



# Northern Review

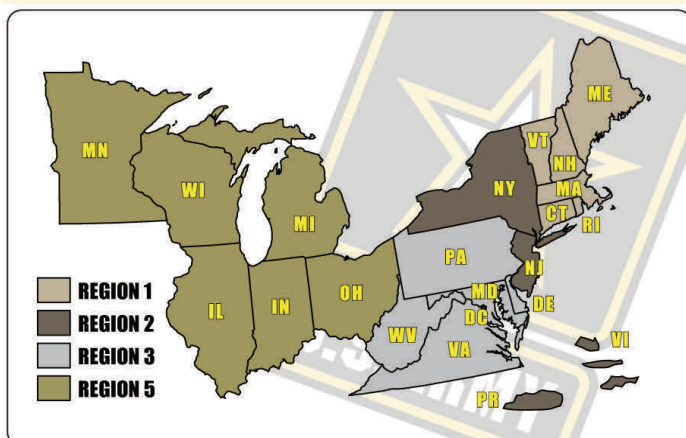
## of Legislative & Regulatory Actions



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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 proposed GP for discharge of low flow water treatment wastewater. In ME and MA, the release of draft annual air monitoring network plans. In RI, proposed amendments to the wastewater treatment facility operator regulations. In VT, proposed revisions to the regulations governing ASTs and the CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program.

### Region 2

In NJ, proposed legislation to establish the Office of River Maintenance within NJDEP, and to generate funding for the preservation of open space; adoption of amended remediation rules, and water quality management plans.

### Region 3

In MD, incorporation of NSR federal standards for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PSD and proposed changes to the regulations governing habitat protection areas. In PA, proposed legislation to create the Endangered Species Coordination Act and the Major Watershed Improvement Act. In VA, reissue of the amended VPDES GP for potable water treatment plants and the proposed reissue of the amended GP for stormwater associated with industrial activity. In WV, adoption of federal performance standards for new stationary sources, and proposed revisions to the water quality standards.

### Region 5

In IN, approved revisions to the state hazardous waste management program, and proposed amendments to the UST delivery prohibition rules. In MI, a new law amending the Agricultural Preservation Fund regulations, and amendments to wetland protection rules. In MN, passage of reporting requirements for hazardous substance release. In OH, proposed amendments to the open burning regulations. In WI, finalized revisions to the rules governing pesticide use and control and sanitary sewer overflows and bypasses.

### DOD Activity

Federal agencies, including DOD, released energy and sustainability performance updates.

### Federal Activity

USEPA approved alternative test procedures for drinking water and proposed revisions to the rules governing lead reporting thresholds and EPCRA toxic release reporting. USFWS proposes gray wolf delisting and Mexican wolf listing.

# 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 adjourned sine die 5 JUN 13.**

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**RACT SIP REVISIONS FOR THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE STANDARD** USEPA has issued a final rule approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the state of Connecticut ([78 FR 38587](#)). The SIP revisions consist of a demonstration that Connecticut meets the requirements of reasonably available control technology (RACT) for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) set forth by the Clean Air Act (CAA) with respect to the 1997 8-hour ozone standard. The final rule becomes effective on 29 JUL 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF LOW FLOW WATER TREATMENT WASTEWATER** The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CDEEP) has issued a [notice](#) of a tentative decision to issue a General Permit (GP) for the discharge of low flow water treatment wastewater. The proposed GP authorizes up to 500 gallons per day of low flow water treatment wastewater to be discharged either to a publicly owned treatment works, or to groundwater via a water treatment wastewater disposal system. The proposed GP contains effluent limits and conditions established in accordance with Section 22a-430-4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies that are designed to protect the waters of the state from pollution. Comments are due by 19 JUL 13.



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

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT ANNUAL AIR MONITORING NETWORK PLAN FOR 2014** The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) has [released](#) the Draft Annual Air Monitoring Network Plan for 2014. MDEP is required by federal monitoring regulations (40 CFR 58.10) and grant requirements to annually develop its air monitoring network description plan for the next calendar year. The plan demonstrates compliance with air monitoring network regulations, describes proposed changes for the upcoming year, and provides specific information on each of the existing and proposed monitoring sites. MDEP will submit the finalized plan to USEPA. The comment period closed on 1 JUL 13.



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

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT 2013 ANNUAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING NETWORK PLAN** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has [released](#) the Draft 2013 Annual Ambient Air Monitoring Network Plan. MassDEP is required to annually develop its air monitoring network description plan for the next calendar year. The plan

describes which pollutants and other parameters MassDEP measures at its various ambient air monitoring sites and why they are measured at those specific locations. It also describes changes in the network, including new and closed locations, and new and discontinued measurements at existing locations since the last network plan, as well as proposed changes in the network over the next 18 months. The comment period closed on 8 JUL 13.



**Legislature convened 1 JAN 13 and adjourned sine die 30 JUN 13.**

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS** The Rhode Island Board of Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities has **proposed** amendments to the regulations for wastewater treatment facility operators. The proposed amendments clarify language, expand opportunities for professional development, and provide more accurate explanations that reflect Board practices and expectations. A public hearing is scheduled for 6 AUG 13 and comments are due by 13 AUG 13.



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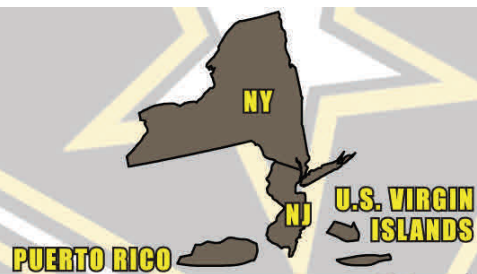
### **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK RULES** The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR) has **proposed** revisions to the aboveground storage tank (AST) rules. The revisions incorporate new measures to prevent petroleum releases from ASTs. The new measures include: (1) requiring spill prevention measures for ASTs located in flood prone areas; (2) clarifying that multiple tank systems require separate volume gauges, separate vents, and separate alarms but that the vents can be plumbed together before systems go outside a building; (3) requiring all portable (skid) tanks not be used within 25 feet of a public or private water supply well or surface water body; and (4) requiring appropriate spill containment supplies when using portable tanks. A public hearing is scheduled for 30 JUL 13 and comments are due by 9 AUG 13.

**AMENDMENTS TO VERMONT CO<sub>2</sub> BUDGET TRADING PROGRAM** VANR has **proposed** amendments to the Vermont Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Budget Trading Program regulations, which implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Vermont, to reflect revisions made to the RGGI model rule. The RGGI states (CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT) updated the model rule to incorporate recommendations that resulted from a comprehensive program review. Recommendations included a decision to lower the regional cap from 165 million tons to 91 million tons in 2014 and maintain a 2.5 % annual cap reduction thereafter. The proposed amendments: (1) modify Vermont's base CO<sub>2</sub> budget for 2014-2020; (2) establish interim control periods; (3) expand the forest offset category to include reforestation, improved forest management, and avoided conversion; and (4) move existing offset project standards from a procedure into the rules. A public hearing is scheduled for 29 JUL 13 and comments are due by 5 AUG 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.**

### FEDERAL ACTIVITY

**SIP REVISIONS FOR THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE AND THE 1997 AND 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving most elements of SIP revisions submitted by the state of New Jersey ([78 FR 35764](#)). The SIP revisions demonstrate that New Jersey meets the requirements of section 110(a)(1) and (2) of CAA for the 1997 8-hour ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter Standards (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). USEPA is conditionally approving certain elements of the submittals, as well as determining that certain elements of New Jersey's submittals do not meet section 110(a)(2) requirements with existing state rules. The final rule becomes effective on 15 JUL 13.

**PROPOSED APPROVAL FOR REDESIGNATION OF AREAS AND THE ASSOCIATED MAINTENANCE PLAN** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a redesignation request and SIP revisions submitted by the state of New Jersey ([78 FR 38648](#)). The rule proposes to approve the: (1) redesignation for the 1997 annual and 24-hour 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS for the New Jersey portion of the New York-New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT nonattainment area, and the New Jersey portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE nonattainment area; (2) maintenance plan for the areas; (3) supplement to the 2007 attainment year emission inventory; and (4) 2009 and 2025 motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. Comments are due by 29 JUL 13.

### PROPOSED LEGISLATION

**[AB 4313](#) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF RIVER MAINTENANCE** AB 4313 establishes an Office of River Maintenance in the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). The new office will administer, enforce, implement, and oversee all activities related to stream cleaning and desnagging projects and bank stabilization or restoration projects in the surface waters of the state. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

**[ACR 205](#) ([SCR 160](#)) FUNDING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE** ACR 205 proposes an amendment to the state constitution to dedicate \$200 million annually from FY 2015 to FY 2044 of sales and use tax revenue for the preservation of open space, including flood prone areas and lands that protect water supplies, farmland, and historic properties. The specific allocation for each of these purposes would be established by law. The Concurrent Resolution was referred to the Budget Committee.

### FINAL RULES

**ADOPTION OF TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE NORTHEAST WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN** NJDEP has [adopted](#) two amendments to the Northeast Water Quality Management Plan. The first amendment establishes 34 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform for stream segments that extend into Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, and Union counties. The second amendment establishes TMDLs for phosphorus in three lakes: Lincoln Park Lakes, Hudson County; Overpeck Lake, Bergen County; and Verona Park Lake, Essex County. NJDEP adopted the amendments on 6 JUN 13.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES** NJDEP has issued a [notice](#) of administrative corrections and changes to correct errors that arose from a December 2009 rulemaking. Administrative corrections were made to the



following rules: (1) Underground Storage Tanks (UST) rules (N.J.A.C. 7:14B); (2) Industrial Site Recovery Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:26B); (3) Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (N.J.A.C. 7:26C); and (4) Technical Requirements for Site Remediation (N.J.A.C. 7:26E). The notice was issued on 1 JUL 13.



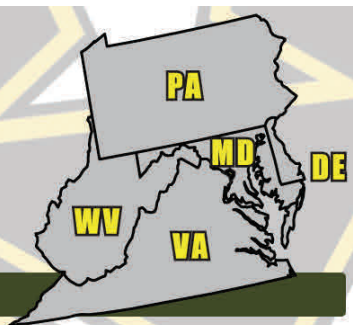
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### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP REVISIONS FOR THE 1997 8-HOUR OZONE AND THE 1997 AND 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> STANDARDS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving certain elements of SIP revisions submitted by the state of New York ([75 FR 37122](#)). The SIP revisions demonstrate that New York meets the requirements of section 110(a)(1) and (2) of CAA for the 1997 8-hour ozone and the 1997 and 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. The final rule becomes effective on 22 JUL 13.

## **Region 3**

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



### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**AIR QUALITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISIONS FOR REGION 3 STATES** USEPA has issued a direct final rule to remove over 50 rules in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR part 52 for DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, and WV because they are unnecessary or obsolete ([78 FR 33977](#)). USEPA has also clarified regulations in 40 CFR part 52 to reflect updated citations of certain Virginia rules due to the commonwealth's recodification of its regulations. The direct final rule does not make any substantive changes to the SIPs and doesn't impose any new requirements. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 5 AUG 13.



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### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**APPROVAL OF LOW EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM** USEPA has issued a final rule approving multiple State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the state of Maryland ([78 FR 34911](#)). The SIP revisions pertain to the state adoption of a Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) program, which incorporates by reference California's second generation Low Emission Vehicle (LEVII) program regulations. The revisions modify the state program, bringing it in line with updates made by California to its LEVII program and federal GHG standards effective on 2012-2016 model year vehicles. The final rule became effective on 11 JUL 13.

### **FINAL RULES**

**INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR THE NSR PROGRAM FOR PM<sub>2.5</sub>** The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has [adopted](#) amendments to the nonattainment provisions for major new sources and major modifications at the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.11.17. The amendments incorporate federal standards for the New Source Review (NSR) program for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and its precursors. Maryland's nonattainment area NSR program applies to major stationary sources and major modifications for PM<sub>2.5</sub> or its precursors at facilities located in: Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's and

Washington counties. The amendments will be submitted to USEPA for approval as a SIP revision. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the April 2013 *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 8 JUL 13.

**INCORPORATION OF UPDATED FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR THE NSR PSD PROGRAM** MDE has **adopted** amendments to the general emission standards, prohibitions, and restrictions regulations at COMAR 26.11.06.14 to incorporate updated federal standards for the NSR Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program. The amendments provide that future amendments to the federal PSD program will be automatically included in Maryland regulations. The incorporation by reference will: (1) add provisions for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and its precursors; (2) add provisions to defer inclusion of sources of biogenic emissions under PSD; and (3) remove certain grandfathering provisions. The amendments will be submitted to USEPA for approval as a SIP revision. The amendments became effective on 8 JUL 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**HABITAT PROTECTION AREAS IN THE CRITICAL AREA** The Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays has **proposed** amendments to Regulation .01 under COMAR 27.01.09, "Habitat Protection Areas in the Critical Area." The amendments require a shore erosion control project applicant to submit a buffer management plan to MDE when a lot is in a mapped modified buffer area (MBA). Recently updated MDE regulations require a buffer management plan to be submitted to MDE for non-MBA lots. The amendments propose to add MBA lots to that requirement. The amendments also clarify that expansion of a 200-foot buffer is required when it is adjacent to contiguous sensitive areas such as steep slopes and highly erodible soils. Comments are due by 29 JUL 13.



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## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HB 1573 REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION OF VEHICLES** HB 1573 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to alter the requirements for periodic inspection of vehicles. The bill eliminates emissions testing for new cars for the first five years after purchase and eliminates emissions testing for all electric, electric hybrid, and natural gas powered vehicles. The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee.

**HB 1576 ENDANGERED SPECIES COORDINATION ACT** HB 1576 provides a process for the designation of certain species. Any action by a Pennsylvania agency to designate fish, wildlife or plants as threatened or endangered or to designate a stream as a wild trout stream shall be subject to the requirements of the Commonwealth Documents Law and the Regulatory Review Act. The agency will be required to provide detailed reasons and a summary of the acceptable data and methodology used as the basis for the proposed designation, as well as the activities that may be affected by the designation. The bill was referred to the Game and Fisheries Committee.

**SB 994 MAJOR WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT ACT** SB 994 establishes a Major Watershed Improvement Program that will consist of the purchase of verified TMDL parameter credits. The bill: (1) establishes a verified TMDL parameter credit program; (2) outlines the powers and duties, within the program, of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PDEP) and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST); and (3) requires the completion of a study by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee. The bill was reported out of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS** The PDEP has **released** the **draft** Public Participation Policy for the Permit Review Process Technical Guidance. The draft guidance establishes a framework for public participation in the permit application review process. It provides consistent guidelines for how PDEP encourages public participation in the review of a permit application and how it reviews and responds to comments received during the public participation process. Comments are due by 22 JUL 13.



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## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**REVISIONS TO THE 2008 OZONE NAAQS FOR THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA NONATTAINMENT AREA** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia ([78 FR 34915](#)). The revisions consist of amendments to the list of nonattainment areas and to the 1997 NAAQS for ozone. USEPA has approved the revisions to include the classification of Northern Virginia as "marginal" for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, and to revoke the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the purposes of transportation conformity. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 12 AUG 13.

## **FINAL RULES**

**VPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR POTABLE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has [reissued](#), with amendments, the existing Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) GP for potable water treatment plants ([9VAC25-860](#)) that expires on 23 DEC 13. The GP contains limitations and monitoring requirements for point source discharge of treated wastewaters from potable water treatment plants to surface waters. The new GP becomes effective on 24 DEC 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**VPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY** VDEQ has [proposed](#) to reissue, with amendments, the existing VPDES Industrial Activity Stormwater GP ([9VAC25-151](#)) that expired on 30 JUN 13. The existing 2009 GP was based primarily on USEPA's 2006 draft Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). This revision is based on USEPA's 2008 final MSGP. The GP establishes permit conditions and monitoring requirements for point source discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity to surface waters. Changes were also made to clarify and update permit requirements. A notice of the intended regulatory action was published in the September 2012 edition of the *Northern Review*. Comments are due by 13 SEP 13.

**REGULATIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE NOXIOUS WEED LAW** The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has [proposed](#) a regulation that seeks to eradicate, suppress, and prevent the dissemination of noxious weeds in Virginia. The regulation: (1) establishes a list of plants deemed by the Virginia Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services to be noxious weeds; (2) prohibits the movement of noxious weeds or articles capable of transporting noxious weeds into or within the commonwealth; and (3) identifies eradication activities for certain noxious weeds. A notice of the intended regulatory action was published in the December 2011 edition of the *Northern Review*. Comments are due by 13 SEP 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PLAN FOR 2010 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS COMPLIANCE** VDEQ has [requested](#) public comment on a proposed air quality plan. The plan consists of a demonstration of compliance with the general requirements of § 110(a)(2) of CAA for the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) NAAQS. The commonwealth intends to submit the plan to USEPA as a SIP revision. Comments are due by 1 AUG 13.

**TMDL FOR CLINCH RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES** VDEQ has [announced](#) an effort to restore water quality in the Clinch River and its tributaries. The tributaries include: Bark Camp Branch, Bear Creek, Fall Creek, Laurel Creek, Little Stoney Creek, Russell Creek, Staunton Creek, Stony Creek, Thompson Creek, Cove Creek, Stock Creek, Copper Creek, Moll Creek, Valley Creek, North Fork Clinch River, and Blackwater Creek. The counties that are impacted are: Tazewell, Russell, Wise, Scott, and Lee counties. Comments are due by 12 AUG 13. **Note:** *The Army Guard has Operational Ranges in Scott and Lee counties.*

**REVISED DRAFT TMDL REPORTS ON POTOMAC RIVER TRIBUTARIES** VDEQ has [announced](#) the availability of two revised draft TMDL reports on Potomac River tributaries. The studies were conducted to restore water quality in the bacteria impaired waters of Sugarland Run, Mine Run, Pimmit Run, Powells Creek, Quantico Creek, South Fork Quantico Creek,

North Branch Chopawamsic Creek, Unnamed Tributary to the Potomac River, Austin Run, Accokeek Creek, Potomac Creek, and Potomac Run. Comments are due by 31 JUL 13. **NOTE:** Two of the counties covered by the draft reports are Fairfax and Arlington. Fort Belvoir is in Fairfax County and Fort Mayer and Arlington National Cemetery are in Arlington County.



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### **FINAL RULES**

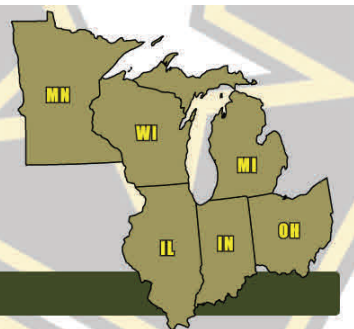
**STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES** The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has **adopted** rule amendments enabling the state to maintain primary enforcement authority for the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) promulgated by USEPA. The amendments were necessary to maintain consistency with current federal regulations, and to fulfill the state's responsibilities under CAA. The amendments incorporate by reference the following new or revised NSPS promulgated as of 1 JUN 12: Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition and Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines and Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units. The amendments became effective on 1 JUN 13.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS** WVDEP is required by the Clean Water Act (CWA) to complete a full review of the state's water quality standards every three years, which is referred to as the "Triennial Review." WVDEP has completed this review and has **proposed** numerous statewide revisions, including a change to the dissolved aluminum, human health beryllium, and recreational criteria for bacteria. Numerous site specific revisions also are proposed, including the removal of expired or outdated criteria. Comments are due by 29 JUL 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.



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### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR STATE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SUPERVISION PROGRAM** USEPA has issued a notice of tentative approval for revisions to the state of Illinois's public water system supervision program, thereby giving the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) primary enforcement responsibility for the regulations (**78 FR 38714**). The revisions cover the program for the Ground Water Rule, the Arsenic Rule and the new Public Water System Definition. USEPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulation. Barring a request for a public hearing the determination shall become final and effective on 29 JUL 13.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**AMENDMENTS TO IDENTIFY INJURIOUS PLANTS** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has **proposed** amendments to the regulations at 17 Ill. Adm. Code 805, Listing of Injurious Species, to include a list of injurious plants. Injurious species are defined as species that pose a potential threat to indigenous wildlife, aquatic life, or the habitat.



Adding the injurious plants clarifies the rules and regulations and empowers enforcement to prevent the spread of the most dangerous plants into and within the state. Comments are due by 22 JUL 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**10-YEAR FEDERALLY ENFORCEABLE STATE OPERATING PERMITS** IEPA has issued a [notice](#) of public information concerning the submittal of a SIP revision to USEPA. The SIP revision, titled "10-Year Federally Enforceable State Operating Permits ("FESOP"): Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.162 (R10-21)," is for the purpose of extending the time that the IEPA may grant FESOPs from five to ten years. Comments are due by 15 JUL 13.



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

## **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**FINAL AUTHORIZATION OF STATE HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REVISION** USEPA has issued a final rule authorizing the state of Indiana final authorization for revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) ([78 FR 33986](#)). The revisions cover regulations governing: (1) burning of hazardous wastes in boilers and industrial furnaces; (2) hazardous air pollutant standards (HAPs); (3) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for hazardous waste combustors; and (4) hazardous waste management systems. The final rule became effective on 6 JUN 13.

**APPROVAL OF SEWAGE SLUDGE INCINERATORS STATE PLAN** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving Indiana's State Plan to control air pollutants from sewage sludge incinerators (SSI) ([78 FR 34918](#)). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) submitted the state plan on 27 FEB 13 and it is consistent with the Emission Guidelines (EGs) promulgated by USEPA on 21 MAR 11. Once effective, the approval makes the state plan federally enforceable. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 12 AUG 13.

**PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO INDIANA'S 2010 LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS** USEPA has issued a notice and request for comment on a proposed decision identifying water quality limited segments and associated pollutants in Indiana to be listed pursuant to CWA Section 303(d)(2) ([78 FR 35929](#)). Previously USEPA partially approved and partially disapproved Indiana's 2010 303(d) list submittal. Specifically, USEPA disapproved Indiana's decision not to list water quality limited segments for certain metal pollutants. After conducting a complete review, USEPA identified the water bodies and associated metal pollutants (e.g., aluminum, iron, copper, lead, and zinc) to be added to Indiana's 2010 303 (d) list. Comments are due by 15 JUL 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK DELIVERY PROHIBITION** IDEM has [proposed](#) amendments to the UST rules at 329 IAC 9 concerning fuel delivery prohibition, often referred to as "Red Tag" rules. The amendments include deleting, adding, and replacing language in the existing rules concerning fuel delivery prohibition. The amendments make the current rules consistent with federal regulations and guidelines and state statutes for delivery prohibition. Comments are due by 26 JUL 13.



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

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**SB 163 AMENDMENT TO WETLAND PROTECTION RULES** SB 163 (Public Act 98 of 2013) amends Michigan's wetlands program under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. The amendments affect Parts: (1) 13 - Permits; (2) 301 - Inland Lakes and Streams; (3) 303 - Wetlands Protection; and (4) 325 - Great Lakes Submerged Lands. Key provisions of the bill amend state wetland permitting requirements and change how marginal waters,

contiguous to navigable waters, are defined. Michigan is currently one of two states with delegated authority to manage Part 404 wetland permitting under the CWA. Some of the new amendments are potentially controversial as they could be perceived as being less stringent than federal CWA requirements. The bill was signed by the governor on 2 JUL 13 and became effective upon signature.

**HB 4663 REVISIONS TO THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS REGARDING WELLS** HB 4663 (Public Act 86 of 2013) amends Part 362 (Agricultural Preservation Fund) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to revise the procedures for the dispute resolution process between owners of high-capacity agricultural wells and low-capacity wells. The bill also: (1) establishes the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as the administrator of the Agricultural Preservation Fund for auditing purposes; (2) raises the maximum allowable annual expenditure for administrative costs of the Department and the Agricultural Preservation Fund Board to implement Part 361 (Farmland and Open Space Preservation) and Part 362 from \$900,000 to \$1.4 million; and (3) removes language linking the allowable expenditure for administrative costs to the amount of the fund. The bill was signed by the governor on 27 JUN 13 and became effective upon signature.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MERCURY RULES** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has **proposed** revisions to the Michigan Mercury Rules (MMR) at R 336.2501 through R 336.2514. The revisions: (1) align requirements and compliance dates in the MMR with those in the federal Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS); (2) reduce additional regulatory burdens; and (3) ensure that affected sources will be subject to the MMR if the MATS is overturned or not in effect due to current litigation. The comment period closed on 10 JUL 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT GRAND RIVER, RED CEDAR RIVER, AND TRIBUTARIES DISSOLVED OXYGEN TMDL** MDEQ has made the **draft** Grand River, Red Cedar River, and Tributaries Dissolved Oxygen (DO) TMDL available for comment. These water bodies are located in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties, and were included on Michigan's 2012 Section 303(d) list due to nonattainment of the five milligrams per liter (mg/l) minimum DO Water Quality Standard (WQS). The draft TMDL is being developed to identify the pollutant reductions necessary to meet the WQS. Comments are due by 19 JUL 13.

**DRAFT PETROLEUM NON-AQUEOUS PHASE LIQUIDS MANAGEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE** MDEQ has **invited comment** on the draft Petroleum Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (NAPLs) Management Policy and Procedure. NAPLs are widely used chemicals in many aspects of modern activities. As a result, the state of Michigan has thousands of sites that have been contaminated with NAPLs. This draft document clarifies the MDEQ's expectations regarding NAPLs management and adequate characterization of NAPLs, and explains how the "recovery to the maximum extent practicable" is being interpreted by the MDEQ. Comments are due by 30 AUG 13.



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

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**HF 814 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RELEASE** HF 814 (Public Act 92) requires the report of hazardous substance release to a local 911 emergency dispatch center. The bill specifies that the state emergency response center must direct a caller to notify a local 911 emergency dispatch center if the situation requires an immediate response or the area is unknown to the center. In all other cases, the state emergency response center must notify a local firefighting or law enforcement organization of the situation within 24 hours of receiving the notification. A notice of the bill passing the House was published in the May 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The bill was signed by the governor on 24 MAY 13 and will become effective on 1 JAN 14.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**ANNUAL AIR MONITORING NETWORK PLAN FOR 2014** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has **released** its Annual Air Monitoring Network Plan for 2014 that provides an overview of the various air quality monitoring networks

operating in Minnesota. Details regarding the location of individual sites, monitoring objectives, and proposed changes are provided. Data for several pollutants are summarized to show current conditions relative to state and federal air quality standards. The plan demonstrates compliance with air monitoring network regulations, describes proposed changes for the upcoming year, and provides specific information on each of the existing and proposed monitoring sites. The comment period closed on 8 JUL 13.



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

### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**APPROVAL OF THE LIMA 1997 8-HOUR OZONE MAINTENANCE PLAN REVISION** USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a request by Ohio to revise the Lima, Ohio, 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance air quality SIP ([78 FR 34906](#)). The revision replaces the MVEBs with budgets developed using USEPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) emissions model. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule becomes effective on 12 AUG 13.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**OPEN BURNING - AIR CURTAIN BURNERS** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has [proposed](#) amendments to the open burning in unrestricted areas regulations at Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules [3745-19-01](#) and [3745-19-04](#). The amendments add language to allow the use of air curtain burners for the disposal of land clearing wastes via open burning. The comment period closed on 12 JUL 13.

### **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**DRAFT RENEWAL GENERAL PERMIT TO INSTALL FOR GRAVITY SEWER EXTENSIONS** OEPA has [issued](#) a draft general Permit to Install (PTI) permit for new gravity sanitary sewer extensions in the state of Ohio. The draft general PTI permit addresses the renewal of the General Permit to Install Gravity Sanitary Sewer Extension OEPA Permit No. 3745-42-SS001 that expired on 1 MAR 12. Applicants under this permit include communities and private entities proposing to install gravity sewers that connect to existing sewage treatment works and that are covered by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Comments are due by 15 JUL 13.



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

### **FEDERAL ACTIVITY**

**SIP REVISION FOR THE STAGE II VAPOR RECOVERY PROGRAM** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) concerning the state's Stage II vapor recovery (Stage II) program in southeast Wisconsin ([78 FR 34966](#)). The revision removes Stage II requirements as a component of the Wisconsin ozone SIP. The submittal also includes a demonstration under section 110(l) of CAA that addresses emissions impacts associated with the removal of the program. The comment period closed on 11 JUL 13.

### **FINAL RULES**

**REVISIONS TO THE PESTICIDE USE AND CONTROL REGULATIONS** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has [adopted](#) revisions to Chapter ATPC 29, relating to pesticide use and control. The revisions update and clarify current rules regulating the distribution and use of pesticides, the licensing and certification of pesticide applicators, and the registration of pesticide products. The revisions became effective on 1 JUN 13.

**SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS AND BYPASSES** WDNR has [adopted](#) revisions to Chapters NR 110, 205, 208, and 210, relating to sanitary sewer overflows and bypasses. Sanitary sewer overflows can occur whenever there is a mechanical or electrical failure in the sewerage system, or when an excessive amount of infiltration and inflow of stormwater or

groundwater enters the sanitary sewers. Existing rules related to this issue and in-plant diversions are located in different chapters and sections of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and are inconsistent and incomplete. Accordingly, the revisions assure rules are in place to meet current requirements of state and federal law and regulations regarding discharges of sewage to state waters. The revisions become effective on 1 AUG 13.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**RENEWABLE RESOURCE CREDIT RULE CHANGES** The Wisconsin Public Service Commission (WPSC) has **proposed** amending relevant sections of ch. PSC 118 relating to renewable resource credits to conform to the statutory changes made by 2011 Wisconsin Act 155, effective 10 APR 12. The amendments: (1) revise the definition of a renewable resource credit to be consistent with the statute; (2) allow a "customer or member of an electric provider" to create a renewable resource credit; (3) include wind energy and hydroelectric energy as additional types of energy from which a renewable resource credit may be created; and (4) revise ch. PSC 118 to reflect the statutory provisions regarding banking of credits. Comments are due by 15 JUL 13.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**REVISED 2012 IMPAIRED WATERS LIST** WDNR has **released** a revised state 2012 draft list of impaired waters. WDNR changed how it identifies which phosphorus-impaired waters are proposed to go on the list. As a result, WDNR has proposed the addition of 147 waters to the 2012 Impaired Waters List, as opposed to the 138 additions in a previous draft, and has removed 28. For water bodies identified as impaired WDNR develops TMDLs. When monitoring shows that the water body is again meeting water quality standards, the water body is removed from the Impaired Waters List. The comment period closed on 30 JUN 13.

# Department of Defense Activity

**FEDERAL AGENCIES RELEASE ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE UPDATES** On 31 MAY 13, **federal agencies released annual updates** that show significant progress toward energy and sustainability goals. Under Executive Order 13514, President Obama directed federal agencies to reduce their carbon pollution, increase renewable energy use, and meet energy and water efficiency goals. Annual performance updates document agencies' progress and help them to improve their energy efficiency and reduce costs and waste in their operations moving forward. See **DoD's Sustainability/Energy Scorecard for 2012** for details.

**DoD LEGACY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (LRMP) GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RELEASED FOR FY14** The Request For Proposals (RFP) memo, Areas of Emphasis, and Final Schedule for Proposal Submission for FY14 can be found on the **Legacy website**. LRMP provides financial assistance to DoD efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage. The program assists DoD in protecting and enhancing resources while supporting military readiness. A Legacy project may involve regional ecosystem management initiatives, habitat preservation efforts, archaeological investigations, invasive species control, Native American consultations, and/or monitoring and predicting migratory patterns of birds and animals.

# Federal Activity

## **AIR**

**REVISIONS TO LEAD REPORTING THRESHOLD - POINT SOURCES** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to lower the current threshold for reporting lead sources as point sources (**78 FR 37164**). The rule is applicable to state, local, and tribal agencies as outlined in USEPA's Air Emissions Reporting Requirements (AERR) rule. The current AERR threshold for determining if a stationary source of lead emissions must be reported as an individual point source, rather than as part of a county-aggregate nonpoint source, is five tons per year (tpy). USEPA has proposed lowering the AERR emissions



threshold for reporting lead emitters to one half tpy. USEPA expects that only about 30 additional facilities nationwide would be required to be reported as point sources due to this change, since most of the sources emitting lead greater than one half tpy are already reported as point sources due to their emissions of other criteria pollutants. Comments are due by 19 AUG 13.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF 2008 NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR OZONE** USEPA issued a proposed rule to implement ozone NAAQS addressing a range of SIP and related requirements ([78 FR 34177](#)). The proposed rule includes requirements pertaining to attainment demonstrations, reasonable further progress, RACT, reasonably available control measures (RACT), NSR requirements in nonattainment areas, emission inventories, and the timing of SIP submissions, and of compliance with emission control measures in the SIP. Other issues addressed in the proposed rule are the revocation of the 1997 ozone NAAQS and anti-backsliding requirements that would apply when the 1997 ozone NAAQS is revoked. Comments are due by 5 AUG 13.

## **ENERGY**

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE HYBRID VEHICLES** The General Services Administration (GSA) has [announced](#) a fleet consolidation initiative to give federal agencies the opportunity to replace their aging fleet with hybrid vehicles. Through the initiative, federal agencies can consolidate vehicles into the GSA fleet inventory. If agencies choose to participate in the program, GSA will fund the total incremental cost to replace eligible consolidated vehicles with new hybrid sedans.

**TRANSFORMING OUR NATION'S ELECTRIC GRID THROUGH IMPROVED SITING, PERMITTING, AND REVIEW - PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM** President Obama signed a new [Presidential memorandum](#) titled "Transforming our Nation's Electric Grid Through Improved Siting, Permitting, and Review." The memorandum addresses interagency cooperation in improving the siting, permitting, and review processes for all electric transmission projects, both onshore and offshore, requiring federal approval. The memo builds on the work of the previously created [Rapid Response Team for Transmission](#). The memo discusses designation of energy right of way corridors, and notes the desirability of minimizing impacts to the nation's aviation system and to the mission of the Armed Forces.

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

**EPCRA TOXIC RELEASE REPORTING - ADDITION OF NONYLPHENOL CATEGORY** USEPA has issued a proposed rule to add a nonylphenol category to the [list](#) of toxic chemicals subject to reporting under EPCRA Section 313 ([78 FR 37176](#)). Nonylphenol is mainly used in the manufacture of nonylphenol ethoxylates, which are nonionic surfactants used in a wide variety of industrial applications and consumer products. Nonylphenol is persistent in the aquatic environment, moderately bioaccumulative, and extremely toxic to aquatic organisms. EPA does not appear to be proposing a special (lower) reporting threshold for nonylphenol; therefore, reporting thresholds would be 10,000 pounds (otherwise used at a facility) or 25,000 pounds if manufactured, imported, or processed at a facility.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES**

**GRAY WOLF DELISTING AND MEXICAN WOLF LISTING** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has issued a proposed rule to remove the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and to maintain endangered status for the Mexican wolf by listing it as a subspecies ([78 FR 35663](#)). In addition, FWS has proposed to recognize recent taxonomic information indicating that the gray wolf subspecies, *Canis lupus lycaon*, which occurs in southeastern Canada and historically occurred in the eastern and western Great Lakes regions should be recognized as a separate species. **NOTE:** *The proposed rule has the potential to affect DoD and non-DoD landowners in all or portions of 42 states. States possibly affected within the REEO-N area of responsibility include: CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, VT, and WV.*

## **WATER**

**ALTERNATIVE TEST PROCEDURES FOR DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANT ANALYSIS** USEPA has issued a final rule approving 84 alternative methods for various drinking water analyses ([78 FR 32558](#)). The new methods are listed along with other previously expedited methods in 40 CFR Part 141 Appendix A to Subpart C and on USEPA's drinking water methods [Web site](#).

# Professional Development

**For a full listing of Professional Development opportunities please visit the REEO-N [website](#).**

Please note: Listing of commercial sponsored training and conferences should not be interpreted as a government endorsement of those training or conferences.

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCES**

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

## **TRAINING—ONLINE**

**[25 JUL 13, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION \(GSA\) CARBON FOOTPRINT TOOL](#)** - Live Demonstration of New Features. This presentation will highlight GSA Carbon Footprint Tool basics as well as the new Energy Star Portfolio Manager Import functionality.

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

**(NEW) [UTILITY ENERGY PROJECT INCENTIVE FUNDS](#)** This FEMP course teaches federal agencies about financing the capital costs of energy improvement projects from savings generated through energy efficiency measures funded by utilities, public benefit funds, and other resources. This training opportunity targets federal energy, environmental, and fleet professionals and is offered at no cost by leading experts. The training session is delivered live via satellite or through streaming media at your desktop.

**[FEDERAL FACILITIES ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CENTER](#)** - FedCenter.gov is the federal government's home for comprehensive environmental stewardship, compliance assistance, and professional development information. FedCenter.gov provides a wide variety of information in the following areas: program development; federal and state regulatory requirements for various facility activities; regulatory watch for information on new or changed laws or regulations; P2 opportunities and best management practices; USEPA enforcement notices; links to state environmental programs; access to environmental assistance; environmental conferences, meetings, training, and workshop information; applicable laws and Executive Orders; and industry sector-specific newsletters.

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

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

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

### **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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