



# Northern Review

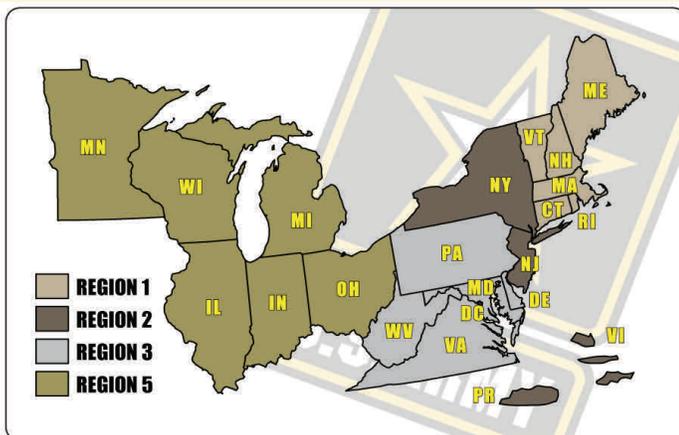
## of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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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 transform the state's cleanup program. In MA, proposed legislation regarding emission from all regulated highway diesel vehicles. In ME, finalized amendments to land use standards, and proposed legislation concerning setback and buffer requirements. In NH, proposed amendments to several air regulations regarding incinerators. In VT, proposed legislation regarding USTs.

### Region 2

In NJ, proposed legislation to update the Shore Protection Master Plan, and expedite permitting, and proposed updates to the Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan. In NY, legislative proposals for the prohibition on heavy duty vehicle idling, imposing new standards for ventilation in state owned buildings, and a proposed regulatory environmental incentive policy.

### Region 3

In DE, federal approval for PSD permitting provisions relating to GHGs. In DC, new drinking water and wastewater discharge requirements. In MD, a county legislative proposal to create a stormwater remediation fee. In PA, finalized amendments increasing the dam safety/waterway management fees, and a proposal to increase the Title V annual emission fee.

### Region 5

In IL, a proposed law creating the Lake Michigan Wind Energy Act, and finalized rules for multiple water regulations. In IN, a proposed law creating an Office of Energy Development, and a final rule for reducing VOCs in degreasers. In MN, a proposed law abolishing the 2025 Renewable Energy Standards, and a reissued stormwater general permit for construction. In OH, final hazardous waste reporting changes. In WI, proposed changes to general wastewater pretreatment requirements and updates to the State TES list.

### DOD Activity

The Army Announces FY12 Environmental Award Winners; DOE recognizes military energy and water conservation best practices.

### Federal Activity

The White House released 2012 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans. USEPA final rules for NESHAPs, boilers, incineration units, and the total coliform rule. ACOE is amending its nationwide permit regulations.

# 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.

## REGULATORY ACTIVITY

**DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSFORMED CLEANUP PROGRAM** The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CDEEP) has posted a [draft proposal](#) to transform the state cleanup program. CDEEP is in the process of transforming the state's cleanup laws and regulations with the goal of achieving more cleanups more efficiently and effectively. The comment period closed on 4 MAR 13.



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

## FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**MULTIPLE SIP REVISIONS IMPLEMENTING CAA REQUIREMENTS** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve several State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ([78 FR 9016](#)). The revisions: (1) add new monitoring, inspection, maintenance and testing requirements for certain fossil fuel utilization facilities; (2) rename and clarify stationary source emission reporting requirements; and (3) establish compliance and certification standards for new boilers. The proposed revisions will allow the state to implement multiple Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements. The comment period closed on 11 MAR 13.

**RACT FOR THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve SIP revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ([78 FR 10583](#)). The revisions consist of a demonstration that Massachusetts meets the requirements of reasonably available control technology (RACT) for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) set forth by the CAA with respect to the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. Additionally, the proposed rule approves updates to two existing regulations limiting emissions of VOCs. Comments are due by 18 MAR 13.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

**HB 679 DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT OF 2013** HB 679 establishes the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2013. The Act requires that after 1 JAN 17, no fleet owner or operator shall operate any regulated highway diesel vehicle in the commonwealth unless that vehicle has installed Level 3 controls. A "Level 3 control" is defined as a device that achieves a particulate matter (PM) emission reduction of 85% or more from uncontrolled engine emission levels, or that reduces emissions to less than or equal to 0.01 grams of PM per brake horsepower-hour. The bill was referred to the Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee. *Note: There is an exemption for emergency vehicles but not military vehicles.*

**HB 1944 CREATION OF THE POLLUTION PUBLIC HEALTH EFFECTS MITIGATION TRUST FUND** HB 1944 establishes the Pollution Public Health Effects Mitigation Trust Fund to support research and education regarding the health impacts of pollution on citizens of the commonwealth. Revenue for the fund will come from multiple sources including a new fee. The bill establishes a monthly pollution mitigation fee in an amount not less than 20 cents for each pound of any air

pollutant emitted by any major source. An owner of a major source of any air pollutant shall be liable for the fee. The bill was referred to the Public Health Committee.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**MASSACHUSETTS CONTINGENCY PLAN** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has [proposed amendments](#) to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0000). The proposed amendments, part of MassDEP's Regulatory Reform Initiative, will enhance program efficiency while maintaining a high standard of environmental protection. Proposed amendments include revising numeric cleanup standards and notification thresholds by incorporating the most recent chemical toxicity information for a number of chemicals. Comments are due by 17 MAY 13.



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

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**LD 674 MORE STRINGENT SETBACK AND BUFFER ZONE REGULATIONS** LD 674 changes the setback requirement to 75 feet for: (1) significant vernal pool habitat; (2) high and moderate value inland waterfowl and wading bird habitat; and (3) shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas. The bill also provides a mechanism to compensate landowners for the property value losses incurred as a result of more stringent setback or buffer zone regulations. The bill was referred to the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee.

## **FINAL RULES**

**LAND USE DISTRICTS AND STANDARDS** The Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) has issued a [final rule](#) amending land use standards rules. The amendments accommodate for new projects requiring rezoning to a planned development subdistrict, and optimize coordination with the MDEP Site Law permit review. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the October 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 22 FEB 13.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT SMALL MS4s NPDES GENERAL PERMIT** USEPA has issued a notice of availability for the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit for discharges from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) to certain waters of the state of New Hampshire ([78 FR 9908](#)). The draft NPDES general permit establishes Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, prohibitions, and management practices for stormwater discharges from small MS4s. A prior notice of availability for the draft general permit was issued by USEPA in December 2008. USEPA has substantially modified the previous draft general permit. Comments are due by 15 APR 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**CHANGE TO THE DEFINITION OF INCINERATOR** The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has issued a [proposed rule](#) to revise the existing definition of incinerator (Env-A 101.104) to include wood waste burners. A hearing is scheduled for 22 MAR 13, and comments are due by 29 MAR 13.

**AMENDED INCINERATOR EMISSION STANDARDS** NHDES has issued a [proposed rule](#) to readopt with amendments, Env-A 1900, which provides emission standards for incinerators that are not otherwise regulated under federal rules. Env-A 1900 was scheduled to expire on 26 FEB 13. The amendments remove sections pertaining to incinerators that are now subject to more stringent federal standards, or that are now covered by Env-A 1400, Regulated Toxic Air Pollutants. The proposed rule also changes the standard for allowable visible emissions for wood waste burners. The existing rules will

remain in effect until the proposed rule is adopted and effective. A hearing is scheduled for 22 MAR 13, and comments are due by 29 MAR 13.

**PREVENTION, ABATEMENT, AND CONTROL OF MOBILE SOURCE AIR POLLUTION** NHDES has issued a [proposed rule](#) to readopt Env-A 1100, which regulates emissions from motor vehicles. Env-A 1100 is scheduled to expire on 26 MAR 13. The proposed rule deletes the Diesel Opacity Standards because they are now under the authority and jurisdiction of the New Hampshire Department of Safety. No other changes to the substance of the existing rules are proposed. The existing rules will remain in effect until the proposed rule is adopted and effective. A hearing is scheduled for 2 APR 13, and comments are due by 9 APR 13.



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

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HB 226 REGULATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS** HB 226 requires the Vermont Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt rules for closing single-wall and combination tank systems by designated dates. The bill provides caps for disbursements from the Petroleum Cleanup Fund and further guidelines for when disbursements may be made as well as how much may be disbursed. The bill also amends current statutes to require payment of petroleum distributor licensing fees until 2021 and payment of petroleum tank assessment fees until 2019. The bill was referred to the Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources Committee.

**HB 312 REGULATING IN-STATE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES** HB 312 requires that in-state electric generation facilities conform with adopted municipal plans. The bill also gives municipalities the authority to adopt land use bylaws to regulate the siting of electric generation facilities, except for net metering systems. The bill was referred to the Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

**HB 313 JURISDICTION OVER SITING OF IN-STATE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES** HB 313 moves jurisdiction over the siting of in-state electric generation facilities, except for net metering systems, from the Public Service Board to the District Environmental Commissions. The bill was referred to the Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

## **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**

**APPROVAL OF NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK OZONE ATTAINMENT DEMONSTRATIONS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving the ozone attainment demonstration portion of comprehensive SIP revisions submitted by New Jersey and New York ([78 FR 9596](#)). The approval allows the states to meet CAA requirements for attaining the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). The final rule approves New Jersey and New York's demonstrations of attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard as they relate to their portions of three moderate non-attainment areas: (1) New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area; (2) Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE area; and (3) Poughkeepsie, NY area. The final rule became effective on 13 MAR 13.



# New Jersey

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

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

[SB 2528 \(AB 3897\)](#) **RECYCLING EXEMPTION FOR COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SOLID WASTE GENERATORS** SB 2528 provides an exemption for commercial and institutional solid waste generators from source separation requirements of municipal recycling ordinances if recyclable materials are otherwise recycled. The bill was referred to the Environment and Energy Committee.

[SB 2574 \(AB 3320\)](#) **EXPEDITED PERMITTING THROUGH USE OF GENERAL PERMITS** SB 2574 directs state agencies to take certain action to expedite permitting through use of general permits. The bill was referred to the State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee.

[SB 2575 \(AB 3500\)](#) **UPDATE TO THE SHORE PROTECTION MASTER PLAN** SB 2575 requires the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to update the Shore Protection Master Plan. The update would include lists of all ongoing and current shore protection projects, along with currently planned projects anticipated to be undertaken in the state within the next five years. The bill was referred to the Environment and Energy Committee.

## PROPOSED RULES

**FORT MONMOUTH REUSE AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN** The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority has [proposed rules](#) consistent with, and in furtherance of, the Fort Monmouth Reuse and Redevelopment Plan (FMRRP). The FMRRP is the comprehensive conversion and revitalization plan for Fort Monmouth that was developed to encourage enlightened land use and create employment and other business opportunities for the benefit of the three host municipalities. Accordingly, the proposed new land use rules are intended to further the vision described in the reuse plan and are designed to promote flexibility in implementation of the plan. Comments are due by 20 APR 13.

## OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2014 LIST OF WATER QUALITY LIMITED WATERS** NJDEP has issued a [notice](#) that it is soliciting water quality data to be considered in the development of the 2014 List of Water Quality Limited Waters (303(d) List). The 2014 303(d) List will identify waters of the state that exceed surface water quality standards, do not attain designated uses, and require development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs). NJDEP plans to submit the draft 2014 303(d) List to USEPA by April 2014 along with the New Jersey 2014 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. Comments are due by 1 JUL 13.



# New York

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## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

[SB 3531](#) **BAN ON THE USE OF ATRAZINE** SB 3531 amends the environmental conservation law by prohibiting the use of the herbicide atrazine. The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

[AB 3595 \(SB 164\)](#) **TCE EXPOSURE PREVENTION** AB 3595 provides for trichloroethylene (TCE) exposure prevention and directs the New York Department of Health (NYDOH) to prescribe a maximum indoor air contaminant level for TCE. The bill was reported out of the Codes Committee and it has advanced to a third reading.

[AB 3599](#) **INDOOR AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** AB 3599 amends the public health law, in relation to protecting indoor air quality in state owned, leased or operated buildings. The law is amended by adding article 49-A that adopts established standards for ventilation. The new article contains requirements for indoor air quality plans, indoor air quality standards, indoor air investigations, and a training course. The bill was reported out of the Health Committee and referred to the Codes Committee.

**AB 4248 PROHIBITION ON HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE IDLING** AB 4248 prohibits idling of heavy duty vehicles and outlines certain exceptions. The bill also allows assigning points for violations as the commissioner of motor vehicles deems appropriate. The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee. *Note: The DoD REC is submitting comments on the bill seeking an exception for military tactical vehicles used in training and emergency relief operations.*

**AB 4550 MATCHING GRANT FUNDS FOR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** AB 4550 amends the public authorities law, in relation to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and federal matching grants for organizations associated with energy research and high technology economic development. The bill was referred to the Energy Committee.

**AB 4552 (SB 3293) USE OF BART AND ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL FUEL FOR STATE VEHICLES** AB 4552 amends the environmental conservation law in relation to the use of ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and best available retrofit technology (BART) for state owned vehicles. The bill covers diesel powered heavy duty vehicles that are owned, operated, or leased by a state agency and state and regional public authority vehicles. The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

**AB 4837 (SB 3707) REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTING TIDAL WETLAND PERMITS** AB 4837 amends the environmental conservation law, in relation to granting of tidal wetland permits. The bill states that tidal wetland permits, except for maintenance and new dredging projects, may be granted for a period of no more than five years. Upon expiration, an extension, if requested, will not be granted unless a complete new application is submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for review. The bill was referred to the Environmental Conservation Committee.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL INCENTIVE POLICY** NYSDEC has released for public comment a [proposed](#) Environmental Incentive Policy. The policy is aimed at improving practices at businesses, local governments and other regulated entities to better protect the environment and prevent pollution. Comments are due by 22 APR 13.



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

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**BR 130008 LAND AND WATER USE PLAN FOR ST. CROIX** BR 130008 adopts a Land and Water Use Plan for St. Croix. The bill was prefiled and bill text is not currently available.



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

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**RC 303 QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER RECEIVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF VIEQUES** RC 303 directs multiple committees within the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico to conduct comprehensive research on the service and quality of drinking water that is received by residents of the island municipality of Vieques by the Government of Puerto Rico. The committees must also research the status of land clearing and improvement plans for the supply of drinking water in Vieques. The bill was referred to the Internal Affairs 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.



## FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**ADEQUACY FINDING FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON DC AREA MVEBS** USEPA has issued a notice of adequacy for SIP revisions submitted by the state of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia (DC) ([78 FR 9044](#)). The notice states that the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for VOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> in the 2009 Attainment Plans and 2010 Contingency Plans submitted as SIP revisions by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), and the DC Department of Health are adequate for transportation conformity purposes. Due to the finding, the Washington DC-MD-VA Non-attainment Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS must use the MVEBs from the SIP revisions for future conformity determinations standard. The adequacy finding became effective on 22 FEB 13.



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

## FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**GREENHOUSE GAS PERMITTING AUTHORITY AND TAILORING RULE REVISION** USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ([78 FR 13496](#)). The revision pertains to USEPA's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting provisions relating to greenhouse gases (GHGs) as promulgated on 3 JUN 10 in the Tailoring Rule. The revision modifies Delaware's PSD program to establish appropriate emission thresholds for determining which new stationary sources and modifications become subject to Delaware's PSD permitting requirements for their GHG emissions.



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

## FINAL LEGISLATION

**Bill 769 NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TESTING OF DC DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER DISCHARGE** Bill 769 (Public Act: A19-0560) has been adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia (CDC). The Act amends the DC Water and Sewer Authority (DCWSA) Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996 to mandate testing for unregulated contaminants in the District's drinking water. The Act also establishes a Water Quality Assurance Advisory Panel to discuss and analyze findings related to emerging and unregulated contaminants in the District's drinking water and wastewater discharge. The Panel will recommend to the Mayor and the General Manager of the DCWSA an appropriate course of action to improve drinking water quality in the District. The Act has been sent to Congress and is expected to become effective on 22 MAR 13, after a 30-day review.

**Bill 938 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FLOOD ASSISTANCE FUND PROGRAM** Bill 938 (Public Act: A19-0661) has been adopted by the CDC. The Act establishes the Flood Assistance Fund Program, the DC Flood Assistance Fund, and an associated assessment to reimburse District residents for costs related to property damage caused by sewer-line backup. The Act requires the establishment of a flood assistance fund fee, which will not exceed \$0.30 per equivalent residential unit per month. The Act will be sent to Congress for a 30-day period of congressional review, after which it is expected to become effective. *Note: The DoD REC submitted a comment letter establishing that the "fee" is in fact a tax and states that DoD is precluded from paying this tax.*



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

### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO STATE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the state of Maryland ([78 FR 9593](#)). The direct final rule adopted the NAAQS for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), lead (Pb), PM and carbon monoxide (CO) as well as the relevant reference and equivalent monitoring methods. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 12 APR 13.

**DEFERRAL OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS FROM BIOENERGY STATIONARY SOURCES** USEPA has issued a final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by MDE on 4 APR 12 ([78 FR 13497](#)). The revision defers, until 21 JUL 14, the application of PSD permitting requirements to biogenic carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from bioenergy and other biogenic stationary sources in the state of Maryland. The final rule becomes effective on 1 APR 13.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

[Bill 13-12](#) **STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE** Bill 13-12 was introduced by the Harford County Council. The bill: (1) adds a new Article III, Watershed Restoration and Protection, to Chapter 214, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management, of the Harford County Code; (2) creates a flat Stormwater Remediation Fee of \$125 per year that will be charged to all residential and agricultural properties other than apartments; (3) provides that a fee of \$7.00 per 500 square feet of impervious area will be charged to commercial and industrial properties and apartment buildings, maritime facilities, and property owned by a fraternal organization, religious institution or health care facility. A hearing is scheduled for 19 MAR 13.



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

### **FINAL RULES**

**DAM SAFETY AND WATERWAY MANAGEMENT FEES** The Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board has [finalized amendments](#) to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (PADEP) dam safety and waterway management regulations. The amendments update existing fees and include additional fees for activities performed by PADEP. The amendments were developed to offset a portion of the operating costs of the water obstruction and encroachment program and the dam safety program. The amendments became effective on 16 FEB 13.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**AIR QUALITY TITLE V FEE AMENDMENT** PADEP has issued a [proposed rule](#) to amend Chapter 127, Subchapter I, relating to plan approval and operating permit fees. The amendments would satisfy federal and state obligations to establish a Title V annual emission fee sufficient to cover the reasonable direct and indirect costs of administering the operating permit program and other related requirements. Comments are due by 8 APR 13.

### **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**WATER CONSERVATION MANDATES** The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission has issued an [advance notice](#) of proposed rulemaking to solicit comments on revisions to regulations covering unaccounted-for-water at 52 Pa. Code Â§ 65.20(4). In particular, comments are invited on whether it is necessary for the Commission to adopt new regulations to further advance water audit methodology adopted previously. Comments are due 10 APR 13.



# Virginia

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

## OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

**OZONE ADVANCE ACTION PLANS FOR HAMPTON ROADS AND RICHMOND-PETERSBURG MAINTENANCE AREAS** VDEQ is soliciting comment on proposed plans to promote continued compliance with the NAAQS for ozone in the [Hampton Roads Maintenance Area](#) and the [Richmond-Petersburg Maintenance Area](#). The ozone advance action plans were developed by the commonwealth in order to meet the overall clean air goals under the CAA by attaining and maintaining the ambient air quality standards promulgated by USEPA. The Hampton Roads Maintenance Area Plan has a hearing scheduled for 9 APR 13, and comments are due by 10 APR 13. The Richmond-Petersburg Maintenance Area Plan has a hearing scheduled for 5 APR 13, and comments are due by 9 APR 13.



# West Virginia

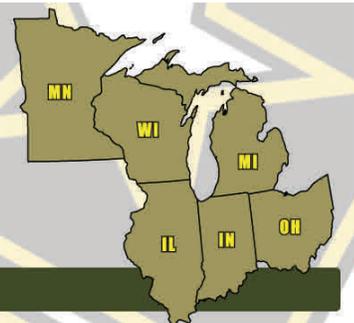
Legislature convened 9 JAN 13 and adjourns sine die 14 APR 13.

## PROPOSED RULES

**REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS** The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has [proposed](#) an emergency rule to address the aquatic life category B dissolved aluminum criteria and human health category A beryllium criterion in the state water quality standards rule. A hearing is scheduled for 27 MAR 13, and comments are due the same day.

# 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

**HB 1141 AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS** HB 1141 provides that the Illinois Power Agency (ILPA) has the authority to review and approve qualified solar power purchase agreements. ILPA must accept applications from proposed operators of proposed qualified solar remediation facilities to approve qualified solar power purchase agreements. The bill also sets forth the requirements for each qualified solar power purchase agreement and provides the timetable for ILPA review. The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 2753 LAKE MICHIGAN WIND ENERGY ACT** HB 2753 is known as the Lake Michigan Wind Energy Act. The Act requires the Illinois (IDNR) Department of Natural Resources to develop a detailed offshore wind energy siting matrix for the public trust lands of Lake Michigan. The Act authorizes IDNR to grant offshore wind energy development site assessment permits and leases. The Act also creates the Offshore Wind Energy Economic Development Policy Task Force, which will analyze and evaluate policy and economic options to facilitate the development of offshore wind energy. The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

## **FINAL RULES**

**STATUTORY CHANGES FOR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD'S PROCEDURAL RULES** The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) has adopted a [final rule](#) that conforms the Board's procedural rules to a statutory change. The final rule reduces the Board's membership from seven to five and stipulates that four members constitute a quorum if there is no vacancy on the Board. Otherwise, a majority of members will constitute a quorum. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the November 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 28 JAN 13.

**UPDATES TO THE WASTEWATER PRETREATMENT RULES** IEPA has [finalized amendments](#), to Part 310, which implement segments of the USEPA amendments of May 18, 2012. The final amendments update the incorporations by reference relating to USEPA-approved analytical methods for use in demonstrating compliance. IEPA has included a limited number of corrections and clarifying amendments that are not directly derived from the instant federal amendments. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the December 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 4 FEB 13.

**UPDATES TO THE PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS** IEPA has [finalized amendments](#) that update the Illinois Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) rules to correspond with amendments adopted by USEPA that appeared in the Federal Register during the period 1 JAN 12 through 30 JUN 12. The amendments include USEPA's third installment of the Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule (UCMR3), and approved alternative equivalent analytical methods for use in demonstrating compliance with the drinking water standards. The amendments became effective on 4 FEB 13.

**UPDATE TO THE SEWER DISCHARGE CRITERIA** IEPA has [finalized amendments](#) that update the Illinois wastewater pretreatment rules, in Part 307, to correspond with amendments adopted by USEPA that appeared in the Federal Register during the period of 1 JAN 12 through 30 JUN 12. The amendments incorporate USEPA testing procedures approved for sampling and analysis in programs established under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The amendments updated the versions allowed for existing methods and approved new methods for use. The amendments became effective on 4 FEB 13.



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

## **EXECUTIVE BRANCH ACTIVITY**

**CREATION OF THE INDIANA OFFICE OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT** On 6 FEB 13, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, issued [Executive Order 13-06](#) establishing the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) as a distinct executive office within the Office of the Governor. The OED will: (1) develop and implement a comprehensive energy plan for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources; (2) administer all energy-related programs, including grant programs designed to incentivize investment in energy technologies; (3) conduct and support research to support the development of all of Indiana's energy resources; and (4) coordinate with Indiana's research institutions to commercialize new energy technologies. The EO will expire when the General Assembly enacts legislation to codify the OED.

**CONTINUATION OF THE STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD** On 6 FEB 13, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, issued [Executive Order: 13-13](#), which allows for the continuation of the State Historical Records Advisory Board. The Board allows Indiana to effectively coordinate its archival community and preserve historical resources.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**[SB 529](#) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIANA OFFICE OF ENERGY** SB 529 establishes the Indiana OED with the director as Chief Energy Officer of the State. The office will administer several different energy programs and funds. The bill also transfers the powers, duties, assets, liabilities, and rules relating to energy and energy development from the offices of the Lieutenant Governor and The Center for Coal Technology Research to the newly founded office. The bill passed the Senate and was referred to the House.

## **FINAL RULES**

**ATTAINMENT OF THE LEAD NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has issued a [final rule](#) that: (1) redesignates all Indiana counties except for a portion of Delaware County to attainment or unclassifiable for the 2008 lead NAAQS; (2) updates the NESHAP for secondary lead smelters; and (3) makes administrative changes. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the July 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 1 MAR 13.

**PRIORITY RANKING SYSTEM FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESPONSE SITES AND ELECTRONIC WASTE** IDEM has issued a [final rule](#) amending the solid waste management regulations at 329 IAC 7.1 and 329 IAC 16-10. The final rule amends the regulations governing the priority ranking system for hazardous substance response sites and electronic waste to make them consistent with the state statute on risk-based remediation. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the August 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 1 MAR 13.

**VOCs IN ORGANIC SOLVENT DEGREASERS** IDEM has issued a [final rule](#) amending the air pollution control regulations at 326 IAC 8-3, concerning organic solvent degreasers in Indiana. The final rule will reduce emissions of VOCs that occur as a result of evaporation from storage and handling of fresh and spent solvents. A notice of the proposed rule was published in the September 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rule became effective on 1 MAR 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**AIR PERMITS AND THE PROTECTION OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** IDEM has [proposed amendments](#) to the air pollution control regulations at 326 IAC 2-1.1-5, 326 IAC 2-5.1-3, and 326 IAC 2-6.1-5. The amendments address requirements for the protection of ambient air quality standards in construction permits. The comment period closed on 8 MAR 13, and a hearing is scheduled for 8 MAY 13.

**MINOR NEW SOURCE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS** IDEM has [proposed amendments](#) to the state air permitting regulations at 326 IAC 2-7 and 326 IAC 2-8. The amendments cover minor new source review (NSR) requirements for Title V and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit sources. The comment period closed on 8 MAR 13, and a hearing is scheduled for 8 MAY 13.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**PROPOSED APPROVAL OF NEW SOURCE REVIEW SIP REVISIONS** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve revisions to the state of Michigan's NSR SIP ([78 FR 8485](#)). The revisions include updated Part 2 NSR permitting rules, and the addition of Part 19 rules. The Part 19 rules revise Michigan's NSR rules for major sources in non-attainment areas to include the federal NSR reform rules, and other revisions that are affected by the federal NSR rules. The comment period closed on 8 MAR 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION** The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) has [proposed amendments](#) to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation regulation. The amendments will allow MDARD to administer the state of Michigan's various farmland agreements and open space easement programs in accordance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, Part 361, and its amendments. The comment period closed on 1 MAR 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY FOR THE 2014 INTEGRATED REPORT** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has release the [draft](#) Assessment Methodology for the 2014 Integrated Report (IR). Every two years, MDEQ prepares and submits an IR to the USEPA to satisfy the requirements of Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 of the

CWA. The IR describes the status of water quality in Michigan and includes a list of water bodies that are not attaining Michigan water quality standards and require the establishment of pollutant TMDLs. The assessment methodology includes a description of the data and information that are used to determine designated use support and how MDEQ makes designated use support determinations. The comment period closed on 11 MAR 13.



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### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HF 306 (SF 97) ABOLISHMENT OF THE 2025 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS** HF 306 abolishes the 2025 renewable energy standards. The bill was referred to the Energy Policy Committee.

**HF 567 (SF 570) REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY IN STATE BUILDINGS** HF 567 requires solar photovoltaic models used in state buildings to be certified by Underwriters Laboratories and manufactured and assembled in Minnesota at a certified facility. The bill was referred to the Energy Policy Committee.

### **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**REISSUE OF GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has given [notice](#) that it intends to reissue the NPDES / State Disposal System Construction Stormwater General Permit No. MNR100001. The general permit is for persons conducting construction activity and for discharges of stormwater affected from construction activity, to the waters of the state of Minnesota. Comments are due by 20 MAR 13.



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

### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**APPROVAL OF PERMIT-BY-RULE PROVISIONS AND PERMIT TO INSTALL/OPERATE PROGRAM** USEPA has issued a final rule approving six Permit-by-Rule (PBR) provisions, a Permit to Install and Operate (PTIO) program, two permanent exemptions from the Permit to Install (PTI) requirement, and a general permit program ([78 FR 11748](#)). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) requested the rule revisions to make the state air pollution permit program more efficient. Approval of the additions will make the PBRs, PTIOs, and general permits federally enforceable. The final rule becomes effective on 22 MAR 13.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**SB 34 REPEAL OF 2025 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES REQUIREMENT** SB 34 repeals the requirement that electric distribution utilities and electric services companies provide 25 percent of their retail power supplies from advanced and renewable energy resources by 2025. The bill was referred to the Public Utilities Committee.

### **FINAL RULES**

**ANNUAL HAZARDOUS WASTE REPORT CHANGED TO A BIENNIAL REPORT** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has issued final rules amending the hazardous waste management rules known as the "Biennial Set" ([3745-50-46](#), [3745-50-58](#), [3745-52-40](#), [3745-52-41](#), [3745-54-75](#), [3745-54-77](#), [3745-65-75](#), [3745-65-77](#), [3745-65-94](#)). The Biennial Set rules address hazardous waste management, specifically the reporting requirement known as the Hazardous Waste Report. The final rules change the Hazardous Waste Report from an annual report to a biennial report. A notice of the proposed rules was published in the December 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. The final rules became effective on 5 FEB 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY AND AUTOMOBILE COATING AMENDMENTS** OEPA has [proposed amendments](#) in Ohio Administrative Code (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 and add an exemption for new gasoline stations from the requirement to install a Stage II vapor recovery system. A hearing is scheduled for 19 MAR 13, and comments are due the same day.



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## **PROPOSED RULES**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PRE-TREATMENT WASTEWATER STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has [proposed changes](#) to the general pretreatment requirements regarding wastewater. The changes affect wastewater pretreatment requirements within municipal pretreatment programs for publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and for the industries that discharge to them. The changes incorporate new federal pretreatment requirements, collectively known as "The Streamlining Rule," into NR 211 and enable Wisconsin's pretreatment requirements to more closely conform to federal regulations found in 40 CFR Part 403. A hearing is scheduled for 19 MAR 13, and comments are due by 29 MAR 13.

**STATE ENDANGERED/THREATENED SPECIES LIST** WDNR has issued a [proposed rule](#) that revises Wisconsin Administrative Code ch. NR 27 and relates to Wisconsin's endangered and threatened species list. The changes add eight species and remove 16 species to the Wisconsin endangered and threatened species list. The comment period closed on 7 MAR 13.

# **Department of Defense Activity**

**DoD's STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE PLAN 2012** This annual update of the [DoD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan](#) lays out DoD's goals and sustainability performance expectations through FY2020. The Department not only commits to complying with environmental and energy statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders, but to going beyond compliance where it serves national security needs.

**ARMY ANNOUNCES FISCAL YEAR 2012 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS** The six installations, two teams and one individual selected as 2012 winners represent the best of the Army's ongoing commitment to sustain its training lands through sound environmental stewardship. [The winners](#) are from Army installations in Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Italy.

**FEMP CASE STUDIES HIGHLIGHT AGENCY ENERGY-MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES** The Department of Energy Federal Emergency Management Program recently published [three case studies](#) featuring energy and water conservation best practices used by the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Marine Corps, recipients of Federal Energy and Water Management Awards. The intent of these case studies is to showcase how other agencies can augment their efforts through adopting similar efficiency standards.

# Federal Activity

## AIR

**NESHAPS FOR RECIPROCATING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES** USEPA has issued a final rule promulgating amendments to the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAPs) for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines ([78 FR 6673](#)). The amendments include alternative testing options for certain large spark ignition (generally natural gas-fueled) stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines, management practices for a subset of existing spark-ignition stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines in sparsely populated areas, and alternative monitoring and compliance options for the same engines in populated areas. The final rule establishes management practices for existing compression ignition engines on offshore (drilling) vessels. The final rule becomes effective on 1 APR 13.

**INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, & INSTITUTIONAL BOILERS & PROCESS HEATERS** USEPA has issued a final rule adopting amendments to the emission standards for the control of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from new and existing industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers and process heaters at major sources of HAPs ([78 FR 7137](#)). The final rule: (1) revises the list of exemptions; (2) sets new emission limit changes for HCL, mercury, PM, and CO; (3) finalizes revised work practice standards for periods of startup and shutdown; and (4) establishes compliance dates. The final rule became effective on 1 APR 13.

**INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL BOILERS** USEPA has issued a final rule addressing issues with a March 2011 final rule concerning emission standards to control hazardous air pollutants from new and existing industrial, commercial and institutional boilers at area sources ([78 FR 7487](#)). The new final rule amends certain compliance dates for the standard and makes technical corrections to the March 2011 final rule to clarify definitions, references, applicability and compliance issues raised by petitioners. The final rule became effective on 1 FEB 13.

**NON-HAZARDOUS SECONDARY MATERIALS RULE** USEPA has issued a final rule amending the "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units" ([78 FR 9111](#)). The final rule also amends the regulations codified by the Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials rule. The final rule has multiple effective dates that are broken down and identified by the affected regulation.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

**FEDERAL AGENCY STRATEGIC SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE PLANS** The White House released [2012 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans](#) for federal agencies. The plans outline initiatives to reduce the vulnerability of federal programs, assets, and investments to the impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise or more frequent or severe extreme weather.

## ENERGY

**GREEN BUILDING CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** GSA is requesting comment on possible approaches to the certification of green federal buildings including new construction, major renovations, and existing buildings ([78 FR 8145](#)). In a study released in May 2012, GSA and others reviewed three certification systems: Green Building Initiative's Green Globes (2010), U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (2009), and the International Living Building Institute's Living Building Challenge (2011). The study concluded that none of the existing green building certification systems as designed meets all of the federal government's needs for high performance building metrics and conformity assessment. Comments are due by 5 APR 13.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

**PIPELINE SAFETY - ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT NOTIFICATION TIME LIMIT** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued an advisory bulletin to notify the owners and operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline systems of an impending proposed rule ([78 FR 6402](#)). As required by the Pipeline Safety, Regulatory Certainty,

and Job Creation Act of 2011, PHMSA will issue a proposed rule requiring such notification at the earliest practicable moment following confirmed discovery of an accident or incident and not later than one hour following the time of such confirmed discovery. PHMSA is required to make these revisions by 1 JUL 2013.

## **WATER**

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NATIONWIDE PERMIT PROGRAM** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued final rule amending its nationwide permit regulations so that district engineers can issue nationwide permit verification letters that expire on the same date a nationwide permit expires. Nationwide Permits (NWP) authorize activities that have minimal individual and cumulative adverse environmental effects ([78 FR 5726](#)). If, after reviewing the preconstruction notification, the district engineer determines that the proposed activity qualifies for NWP authorization, the district engineer issues an NWP verification letter to the project proponent. The NWP verification may contain special conditions to ensure that the NWP activity results in minimal individual and cumulative effects on the aquatic environment.

**REVISIONS TO THE TOTAL COLIFORM RULE** USEPA has issued a final rule adopting revisions to the 1989 Total Coliform Rule (TCR) ([78 FR 10269](#)). Under the revised TCR there is no longer a monthly maximum contaminant level (MCL) violation for multiple total coliform detections. Instead, the revisions require systems that have an indication of coliform contamination in the distribution system to assess the problem and take corrective action that may reduce cases of illnesses and deaths. The final revised TCR establishes a health goal (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or MCLG) and an MCL for E. coli and eliminates the MCLG and MCL for total coliforms, replacing it with a treatment technique for coliforms that requires assessment and corrective action. Regulated categories and entities include both private industrial and federal publicly owned community water systems, transient non-community water systems, and non-transient non-community water systems. The compliance date for the final rule requirements is 1 APR 16. The final rule became effective on 15 APR 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**

**11-13 APR 13, WASHINGTON, DC [RECLAIM + REMAKE SYMPOSIUM](#)** This conference brings together the most innovative practices in education and research for current and future reuse and recycling of material resources in the built environment.

**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.

## **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.

**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](#).

Do you want to comment on a rule or bill in the Review? Please contact your Regional Environmental Coordinator listed in each respective regional section of the Northern Review.

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