permit condition, the bill requires the construction and maintenance of a sand dune in accordance with standards developed by NJDEP and USACE. In lieu of constructing and maintaining a dune, the property owner would be required to execute an easement over a portion of the property for the purpose of dune construction or beach replenishment. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee. **Note:** *Could affect Army National Guard property (i.e., Sea Girt) on the New Jersey shoreline.*

AB 4003 CONTROL OF STORMWATER RUNOFF REWARD REBATE PROGRAM AB 4003 establishes a NJDEP capture, control, and conserve reward rebate program to encourage property owners to implement certain techniques to conserve water or control stormwater runoff. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

PROPOSED RULES

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has proposed **amendments** to the hazardous materials transportation regulations. The amendments are in response to inconsistencies found between federal regulations and state regulations (N.J.A.C. 16:49). NJDOT was required to develop a corrective action plan, which lists the actions that NJDOT will take to bring state regulations into compliance with federal regulations. The amendments are necessary in order to comply with current federal regulations, and also to clarify and reorganize the rules and update contact information. Comments are due by 17 MAY 13.



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

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

AUTHORIZATION OF STATE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVISIONS USEPA has issued a direct final rule authorizing revisions to the New York State hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (**78 FR 15299**). The revisions address changes to the federal hazardous waste program, as covered by the federal used oil management regulations. USEPA has determined that the revisions, with limited exceptions, satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization. Barring adverse comment the final authorization will become effective on 10 MAY 13.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 4381 (AB 630) PROHIBITION OF PAVEMENT PRODUCTS CONTAINING COAL TAR SB 4381 prohibits the sale and use of pavement products containing coal tar. The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

AB 5623 (SB 401) LEASING OF LAND FOR THE OPERATION OF WIND OR SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEMS AB 5623 authorizes the lease of lands adjacent to state, county and town highways for the operation of wind or solar electric generating systems. The bill also authorizes the metropolitan transportation authority to enter into such leases. The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee.

AB 5660 ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN TAXES ON MOTOR AND DIESEL FUELS AB 5660 eliminates state sales and compensating use taxes on motor fuels and diesel motor fuels. The bill also authorizes localities to eliminate such taxes at the local level. The bill was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

AB 5841 CONTRACTOR EXEMPTION FROM THE DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT OF 2006 AB 5841 exempts contractors from the provisions of the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2006. The bill establishes that heavy duty vehicles used on behalf of state agencies and regional public authorities by contractors do not need to be powered by ultra low sulfur diesel fuel or best available retrofit technology (BART). The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

AB 5966 STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY RECYCLING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AB 5966 requires the commissioner of the New York State Office of General Services to implement a recycling program for all state-owned and state-leased properties. The bill also requires annual reporting to the governor and legislature, along with the establishment of incentives for adherence. The bill was referred to the Governmental Operations Committee.



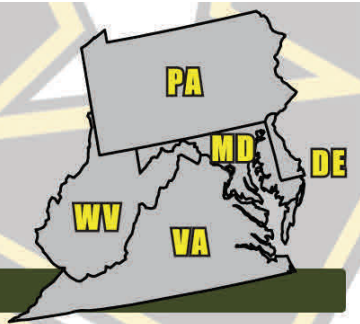
Legislature convened 14 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 31 DEC 16.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

RS 160 REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR ROOSEVELT ROADS MILITARY BASE RS 160 directs the Senate Committee on Infrastructure, Urban Development, and Transportation to conduct an investigation regarding plans, proposals, and initiatives under consideration, or approved, for the use and development of the former Roosevelt Roads Military Base. The bill has passed the Senate and 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

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

2002 BASE YEAR EMISSIONS INVENTORY FOR THE DELAWARE PORTION OF THE PHILADELPHIA NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a final rule approving the SIP revision submitted by the state of Delaware on 3 APR 08 (**78 FR 14020**). The SIP revision pertains to the 2002 base year emissions inventory for the Delaware portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware (PA-NJ-DE) nonattainment area. The 2002 base year emissions inventory was submitted to meet nonattainment requirements related to the Delaware nonattainment area for the 1997 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS. The final rule became effective on 3 APR 13.

PROPOSED RULES

SEDIMENT AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DDNREC) has reopened the comment period on [proposed revisions](#) to the Delaware sediment and stormwater regulations. The revisions address the April 2005 recommendations of former Governor Ruth Ann Minner's Task Force on Surface Water Management. Specifically, the revisions address stormwater volume management, conveyance adequacy, operation and maintenance of stormwater management facilities, and establish performance standards for sediment and stormwater practices. The revisions were proposed in February 2012 and DDNREC has spent the past year addressing comments received on the proposal. A notice of the proposed revisions was published in the February 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. A hearing is scheduled for 23 APR 13, and comments are due by 8 MAY 13.



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

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DELINEATIONS OF SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION PROTECTION ZONES The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) issued a [notice](#) announcing the delineations of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) protection zones. The notice lists the areas that have been designated SAV protection zones and are delineated by MDNR for the protection from uprooting and the restoration of SAV.

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR THE NSR PROGRAM FOR FINE PARTICULATE MATTER The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has proposed [amendments](#) to the nonattainment provisions for major new sources and major modifications at COMAR 26.11.17. The amendments incorporate federal standards for the New Source Review (NSR) program for fine particulate matter and its precursors. A hearing is scheduled for 7 MAY 13, and comments are due the same day.



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

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY

EXECUTIVE ORDER 60: COMMISSION ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND DEFENSE ACTIVITIES On 1 MAR 13, Governor Robert McDonnell issued [Executive Order 60](#), creating Virginia's Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities. The commission's responsibilities include: (1) develop and recommend strategies to prevent the closure or realignment of federal military installations located in Virginia or the relocation of national security facilities currently located in the commonwealth; (2) develop and recommend strategies that support and foster collaboration among local and regional entities in identifying appropriate opportunities for the protection of existing federal facilities and the placement of additional federal facilities in the commonwealth; and (3) identify and track all federal government military and national security facilities located in the commonwealth and their military construction plans, and facilitate ways to assist in those plans. The Executive Order will remain in force and effect until 11 JAN 14.

FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 1316 REQUIREMENTS FOR WETLAND DELINEATOR CERTIFICATION SB 1316 removes certain requirements for wetland delineator certification applications. Currently, the law requires that wetland delineation experience prior to applying for certification as a wetland delineator must have occurred under the supervision of a certified professional wetland delineator. The bill removes that requirement. The bill was signed by the governor on 18 MAR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUL 13.

HB 1853 (SB 1029) EFFECTS OF DEVELOPMENT ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS HB 1853 requires any local planning commission to consult with the commander of a military installation that will be affected by development within the

locality in order to reasonably protect the installation against potential adverse effects of development. Both bills were signed by the governor on 12 MAR 13 and become effective on 1 JUL 13.

HB 1917 EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF RENEWABLE THERMAL ENERGY HB 1917 expands the definition of “renewable thermal energy” to include the energy output from certain solar energy systems located in the Commonwealth that heat air or water for residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial processes. Under the current law, the term encompasses only the energy output from renewable-fueled combined heat and power facilities used in industrial processes. Renewable thermal energy is eligible to satisfy the goals of the renewable energy portfolio standard program. The bill was signed by the governor on 18 MAR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUL 13.

HB 2089 ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF PERMITS, CERTIFICATES, AND PLAN APPROVALS HB 2089 allows the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) to transmit electronically air pollution control, water quality, and waste management permits or certificates, as well as other information such as plan approvals. The bill was signed by the governor on 14 MAR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUL 13.

HB 2190 STRINGENCY OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCES HB 2190 establishes a procedure for a state review of the stringency of local stormwater ordinances. The bill requires localities, within 30 days of the adoption of a more stringent stormwater ordinance or requirement, to submit a letter report to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR). The letter report must include an explanation as to why the more stringent ordinance or requirement is necessary. In addition, within 90 days of the ordinance's adoption, a landowner or their agent can request VDCR to determine whether the ordinance or requirement meets the standards of the state law. VDCR has 90 days to make such a determination. The bill was signed by the governor on 20 MAR 13 and becomes effective on 1 JUL 13.

HB 2209 (SB 1309) TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FOR THE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM HB 2209 transfers authority for the administration of the nutrient management certification program and responsibility for adopting regulations on nitrogen application rates from VDCR to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board (VSWCB). The bill also empowers VSWCB to oversee district programs and to allocate general fund moneys to soil and water conservation districts to support their operations. Both bills were signed by the governor on 20 MAR 13 and become effective on 1 JUL 13.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO THE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS VDEQ has adopted **amendments** to the ambient air quality standards. The amendments implement the 15 JAN 13 (**78 FR 3085**) USEPA-revised NAAQS for PM_{2.5}. The annual arithmetic mean concentration has been set at 12 µg/m³, and the 35 µg/m³ standard for the 24-hour concentration has been retained. The amendments become effective on 22 MAY 13.

PROPOSED RULES

ASBESTOS LICENSING REGULATIONS The Virginia Board for Asbestos, Lead, and Home Inspectors has proposed rule **amendments** to the asbestos licensing regulations at 18VAC15-20. The amendments: (1) allow a licensee or an accredited asbestos training provider to renew a license or accredited asbestos training program up to 12 months after the expiration of the license or accreditation without penalty of reapplying as a new applicant; (2) allow for more than 24 hours for training providers to submit course participant lists following course completion; and (3) remove the requirement for two instructors to administer all initial accredited asbestos training programs except for initial worker accredited asbestos training programs. Comments are due by 22 MAY 13.

VPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES RESULTING FROM THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES TO SURFACE WATERS VDEQ has issued a **proposed rule** to reissue, with amendments, the existing Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) general permit that expires on 31 DEC 13. The existing regulation contains the general permit requirements to control point source discharges of chemical pesticide residues and biological pesticides applied in or over, including near, surface waters. The amendments include updates to the narrative technology and water quality based permit requirements, monitoring requirements, and special conditions. A notice of the intended regulatory action was published in the May 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. A hearing is scheduled for 17 MAY 13, and comments are due 7 JUN 13.

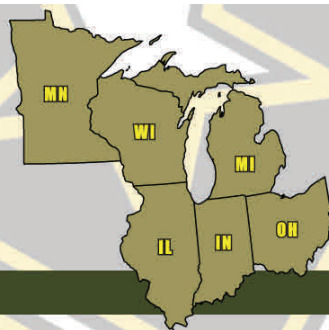
GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES VDCR has issued a [proposed rule](#) to reissue, with amendments, the existing general permit for discharges of stormwater from construction activities. The existing permit expires on 1 JUL 14. The general permit authorizes discharges of stormwater from regulated construction activities to surface waters within the boundaries of the commonwealth of Virginia and includes enhanced criteria for impaired and exceptional waters. Comments are due by 7 JUN 13.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

OZONE ADVANCE ACTION PLAN FOR FREDERICKSBURG VDEQ has issued a [proposed plan](#) to promote continued compliance with the NAAQS for ozone in the Fredericksburg Maintenance Area. The Ozone Advance Action Plan is developed by the commonwealth to meet its overall clean air goals under the Clean Air Act by attaining and maintaining the ambient air quality standards promulgated by USEPA. The comment period closed on 9 APR 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.



Illinois

Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 MAY 13.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 33 REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION SB 33 authorizes the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to adopt rules requiring the electronic submission of information required pursuant to any: (1) state or federal law; (2) regulation; (3) court order; or (4) Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) order. The bill requires those rules to specify, at a minimum, the information to be submitted electronically and the form and format of electronic submission. The bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Rules Committee.

SB 1704 ESTABLISHMENT OF LATE-FILING FEES FOR CAA PERMITS SB 1704 establishes that if a complete renewal application for a CAA permit is submitted to IEPA 90 days or less before the permit expires, then the applicant must pay a \$5,000 late-filing fee. The terms and conditions of the permit must remain in effect until final administrative action has been taken by IEPA on the application. The bill also establishes a \$10,000 late-filing fee for any IEPA approved CAA permit renewal application submitted after the permit expires. The bill was passed by the Environment Committee and placed on the calendar for a second reading.

SB 1961 TRANSFER OF ASBESTOS REGULATION AUTHORITY SB 1961 transfers all the powers, duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) under the Asbestos Abatement Act and the Commercial and Public Buildings Asbestos Abatement Act to IEPA. The bill also makes conforming changes to both acts. The bill was passed by the Environment Committee and placed on the calendar for a second reading.

SB 2226 MATERIAL DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS AT CERTAIN SANITARY LANDFILLS SB 2226 requires IEPA to develop rules that prohibit the disposal of materials at certain sanitary landfills. Disposal is prohibited at sanitary landfills that: (1) have been approved for recycling through an IEPA-issued Beneficial Use Determination (BUD); and (2) are located in a county where a BUD facility for those materials has been approved. The bill also requires IEPA to modify operating permits accordingly. The bill was passed by the State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee and placed on the calendar for a second reading.

FINAL RULES

UPDATE TO THE HAZARDOUS WASTE RULES IPCB has adopted two separate amendments to the Hazardous Waste Operating Requirements regulations at [35 Ill. Adm. Code 720.111](#) and [35 Ill. Adm. Code 726. 120](#). The amendments update the Illinois RCRA Subtitle C hazardous waste rules to correspond with amendments adopted by USEPA from 1 JAN 12 through 30 JUN 12. USEPA amendments adopted include the modified Clean Water Act (CWA) analytical procedures and the standards for recyclable materials used in a manner that constitutes disposal. Notices of the proposed amendments were published in the December 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. Both amendments became effective on 4 MAR 13.

STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL CODE IDPH has adopted [amendments](#) to the structural pest control code regulations at 77 Ill. Adm. Code 830. The amendments include: (1) incorporating a reference to the Electronic Commerce Security Act; (2) clarifying requirements for obtaining an initial license or registration; (3) clarifying requirements for obtaining and maintaining reciprocal certification; and (4) clarifying license and registration renewal requirements. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the October 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 1 MAR 13.



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

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION OF AIR QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION PLANS USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a portion of Indiana's construction permit rule for sources subject to the state operating permit program regulations at 40 CFR part 70 ([78 FR 16412](#)). The provisions authorize the state to incorporate terms from federal consent decrees or federal district court orders into the construction permits. USEPA has also approved the public notice requirements for the permit actions. The new provisions will help streamline the process for making federal consent decree and federal district court order requirements permanent and federally enforceable. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 14 MAY 13.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SUPERVISION PROGRAM USEPA has issued a notice of tentative approval for three revisions to the state of Indiana's public water system supervision program ([78 FR 14791](#)). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has revised several of its rules to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, including the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR), the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 1 DDBPR), and the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR). USEPA intends to approve the revisions and give IDEM primary enforcement responsibility for the regulations. Barring adverse comment or receipt of a hearing request, the tentative approval will become final and effective on 8 APR 13.

FINAL RULES

DRINKING AND GROUNDWATER STANDARDS The Indiana Water Pollution Control Board has adopted [amendments](#) to drinking and groundwater standards at 327 IAC 8-2. The amendments update the rules to conform to USEPA's Stage 2 Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts Rule and change references to analytical methods. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the May 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 27 MAR 13.



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

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SUPERVISION PROGRAM USEPA has issued a notice of tentative approval for five revisions to the state of Michigan's public water system supervision program ([78 FR 18336](#)). The Michigan Department

of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has revised several of its rules to comply with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, including the Groundwater Rule, the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule, the Long-Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, the Lead and Copper Rule Short Term Revisions, and the Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions. These rules better protect public health by controlling microbial contaminants and disinfection byproducts, and streamline existing lead and copper rule requirements. USEPA intends to approve the revisions and give MDEQ primary enforcement responsibility for the regulations. Barring adverse comment or receipt of a hearing request, the tentative approval will become final and effective on 25 APR 13.

PROPOSED RULES

GENERAL PERMIT AND MINOR PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR INLAND LAKES AND STREAMS, WETLANDS, AND THE GREAT LAKES MDEQ has [proposed](#) new and modified GP and Minor Project (MP) categories for activities in inland lakes and streams, wetlands, and the Great Lakes. The categories are for activities that are similar in nature, will cause only minimal adverse effects when performed separately, and will have only minimal cumulative adverse effects on the environment. The categories will allow better coordination between applicable statutes and provide clarity on the requirements needed to be met for each category. GP and MP categories are issued for a five-year period. The comment period closed on 26 MAR 13.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DRAFT STATEWIDE MERCURY TMDL FOR INLAND WATERS MDEQ has released the [draft statewide mercury Total Maximum Daily Load](#) (TMDL) for comment. The water bodies covered by the statewide TMDL were included on Michigan's Year 2012 Section 303(d) list due to high concentrations of mercury in fish tissue and the water column. The TMDL is being developed to identify the mercury reductions necessary to meet water quality standards in inland waters. Comments are due by 8 MAY 13.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 DEC 13.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

APPROVAL OF PARTICULATE MATTER STANDARDS USEPA has issued a direct final rule converting a conditional approval of specified provisions of the Ohio SIP to a full approval ([78 FR 19128](#)). Ohio submitted a request to approve revised PM rules on 23 FEB 12. The PM rule revisions being approved: (1) establish work practices for coating operations; (2) add a section clarifying that sources can be subject to both stationary source and fugitive source PM restrictions; and (3) add a PM emission limitation exemption for jet engine testing. Pursuant to a state commitment underlying a previous conditional approval of this rule, any state granted exemption from the work practice requirements to large coating sources must be submitted to USEPA for approval. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 28 MAY 13.

APPROVAL OF 1997 8-HOUR OZONE MAINTENANCE PLAN REVISIONS FOR TWO AREAS USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving requests by Ohio to revise the 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance air quality SIPs for the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain Area and the Columbus Area ([78 FR 16785](#)). The revisions replace the previously approved motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) with budgets developed using USEPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) emissions model. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 20 MAY 13.

PROPOSED RULES

OHIO PORTION OF THE TOLEDO OZONE BASIC NONATTAINMENT AREA OEPA has proposed a [revision](#) to the Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Toledo, 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area under the 1997 ozone standard. The proposed maintenance plan revision updates mobile emission projections and conformity budgets based on emission rates generated from USEPA's MOVES emissions model. The nonattainment area includes Lucas and Wood counties. The comment period closed on 9 APR 13.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DEVELOPING RULES TO REDUCE THE IMPACTS OF NUTRIENTS IN SURFACE WATERS The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) is engaging in [early stakeholder outreach](#) concerning the development of regulations to address the need, and the most appropriate means to protect beneficial uses of water from adverse impacts due to cultural eutrophication. Cultural eutrophication is the result of releasing large amounts of nutrients into rivers and lakes. If left unchecked cultural eutrophication can result in harmful algal blooms, the depletion of dissolved oxygen, and fish kills. Comments are due by 22 MAY 13.

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO SURFACE WATER TREATMENT RULES OEPA has released [draft amendments](#) to the surface water treatment rules found in Chapter 3745-81 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The amendments include: (1) adding the definition for an uncovered water storage facility previously removed from rule 3745-83-01; (2) corrections and clarifications required for OEPA to maintain primary enforcement authority; and (3) clarifications to address the demonstration of alternative technologies, monitoring requirements for systems using grab sampling, and monitoring disinfectant residuals. The comment period closed on 10 APR 13.



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

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

[SF 1149](#) ([HF 1358](#)) **EFFICIENCIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PERMITTING** SB 1149 modifies and creates efficiencies for environmental and resource management permitting. The bill allows reimbursement by a permit applicant for expediting the permit development process. The bill also expands certain duties of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) relating to setting a duration period for state disposal system permits. SF 1149 also requires MPCA to extend permit terms not to exceed ten years for solid waste management facilities. The bill was referred to the Environment and Energy Committee.

[HF 1133](#) ([SF 1027](#)) **CREATING PERMITTING EFFICIENCY** HF 1133 provides for permitting efficiency by requiring that environmental and resource management permits for construction be issued or denied within 40 days of the permit application submission. Non-construction permits are required to be issued or denied within 90 days of the permit application submission. The bill also: (1) modifies terms for certain permits; (2) creates a pollution control ombudsperson; (3) modifies environmental review petition requirements; and (4) appropriates money. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

[SF 1506](#) ([HF 1620](#)) **PROHIBITION ON DRONE USAGE** SF 1506 prohibits a law enforcement agency from using drones to gather evidence or other information. The bill also prohibits the use of drones by a federal agency within the boundaries of the state. The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee. ***Note:** Further amendments to the bill are expected that would reduce or eliminate potential impacts of the bill on military training.*

[HF 994](#) **CUMULATIVE POLLUTION IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT** HB 994 requires an analysis of cumulative pollution impacts before an environmental permit is issued and as part of the environmental review. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

[HF 995](#) **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS** HB 995 requires an environmental impact statement (EIS) to be prepared prior to the issuance of any permit that is likely to increase the level of pollution, impairment, or destruction of the air, water, land, or other natural resources in an impacted community. The bill also prohibits pollution within certain geographic areas. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

[HF 1155](#) **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT** HF 1155 establishes the Environmental Justice Act. The bill requires all state agencies, boards, commissions, and other bodies involved in decisions that may affect environmental quality to adopt and implement environmental justice policies. The bill also establishes the multiagency Environmental Justice Task Force. The task force will be convened by the commissioners of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), or their appointed designees. The task force is an advisory body that will make recommendations to state agencies regarding actions to be taken to address environmental justice issues consistent

with each agency's existing statutory and regulatory authority. The bill was referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee.

PROPOSED RULES

HEALTH RISK LIMITS FOR GROUNDWATER STANDARDS MDH has proposed [amendments](#) to the health risk limit (HRL) rules for groundwater. The proposed amendments cover HRLs for contaminants found in groundwater that may be used for drinking purposes. The amendments add or replace HRL values with guidance values developed by MDH between 2010 and 2012. The comment period closed on 10 APR 13.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 DEC 13.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 71 LIMITING THE REGULATION OF WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SB 71 removes current restrictions placed on a city, village, town, or county's (political subdivision) authority to regulate wind energy systems. The bill allows a political subdivision to impose a restriction on a wind energy system that is more restrictive than the Public Service Commission (PSC) rules, but only if the restriction satisfies multiple conditions. The bill does not affect a political subdivision's authority regarding solar energy systems. The bill was referred to the Government Operations, Public Works, and Telecommunications Committee.

Department of Defense Activity

DOD RELEASES CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ROADMAP DOD has released a [Climate Change Adaptation Roadmap](#) that details the department's plan for managing the effects of climate change on its operations and infrastructure in both the short and long term. The roadmap, a key element of DOD's annual update of its [Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan](#), specifically requires the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program to develop climate change assessment tools for DOD's installations.

POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS TO DOD FIRING-RANGE PERSONNEL FROM LEAD EXPOSURE DOD asked the National Research Council (NRC) to evaluate potential health risks from recurrent lead exposure of firing-range personnel, and specifically, whether current exposure standards for lead on DOD firing ranges protect its workers adequately. In response to DOD's request, NRC convened a committee that investigated and prepared a report summarizing those risks. Review of the epidemiologic and toxicological data allowed the committee to conclude that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard provides inadequate protection for DOD firing-range personnel. The report, [Potential Health Risks to DOD Firing-Range Personnel from Recurrent Lead Exposure](#), provides information to decision makers about: (1) setting new air exposure limits for lead on firing ranges; (2) whether to implement limits for surface contamination; and (3) how to design lead-surveillance programs for range personnel. A [summary of the report](#) can be found on DENIX.

Federal Activity

AIR

ADDITIONAL QUALIFYING RENEWABLE FUEL PATHWAYS USEPA has issued a final rule qualifying camelina oil as biomass-based diesel or advanced biofuel, and biofuels from energy cane qualifying as cellulosic biofuel ([78 FR 14190](#)). USEPA determined these additional fuel pathways will help meet the GHG reduction requirements of the Renewable Fuel

Standard (RFS) Program. The inclusion of these pathways creates additional opportunity and flexibility for regulated parties to comply with the advanced and cellulosic requirements of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA). The rule becomes effective on 6 MAY 13.

CLIMATE CHANGE

WATERSHED MODELING FOR 20 WATERSHEDS ASSESSMENT USEPA has issued a draft document titled, **Watershed Modeling to Assess the Sensitivity of Streamflow, Nutrient, and Sediment Loads to Climate Change and Urban Development in 20 U.S. Watersheds**. The document characterizes the sensitivity of stream flow, nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), and sediment loading to a range of plausible mid-21st century climate change and urban development scenarios. The study also provides an improved understanding of methodological challenges associated with integrating existing tools and datasets to assess the potential effects of climate change and urban development on stream flow and water quality. **NOTE:** *Five watersheds discussed in the document fall within the REEO-N area of responsibility: (1) Minnesota River Basin (MN); (2) Susquehanna River Basin (NY, PA, MD); (3) Upper Illinois River Basin (IL, WI, IN); (4) Lake Erie drainage model area (MI, OH); and (5) New England Coastal Basin model area (ME, NH, MA).* Comments are due by 15 APR 13.

ENERGY

POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE 21ST CENTURY GRID: A PROGRESS REPORT The White House has released **A Policy Framework for the 21st Century Grid: A Progress Report**. The document is an update to the original policy framework released in June 2011. The update promotes DOD as an appropriate entity to develop energy technology innovations, including smart grid and micro-grid technologies.

NEW GUIDE FOR FEDERAL AGENCIES DEVELOPING LARGE-SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS The Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) has developed a **new guide** that provides a framework to allow the federal government, private developers, and financiers to work in a coordinated effort on large-scale renewable energy projects. The guide was developed by FEMP and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, with contribution and assistance provided by the **Army Energy Initiatives Task Force** (EITF). It was developed in concert with the EITF's process for large-scale renewable energy project development.

FEMP LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO HELP FEDERAL AGENCIES REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS FEMP has launched a **new website** to help federal agency personnel evaluate mitigation strategies for different emission sources, including buildings, fleet vehicles, business travel, and employee commuting. The website also helps prioritize projects to achieve reduction goals in the most cost-effective manner.

FISH WILDLIFE SERVICE

VIRGINIA NORTHERN FLYING SQUIRREL DE-LISTING The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a final rule reinstating the removal of the Virginia northern flying squirrel from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife (**78 FR 14022**). The final rule is pursuant to a District of Columbia District Court of Appeals order.

REMOVAL OF SEAGRASSES FROM THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PUERTO RICO AND THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a proposed rule addressing the future management of seagrasses in the U.S. Caribbean exclusive economic zone (**78 FR 14503**). If implemented, the rule would remove seagrass species from the Coral Fishery Management Plan (FMP), because the Fishery Management Council determined that federal management of these seagrass species is unnecessary. The Coral FMP currently includes four individual species of seagrasses, all of which occur in U.S. Caribbean waters.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

PRION DECLARED A PEST UNDER FIFRA USEPA has issued a final rule declaring a prion to be a "pest" under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (**78 FR 13501**). The final rule amends the regulations to expressly include prion, a microscopic particle thought to be an infectious agent, within the regulatory definition of pest. In addition, the final rule provides final test guidelines on generating the product performance data for prion-related pesticide products.

ADDITION OF ORTHO-NITROTOLUENE TO EPCRA 313 CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTING LIST USEPA has issued a proposed rule to add ortho-nitrotoluene to the list of toxic chemicals subject to reporting under Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act EPCRA Section 313 ([78 FR 15913](#)). Nitrotoluene has been classified by the National Toxicology Program as “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.” Comments are due 13 MAY 13.

FEDERAL AGENCY HAZARDOUS WASTE COMPLIANCE DOCKET UPDATE USEPA has updated the [Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket](#), which is used to identify federal facilities that should be evaluated to determine if they pose a threat that requires environmental remediation ([78 FR 16668](#)). The update replaces a previous notice published on 6 NOV 12 because the previous notice inadvertently omitted the last page of additions in the Tables section. Additions to the docket include: (1) Youngstown Naval Reserve Center, Youngstown, OH; (2) Mansfield Naval Reserve Center, Mansfield, OH; and (3) Navy Remediation at Teledyne Turbine Engines, Toledo, OH.

OTHER

MORE EFFICIENT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS UNDER NEPA The Council on Environmental Quality has released [a new handbook](#) that encourages more efficient environmental reviews under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The handbook provides advice to federal agencies, applicants, project sponsors, and consultants on how to take advantage of existing regulatory provisions to align the NEPA process and the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review process.

WATER

TEST PROCEDURES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF POLLUTANTS UNDER THE CWA USEPA has issued a notice of final decision announcing that USEPA discussed, but didn’t approve, a new test method for oil and grease for nationwide use ([78 FR 14457](#)). The decision does allow a permit holder to petition to use the new alternative test method. The petitioner would need to submit a request to USEPA to use the alternative method, along with specific data. USEPA will grant approval to use the alternative method on a case-by-case basis.

FEDERAL SUPPORT TOOLBOX FOR INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT The USACE has launched a [Federal Support Toolbox](#) that is a comprehensive water resources website with direct links to valuable databases, innovative programs, initiatives and state-of-the-art models and tools. The website also serves as a resource for sharing ideas and water resources needs, best management practices, collaborations, partnerships and more for the water resources community in the U.S. and internationally.

AMENDMENTS TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 12777 - DELEGATION OF AUTHORITIES The President has issued amendments to [Executive Order 12777](#) to delegate authorities for enforcement of portions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and CWA to the Department of Transportation and Coast Guard.

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

16-18 APR 13, Washington, DC [ESPC COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOP](#) Open only to federal employees and DOE management and operating contractors, the workshop outlines the latest DOE Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) process. The session is taught by DOE national laboratory experts and other consultants with extensive background in ESPCs.

8-10 MAY 13, CHICAGO, IL [INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUSTAINABILITY PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE](#) The conference is structured around "living case studies" of sustainability implementations.

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

[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.

For further information visit the [Army's Regional Environmental and Energy Offices' website](#).

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