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

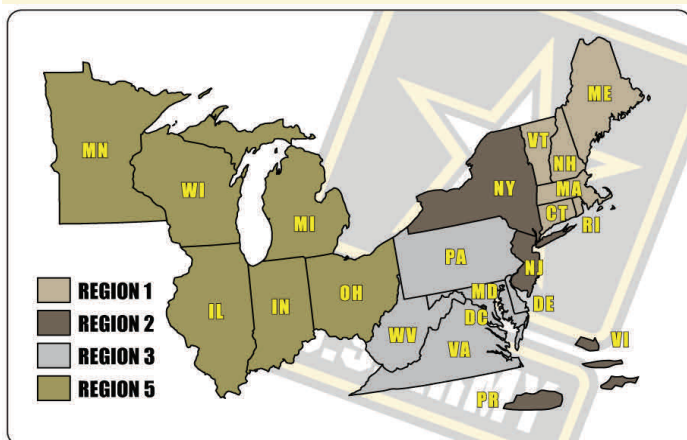


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What's In This Review?

Region 1

In CT, proposed law to develop a state water plan. In MA, proposed law appropriating money for water resource management and planning activities. In RI, bill regulating the disposal of recyclable material. In VT, proposed law to upgrade and expand renewable electric generation and transmission.

Region 2

In NJ, bills establishing de minimus levels for air pollutants, a pinelands forest stewardship demonstration project, and a management plan for the Barnegat Bay watershed; proposed amendments to the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. In NY, bill creating an exemption from CO₂ allowances for biomass.

Region 3

In DC, draft stormwater retrofit plan. In MD, proposed legislation to increase penalties for water pollution control violations, increase pesticide registration fees, and amend cumulative impact assessment requirements; the Chesapeake Bay watershed agreement is out for comment. In VA, final SIP revisions concerning the state PSD and NSR programs; new laws requiring wetland boards to grant credits towards in-lieu fees, and expedited reviews for living shoreline projects; finalized amendment to the definition of VOC.

Region 5

In IL, proposed laws amending state EPCRA fees and air pollution permit rules; final amendments to the primary drinking water standards. In IN, proposed amendments to the wastewater and septage management program rules. In MI, new law exempting "diverted waste" from the solid waste management regulations. In OH, final amendments to the radioactive material packaging and transportation requirements. In WI, adoption of the USEPA Lead Reduction Rule and release of the draft 2014 impaired waters list.

DOD Activity

Army announces 2013 Secretary of the Army Environmental Award winners.

Federal Activity

USEPA releases the primary NAAQS for NO₂ draft integrated review plan, and the 2012 TRI national analysis. USFWS announces the draft MOU with USEPA for protection of migratory birds.

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 5 FEB 14 and adjourns sine die 4 JUN 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 5424 DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE WATER PLAN HB 5424 requires the Water Planning Council to develop a state water plan and implement the Water Summit Working Group's legislative recommendations. The bill outlines multiple requirements for the plan, including: (1) identification of quantities and qualities of water that could be available to specific areas under feasible distribution; (2) identification of present and projected demands for water for specific areas; (3) recommendations for the utilization of state water resources, including surface and subsurface water; (4) recommendations for technology and infrastructure upgrades; and (5) data collection and analysis needs for providing data driven water planning and permitting decisions. The plan is due to the joint standing committees of the general assembly by 1 JAN 17. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Environment.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DRAFT TECHNICAL IMPRACTICABILITY GUIDANCE The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CDEEP) has invited comment on the draft **Guidance for Applying Technical Impracticability (TI) of Groundwater Remediation Variance**. The document provides clarification on what a TI variance is and under what conditions it is applicable and appropriate. The guidance: (1) expresses CDEEP's preferred approach to what information is expected to demonstrate the applicability of a TI variance; (2) identifies the steps that should be taken before requesting a TI variance; and (3) identifies what a TI variance would encompass in terms of final site closure, including long-term responsibilities. A public hearing is scheduled for 8 APR 14 and comments are due by 2 MAY 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 2021 WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES SB 2021 requires the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) to develop a watershed permitting approach to address nitrogen management measures. The bill requires MDEP to report to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, by 31 JUL 15, any statutory changes deemed necessary to fully implement the watershed permitting approach. The bill also appropriates money for various other water resource management and planning activities. The bill has passed the Senate and was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 30 JUN 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 2190 PROHIBITION ON DISPOSAL OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL IN CENTRAL LANDFILL SB 2190 prohibits the disposal of any recyclable materials and/or recyclable waste in the central landfill. The bill also grants the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation authority to promulgate rules and regulations that may be necessary to enforce the mandates of the bill. The bill was referred to the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 9 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 784 RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION HB 784 encourages the upgrade and expansion of Vermont's transmission system to promote the use of renewable energy from Canada in Vermont and other states. The bill adopts statutory goals for the state electric supply portfolio. The bill also outlines how state agencies can negotiate with generators in Quebec and Newfoundland along with state companies to obtain agreements regarding: (1) upgrading facilities; (2) transmission of power; and (3) funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and economic development in the state. The bill was referred to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee.

Region 2

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Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 12 JAN 16.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

AB 2574 DE MINIMUS LEVELS FOR AIR CONTAMINANTS, HAPs, AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AB 2574 establishes de minimus levels of air contaminants, hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and hazardous substances to be exempted from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) regulations. Specifically, the bill provides that neither a permit for any equipment or accounting of emissions would be required if: (1) emissions of air contaminants or HAPs are below the reporting thresholds or state of the art (SOTA) thresholds established by NJDEP; and (2) failure to require the permit or accounting of emissions does not violate any federal law or regulation, and does not abrogate any State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirement. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 2590 (SB 1234) ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR CLEANUP OF WHITE SWAN CLEANERS/SUN CLEANERS SUPERFUND SITE AB 2590 allocates \$2 million in constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to NJDEP for the remediation of the White Swan Cleaners/Sun Cleaners Superfund site in Monmouth County. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee. **NOTE:** *The NJ ARNG at Sea Girt Training Center has been impacted by this Superfund site's contamination.*

AB 2508 DEVELOPMENT OF A FOREST STEWARDSHIP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN THE PINELANDS AB 2508 directs the Pinelands Commission to develop a forest stewardship demonstration project in the protection area of the Pinelands. The project will provide for the harvest of forest products on state-owned lands for which a forest stewardship plan has been developed. The demonstration project would include forest stewardship activities affecting up to 6,000 forested acres annually in the protection area on state-owned land and be conducted for a period of 10 years from the date of enactment of the bill. The bill was referred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

AB 2506 (SB 1493) STUDY OF BARNEGAT BAY WATER QUALITY AB 2506 requires NJDEP to conduct a study and prepare a report that evaluates the water quality of Barnegat Bay to determine whether the bay is impaired. The study will examine whether the waters of Barnegat Bay meet state water quality standards, and will focus on the impairments caused by phosphorus, nitrates and excessive sediment. Upon a finding that the Barnegat Bay is impaired, the bill requires NJDEP to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for the bay. **AB 2507** and **SB 1492** have also been introduced to require the same study. All of the bills have been referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 2509 (SB 1494) MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BARNEGAT BAY WATERSHED AB 2509 authorizes the Ocean County Planning Board, in conjunction with each municipality within the Barnegat Bay watershed, to develop a stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management plan for the watershed. The plan will be designed to reduce siltation and prevent pollution caused by stormwater runoff or nonpoint sources that could: (1) degrade the water quality of the Barnegat Bay and its tributaries; (2) interfere with water-based recreation; or (3) adversely affect aquatic, estuarine, and marine life. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

AB 2514 (SB 1138) INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ARRAY ON PRESERVED OPEN SPACE AB 2514 allows a local government unit that operates a municipal electric corporation or a municipal electric utility to install a solar array on preserved open space subject to certain conditions. The bill was referred to the Environment and Solid Waste Committee.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO THE PINELANDS COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN The Pinelands Commission has **proposed** to amend Subchapters 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10 of the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP). The amendments: (1) codify current commission practices; (2) clarify existing standards and requirements; (3) eliminate unnecessary application requirements; (4) provide an extended time period within which the installation of certain alternate design wastewater treatment systems will be permitted; and (5) remove a particular technology from the Alternate Design Wastewater Treatment Systems Pilot Program that has been unable to demonstrate compliance with CMP standards. A public hearing is scheduled by 26 MAR 14 and comments are due by 19 APR 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 7 JAN 15.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF MULTIPLE AREAS FOR 1997 ANNUAL AND 2006 24-HOUR PM_{2.5} NAAQS USEPA has issued a proposed rule to redesignate 10 counties in the New York State portion of the NY-NJ-CT nonattainment area to attainment for the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) (**79 FR 8133**). The proposed rule also approves the: (1) maintenance plan ensuring continued attainment until 2025; (2) 2007 base year emissions inventory; and (3) 2009, 2017, and 2025 motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for PM_{2.5} and nitrogen oxides (NO_x). The counties covered by the proposed rule are Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester. The comment period closed on 13 MAR 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 6499 (AB 8888) CO₂ ALLOWANCE EXEMPTION FOR BURNING OF BIOMASS SB 6499 establishes that former coal fired electric generating facilities that convert to biomass for more than 50% of their annual heat input will not be required to obtain carbon dioxide (CO₂) allowances for CO₂ emissions attributable to the burning of biomass under the CO₂ budget trading program. The bill has passed out of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 13 and adjourns 31 DEC 16.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

PS 942 PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES IN SALINAS PS 942 establishes public policy for the protection and conservation of water resources in the municipality of Salinas. The bill also requires the identification of water storage facilities that are available in the municipality in case of a national emergency. The bill was referred to the Natural and Environmental Resources Committee.

Region 3

For more information on any state issues in Region 3, contact [Patrick Timm](#), Army Regional Program Coordinator, Region 3, (410) 278-6139.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 30 JUN 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION FOR FIVE-YEAR HAZE PROGRESS REPORT USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the state of Delaware ([79 FR 10442](#)). The SIP revision addresses Clean Air Act (CAA) and USEPA requirements for states to submit: (1) periodic reports describing progress being made toward regional haze reasonable progress goals (RPGs); and (2) a determination of the adequacy of the state's existing regional haze SIP. The SIP revision addresses requirements for the first regional haze implementation period. Comments are due by 27 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 2 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DRAFT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION OF ANACOSTIA RIVER SEDIMENTS: WORK PLAN The District of Columbia Department of the Environment (DDOE) has [released](#) the draft work plan, *Remedial Investigation of Anacostia River Sediments*. The work plan serves as the primary planning document to guide current remediation efforts in DC. It also proposes a comprehensive evaluation plan to both assess the degree of contamination found in sediments within the tidal portion of the river and clean up these environmental contaminants. The comment period closed on 2 MAR 14.

DRAFT STORMWATER RETROFIT PLAN DDOE has [released](#) the draft Stormwater Retrofit Plan. The plan was developed in accordance with Section 4.1.5.1 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the District's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s). The section directs DC to develop a program that establishes performance metrics for retrofit projects. The comment period closed on 2 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 7 APR 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 564 (HB 834) INCREASE OF PENALTIES FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL VIOLATIONS SB 564 increases the maximum administrative penalty, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, for each violation of certain water pollution control laws. The bill also increases, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the maximum total penalty that may be imposed on a person for such violations. The bill has passed the Senate and was referred to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

SB 700 (HB 621) INCREASE FOR CERTAIN PESTICIDE REGISTRATION FEES SB 700 increases the annual registration fee for pesticides and the terminal registration fee for discontinued pesticides from \$100 to \$110. The bill requires that a certain amount of the pesticide registration fees be used only for activities of the Maryland Department of Agriculture relating to the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on pesticide use in the state. The bill passed the Senate and was referred to the House Environmental Matters Committee.

SB 706 (HB 1210) CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS SB 706 requires the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to conduct a cumulative impact assessment before preparing a tentative determination on an application for one of several specified permits. The assessment must address the likely impact on the environment and human populations that will result from the incremental impact of the permitted activity when added to other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future sources of pollution. The bill requires MDE to include a summary of the assessment results in the tentative or final determination issued. Finally, the bill requires MDE to adopt regulations to implement the bill. The bill was referred to the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

HB 910 REQUIRED STUDIES FOR CONOWINGO DAM WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATES HB 910 mandates MDE to require an applicant for a specified water quality certification to fund a study to determine the impact that sediment transport behind the Conowingo Dam may have on the Chesapeake Bay and specified other waters. The studies must include the costs and benefits of various approaches to manage the sediment. MDE must review and approve the scope of work before an applicant for a water quality certification begins to conduct any of the required studies. The bill was referred to the Environmental Matters Committee.

HB 1254 STATE POLICY TO REDUCE USE OF DENTAL AMALGAM HB 1254 declares a state policy to reduce the use of dental amalgam. The bill requires a wholesaler or manufacturer of dental amalgam, by 30 SEP 14, to submit a plan to MDE to reduce the use of dental amalgam in the state. Starting 1 OCT 14, the bill prohibits the sale of dental amalgam unless the manufacturer or wholesaler has submitted and published their plan. Beginning in 2015, the bill also requires a wholesaler or manufacturer of dental amalgam to submit an annual report to MDE. The bill was referred to the Environmental Matters Committee.

SB 707 (HB 718) FEE FOR USE OF DISPOSABLE CARRYOUT BAGS SB 707 authorizes a county to impose, by law, a certain fee on a store for the use of disposable carryout bags. The bill requires a store to charge and collect a certain fee for each disposable carryout bag the store provides to a customer under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements. The bill also defines terms, outlines how the money collected will be dispersed and used, and provides for exemptions. The bill was referred to the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO LOW EMISSIONS VEHICLE PROGRAM REGULATIONS MDE has **adopted** amendments that update the Low Emissions Vehicle Program regulations at COMAR 26.11.34.02. In order to retain the Clean Car Program, Maryland's implementing regulations must remain consistent with California's regulations. The **amendments** update the state *Incorporation by Reference* regulations to reflect changes made to the California regulations since the last Maryland update in 2012. The amendments will be submitted to USEPA as a SIP revision. The amendments became effective on 3 MAR 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED AGREEMENT OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has **released** the draft ***Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement*** for public comment. The draft agreement outlines a new plan for collaboration across the Bay's political boundaries and clarifies the Chesapeake Bay Program's vision and values. It establishes a series of interrelated goals and outcomes that will achieve results to protect and restore the Bay, its tributaries, and the lands that surround them. Comments are due by 17 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 7 JAN 14 and adjourns 30 NOV 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

CONTROL OF COMMERCIAL FUEL OIL SULFUR LIMITS FOR COMBUSTION UNITS USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania (**79 FR 9701**). The revision implements low sulfur fuel oil provisions that will reduce the amount of sulfur in fuel oils used in combustion units and in turn aid in reducing sulfates that cause decreased visibility. Comments are due by 24 MAR 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 1254 AMENDMENT TO DEFINITION OF "LEAD FREE" IN PLUMBING REGULATIONS SB 1254 amends the Plumbing System Lead Ban and Notification Act to comply with recent changes in federal law. The act prohibits the use of items that are not "lead free," including pipes, plumbing fixtures, and solder. The bill updates the state definition of "lead free" to comply with federal law. The bill was referred to the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned 8 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION FOR FIVE-YEAR HAZE PROGRESS REPORT USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia (**79 FR 10451**). The SIP revision addresses CAA and USEPA requirements for states to submit: (1) periodic reports describing progress being made toward regional haze RPGs; and (2) a determination of the adequacy of the state's existing regional haze SIP. The SIP revision addresses requirements for the first regional haze implementation period. Comments are due by 27 MAR 14.

SIP REVISIONS CONCERNING STATE PSD AND NSR PROGRAMS USEPA has issued a final rule approving SIP revisions submitted by the commonwealth of Virginia (**79 FR 10377**). The final rule fully approves the revisions concerning the state Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program and grants limited approval to the revisions pertaining to Virginia's nonattainment New Source Review (NSR) program. In both cases, the revisions incorporate preconstruction permitting regulations for PM2.5 into the Virginia SIP. USEPA has determined that Virginia has met its statutory obligations with respect to the CAA infrastructure requirements that relate to Virginia's PSD permitting program. The infrastructure requirements are necessary to implement, maintain, and enforce the: (1) 1997 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 NAAQS; (2) 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS; and (3) 2008 lead NAAQS. The final rule will become effective on 27 MAR 14.

FINAL LEGISLATION

SB 569 (HB 911) EXPEDITED REVIEW PROCESS FOR LIVING SHORELINE PROJECTS SB 569 requires that general permit regulations for living shoreline projects include an expedited review process. The bill allows construction of such projects under the local wetlands and coastal primary sand dunes ordinances. A living shoreline is a shoreline management practice that: (1) provides erosion control and water quality benefits; (2) protects, restores, or enhances natural shoreline habitat; and (3) maintains coastal processes through the strategic placement of plants, stone, and fill. The bill

was signed by the governor on 3 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14. A notice of the bill's Senate passage was published in the February 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*.

HB 572 WETLAND BOARDS TO PROVIDE CREDIT TOWARD LOCAL IN-LIEU FEES HB 572 requires local wetlands boards to give a permit applicant credit toward local in-lieu fees. The credit equals the fee that the applicant has paid, as an agreed-upon permit condition, to the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund or another dedicated wetlands restoration fund. The bill also makes additional technical changes. The bill was signed by the governor on 5 MAR 14 and will become effective on 1 JUL 14.

SB 209 (HB 390) PLACEMENT OF MATERIAL ON STATE-OWNED BOTTOMLANDS SB 209 states that, under specified circumstances, when sand or other material is placed on state-owned bottomlands seaward of the mean low-water mark it will be deemed accretion. The material must have been placed to provide: (1) beach nourishment; (2) storm protection; or (3) as a result of a dredging project. The public has right-of-use and maintenance of the area as previously existed on the adjacent land above the mean low-water mark. The bill was signed by the governor on 3 MAR 14 and is retroactively effective beginning 1 JAN 09.

FINAL RULES

AMENDMENTS TO DEFINITION OF VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has proposed a **fast track regulation** to amend the definition of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) at 9VAC5-10. The amendments incorporate USEPA revisions to the definition of VOC, which add four less-reactive substances to the list of compounds not considered to be VOCs. The substances added to the list are used in heat transfer applications (as refrigerants) and as fire suppressants. The comment period closed on 12 MAR 14 and the fast track regulation will become effective on 27 MAR 14.

AMENDMENTS TO VIRGINIA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT REGULATIONS VDEQ's State Water Control Board has **adopted** amendments to the Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit regulation at 9VAC25-31. The amendments incorporate recent changes to federal and state regulations at: (1) 40 CFR 122.26 - *Stormwater Discharge*; (2) 40 CFR Parts 449 - *Airport Deicing Point Source Category*; (3) 40 CFR Parts 451 - *Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production Point Source Category*; (4) Code of Virginia §§ 54.1-2301 - *Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators*; and (5) Code of Virginia §§ 62.1-44.5 - *Prohibition of Waste Discharges or Other Quality Alterations of State Waters Except as Authorized by Permit*. The amendments also update the VPDES regulation to allow the use of the latest federal effluent guidelines. The amendments became effective on 26 FEB 14.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO RADIATION PROTECTION REGULATIONS The Virginia Department of Health has **proposed** amendments to the state radiation protection regulations at 12VAC5-481. The amendments reinsert previously deleted definitions and update their verbiage so they only apply to x-ray registrants. These definitions were previously deleted in 2006 to comply with Nuclear Regulatory Commission's rules. The deletions inadvertently affected the x-ray program. The comment period closed on 31 JAN 14.



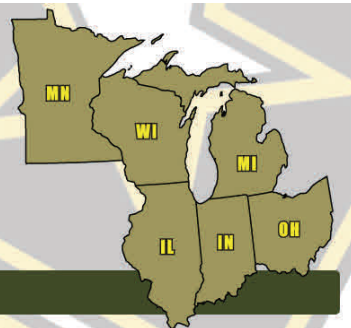
Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourned sine die 8 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION FOR PRECONSTRUCTION PERMITS ISSUED UNDER STATE NSR PROGRAM USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve a SIP revision submitted by the state of West Virginia (**79 FR 8914**). The SIP revision expedites the processing of certain preconstruction permits issued under West Virginia's minor NSR program. Notably, the revision allows, in certain circumstances, construction prior to obtaining a permit, and allows equipment and materials to be delivered and stored onsite prior to permit issuance. Comments are due by 17 MAR 14.

Region 5

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



FEDERAL ACTIVITY

INDIANA AND OHIO SIP REVISIONS CONCERNING STATE BOARD REQUIREMENTS USEPA has issued a proposed rule to approve elements of SIP revisions submitted by the states of Indiana and Ohio that concern infrastructure requirements for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS ([79 FR 7410](#)). The proposed rule approves the portions that meet the state board requirements of CAA section 110. The comment period closed on 10 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 29 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB 5559 ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE EPCRA ANNUAL FEES HB 5559 amends the Illinois Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) program regarding fees. The bill requires the State Emergency Response Commission to establish, by rule, a schedule of annual fees that are due from any facility required to submit an inventory form. The bill requires the rules to establish procedures for the collection and management of the fees and allows them to include penalties for late filing of forms. The bill also allows for the establishment of certain exemptions by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. Additionally, the bill eliminates provisions concerning tier I inventory forms, and makes changes concerning tier II inventory forms. The bill was referred to the Environment Committee.

HB 5849 AMENDMENTS TO AIR POLLUTION PERMIT REGULATIONS HB 5849 amends the Illinois Environmental Protection Act regarding air pollution permits. The bill makes changes to provisions concerning the registration of smaller sources, general permits, and permits by rule. The bill was assigned to the Environment Committee.

SB 2770 ESTABLISHMENT OF "RESPONSIBLE OPERATORS IN CHARGE" REQUIREMENTS SB 2770 amends the Public Water Supply Operations Act by establishing requirements for "Responsible Operators in Charge." The bill requires every community water supply in Illinois, with specified exemptions, to have on its operational staff, either: (1) one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises both the treatment and distribution facilities of the community water supply; or (2) one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises the treatment facilities of the community water supply and one Responsible Operator in Charge who directly supervises the distribution facilities of the community water supply. The bill defines "Responsible Operator in Charge" and establishes duties for the position. The bill passed the Senate and was referred to the House Rules Committee.

HB 4531 ALLOWANCE OF ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION FOR NOTICES HB 4531 amends the Notice By Publication Act requirements. The bill allows a governmental unit to fulfill its public notice requirement via an official government website instead of the currently required newspaper requirement. The bill also sets conditions concerning the availability and format of the notice web page. The bill was referred to the State Government Administration Committee.

FINAL RULES

PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARDS UPDATE The Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) has [adopted](#) amendments to the primary drinking water standards at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 611. The amendments update the regulations to correspond with amendments adopted by USEPA during the period of 1 JAN 13 through 30 JUN 13. The amendments became effective on 27 JAN 14.

PROPOSED RULES

EFFLUENT STANDARDS AMENDMENTS IPCB has **proposed** amendments to update the effluent standards at Section 304.141. The amendments: (1) cross-reference newly proposed IPCB procedural rules (Subpart K of Part 106); and (2) update language to reflect the USEPA delegation of permitting authority to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Comments are due by 13 MAR 14.

AMENDMENTS TO HAZARDOUS WASTE RULES IPCB has proposed two separate rules to amend the hazardous waste regulations at **35 Ill. Adm. Code 720** and **Code 721**. The proposed rules update the Illinois Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle C hazardous waste rules to correspond with amendments adopted by USEPA during the period 1 JUL 13 through 31 DEC 13. Comments for both proposed rules are due by 7 APR 14.



Legislature convened 13 JAN 14 and adjourns sine die 14 MAR 14.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

1997 8-HOUR OZONE MAINTENANCE AIR QUALITY SIP REVISIONS FOR MULTIPLE COUNTIES USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving requests by the state of Indiana to revise the 1997 8-hour ozone maintenance air quality SIPs for Allen, Greene, Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Vigo Counties (**79 FR 10385**). The revisions replace on-road emissions inventories and MVEBs with inventories and budgets developed using USEPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) emissions model. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 28 APR 14.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO WASTEWATER AND SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REGULATIONS The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has **proposed** amendments to 327 IAC 7.1, concerning the wastewater and septage management program. The amendments: (1) amend the septage management rules to incorporate changes made to the wastewater management regulations (IC 13-18-12) by the 2011 and 2012 Indiana General Assembly; (2) reorganize and revise language for better clarity and understanding; (3) make changes to the land application of septage; (4) develop standards for better access to data about storage, treatment, and disposal of septage; (5) reconsider water table restrictions; and (6) set standards and allow alternatives for septage transport. Comments are due by 21 MAR 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

UPDATE TO GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIALS REFERENCED IN STATE AIR PERMITTING RULES IDEM has developed **draft rule** language for amendments to the air permit review regulations at 326 IAC 2-2-1 and 326 IAC 2-7-1. The amendments eliminate discrepancies between the federal program and the state program by revising global warming potentials (GWPs) referenced in the greenhouse gas (GHG) tailoring rule revisions adopted by USEPA in November 2013 (**78 FR 71904**). Comments are due by 29 MAR 14 and a public hearing is scheduled for 11 JUN 14.



Legislature convened 8 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

FINAL LEGISLATION

HB 5005 COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF DIVERTED WASTE HB 5005 (Public Act 24 '14) amends the solid waste management regulations, Part 115, of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to designate certain types of waste as "diverted waste" that will not be subject to regulation as solid waste. The bill defines "diverted waste" and establishes new guidelines for its collection and storage. The bill was signed by the governor on 4 MAR 14 and became effective upon signature.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

MICHIGAN COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ROUTINE PROGRAM CHANGE The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has issued a [public notice](#) regarding routine program changes to the Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program. The changes constitute minor refinements in the state's authority to protect and manage endangered and threatened species, agency decision-making structure related to this authority, and protected species status. The changes are being submitted for concurrence to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. The comment period closed on 3 MAR 14.



Legislature convened 25 FEB 14 and adjourns sine die 19 MAY 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HF 655 (SF 455) REGULATING ROUTING PROCESS FOR HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES HF 655 amends the electric power facility permitting regulations to prohibit the designation of a preferred route in the permitting process. Applicants seeking to construct a large electric power generating plant or a high-voltage transmission line must apply for a site or route permit. The application requires that at least two routes be proposed. The bill requires that neither of the two proposed routes be designated as a preferred route and that all proposed routes must be numbered and designated as alternatives. The bill has passed the Government Operations Committee.



Legislature convened 6 JAN 14 and adjourns 31 DEC 14.

FINAL RULES

PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS The Ohio Department of Health has adopted amendments to the packaging and transportation requirements for radioactive materials ([OAC 3701:1-50-01](#) and [-23](#)). The amendments keep the rules compatible with the corresponding federal regulations found in 10 CFR 71. A notice of the proposed amendments was published in the January 2014 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 13 FEB 14.

PROPOSED RULES

AMENDMENTS TO GREAT MIAMI RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN WATER QUALITY STANDARDS The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has [proposed](#) amendments to the water quality standards at [3745-1-21](#), *Great Miami river drainage basin*. The amendments: (1) add site specific aquatic life copper criteria for two stream locations (Indian Creek and Jackson Center Creek); and (2) update the beneficial use designations in the lower Great Miami River watershed to include verifications of current use designations for 10 streams and add one previously undesignated stream. A public hearing is scheduled for 1 APR 14 and comments are due the same day.



Legislature convened 14 JAN 14 and adjourns 4 JAN 15.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY

SIP REVISION FOR TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY PROCEDURES USEPA has issued a direct final rule approving a SIP revision submitted by the state of Wisconsin ([79 FR 10995](#)). The revision establishes transportation conformity criteria and procedures related to interagency consultation, and enforceability of certain transportation related control and mitigation measures. The revision replaces Wisconsin's Conformity SIP that was approved on 27 AUG 96. Barring adverse comment the direct final rule will become effective on 28 APR 14.

PROPOSED REDESIGNATION OF MILWAUKEE-RACINE 2006 24-HOUR PM2.5 NONATTAINMENT AREA USEPA has issued a proposed rule to grant the state of Wisconsin's request to redesignate the Milwaukee-Racine PM2.5 nonattainment area to attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS ([79 FR 9134](#)). The proposed rule also approves the related elements including comprehensive emissions inventories for ammonia, VOC, NO_x, direct PM2.5, and sulfur dioxide (SO₂); maintenance plans; and the accompanying MVEBs. The proposed rule also addresses a number of additional issues, including the effects of two U.S. Court of Appeals for DC decisions. The decisions concern USEPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and two final rules implementing the 1997 annual PM2.5 standard. Comments are due by 20 MAR 14.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

[AB 444](#) EXEMPTION FROM TIPPING FEES AB 444 creates new exemptions from the groundwater, well compensation, solid waste facility siting board, recycling, and environmental repair tipping fees. Tipping fees are imposed on generators of solid waste based on the tonnage of solid waste disposed of at solid waste disposal facilities. The fees are collected by landfill operators who then pay the fees to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The bill was passed by the Environment and Forestry Committee and was referred to the Joint Finance Committee.

[AB 695](#) REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONERS AB 695 eliminates the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection's duty to establish qualifications for persons who use equipment for removing or recycling ozone-depleting refrigerants (ODRs) from motor vehicle air conditioners. The bill also outlines new requirements for training and certification, selling ODRs, and transferring unreclaimed ODRs. The bill has passed the House and was referred to the Senate Energy, Consumer Protection, and Government Reform Committee.

FINAL RULES

ADOPTION OF USEPA LEAD REDUCTION RULE The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services has [adopted](#) amendments to portions of the state plumbing code at chapters SPS 381 to 384. The amendments conform the state code to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The amendments update the definition for "lead-free" and adopt by reference the updated ANSI/NSF-61 standard. A notice of the approved statement of scope was published in the June 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. The amendments became effective on 1 MAR 14.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AND REVIEW PROCEDURES UNDER WEPA The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has [adopted](#) revisions to the natural resource regulations in Chapters 2, 19, 51, 108, 110, 126, 134, 150, 166, 101, 300, 305, 310, 327, 345, 410, 512, 670, and 820 that relate to environmental analysis and review procedures under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). The revisions: (1) make WDNR's WEPA compliance more effective; (2) emphasize the analysis of broad issues and policies; (3) de-emphasize document production for individual project actions; and (4) provide for meaningful public involvement. The revisions will become effective on 1 APR 14.

OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY

DRAFT 2014 IMPAIRED WATERS LIST WDNR has [invited comment](#) on the proposed [draft 2014 impaired waters list](#). The draft list contains 856 water bodies, of which 192 are newly added in 2014. A majority of the new listings are water bodies exceeding the total phosphorus criteria. A significant number of new water body listings are degraded biological condition with unknown causes of impairment. The remaining new listings are due to poor habitat conditions, concentrations of mercury or PCB in fish tissue, or elevated levels of bacteria or chloride. The comment period closed on 6 MAR 14.

Department of Defense Activity

LEGACY FUNDS The DOD Legacy Resource Management Program has released its FY15 areas of emphasis and request for pre-proposals. The Legacy Program funds projects that protect and enhance our nation's natural and cultural heritage while supporting military readiness. Further information regarding the Legacy Program can be found on the program [website](#).

PROPOSALS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES DOD's Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP) has requested proposals for demonstrations of environmental and energy technologies. The Call for Proposals requests pre-proposals related to assessment of vapor intrusion, weapons systems and platforms, energy efficiency for military buildings, water conservation, and reuse for military facilities. ESTCP is not seeking proposals in the munitions response or resource conservation program areas at this time. All pre-proposals are due by 14 APR 14. More information about the solicitations, including instructions and deadlines, is available on the ESTCP [website](#).

2013 SECRETARY OF ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS The Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards represent the highest honor in the field of environmental science and sustainability conferred by the Army. The 2013 winners within the REEO-N area of responsibility are: (1) Camp Johnson, Vermont Army National Guard, earned the small installation award for its natural resources conservation accomplishments; (2) Minnesota Army National Guard won the environmental quality team award; and (3) Maryland's Fort George G. Meade Installation Restoration and Military Munitions Response Program Team earned the environmental restoration team award. The Maine Army National Guard was also recognized as a runner-up in the environmental quality non-industrial installation category. For more information about the awards, visit the U.S. Army Environmental Command's [website](#).

Federal Activity

AIR

DRAFT INTEGRATED REVIEW PLAN FOR PRIMARY NAAQS FOR OXIDES OF NITROGEN USEPA has issued a notice of availability for the [*Draft Integrated Review Plan for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Oxides of Nitrogen \(79 FR 7184\)*](#). The document contains plans for the review of air quality criteria for NO_x and NAAQS for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). The primary NO₂ NAAQS provides for protection of public health from exposure to NO_x in ambient air. Comments are due by 13 MAR 14.

CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING The U.S. Global Change Research Program has created a new [website](#) featuring a collection of resources to help federal agencies plan and implement climate change adaptation. Resources include relevant federal executive orders and strategic plans, selected technical reports on adaptation research, frameworks, and overview reports for higher-level decision makers. These resources help agencies meet the requirements outlined in [Executive Order 13653](#), *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change*.

ENERGY

ENERGY-SAVING TECHNOLOGY The U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) Federal Energy Management Program [Technology Deployment List](#) features information about promising new and underutilized energy-saving technologies available for federal and commercial building sector deployment. Common considerations and barriers are also outlined.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

2012 TOXICS RELEASE INVENTORY NATIONAL ANALYSIS USEPA has [released](#) the annual Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) national analysis report for 2012. TRI tracks the management of certain toxic chemicals that may pose a threat to human health and the environment. Facilities must report annually on how much of each chemical is released to the environment and/or managed through recycling, energy recovery, and treatment. The TRI National Analysis is USEPA's annual interpretation of the TRI data. It highlights how toxic chemical wastes were managed, where toxic chemicals were released, and how the 2012 TRI data compare to data from previous years.

NATURAL RESOURCES

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has released a draft [Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System \(79 FR 4952\)](#). The policy provides guidance for USFWS to implement a strategic approach to the growth of the National Wildlife Refuge System. It prioritizes acquisitions within existing refuge boundaries, expanding existing refuges, and establishing new refuges. The draft policy focuses protection measures on priority conservation features and is consistent with the biological planning and conservation design components of strategic habitat conservation. The comment period closed on 3 MAR 14.

REOPENING OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR GRAY WOLF DELISTING AND MEXICAN WOLF LISTING USFWS has issued a proposed rule to reopen the public comment period on the 13 JUN 13 proposal to remove the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and to maintain endangered status for the Mexican wolf by listing it as a subspecies ([79 FR 7627](#)). USFWS has also announced the availability of the independent scientific peer review report on the proposal. The reopening allows all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule in light of the peer review report. A notice on the original proposed rule was published in the July 2013 edition of the *Northern Review*. Comments are due by 27 MAR 14.

CARIBBEAN ELECTRIC RAY In response to a petition, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has initiated a status review of the Caribbean electric ray to determine whether it should be listed as threatened or endangered ([79 FR 4877](#)). The Caribbean electric ray ranges in the western Atlantic from North Carolina, through the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean (except for the Bahamas where its presence is unknown), the Lesser and Greater Antilles, and the north coast of South America. Individual populations are localized, but individuals move onshore during warm months and offshore during winter months in the Gulf of Mexico. Comments are due by 31 MAR 14.

DRAFT MOU FOR PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS USEPA has issued a notice of availability for the [draft Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) between USEPA and USFWS regarding implementation of Executive Order 13186, *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds* ([79 FR 6900](#)). The MOU promotes conservation of migratory bird populations through enhanced collaboration between the USEPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and USFWS regarding actions carried out by OPP. The MOU is an important first step in ensuring pesticide use is consistent with these conservation goals. The comment period closed on 7 MAR 14.

WASTE

ELECTRONIC HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFESTS USEPA has issued a final rule establishing new requirements that authorize the use of electronic manifests (e-Manifests) as a means to track off-site shipments of hazardous waste from the generator's site to the site of the receipt and disposition ([79 FR 7517](#)). Authorized states must adopt program revisions equivalent to and consistent with federal requirements, but USEPA will implement the electronic manifest regulations unless and until the states are fully authorized to implement them. Implementation and compliance dates for the regulations will be delayed until USEPA's national e-Manifest system is shown to be ready for operation. The final rule will become effective on 6 AUG 14.

WATER

CLIMATE ASSESSMENT UPDATE TO NATIONAL STORMWATER CALCULATOR USEPA has [released](#) phase II of the [National Stormwater Calculator and Climate Assessment Tool package](#). The updated calculator includes future climate vulnerability scenarios. The calculator, a part of President Obama's Climate Change Action Plan, is a desktop application that estimates the annual amount of stormwater runoff from a specific location. The calculator now includes changes in

seasonal precipitation levels, effects of more frequent high-intensity storms, and changes in evaporation rates based on validated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change scenarios.

NATIONAL DISCHARGE STANDARDS FOR VESSELS OF THE ARMED FORCES USEPA and DOD have issued a proposed rule establishing performance standards for certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel of the armed forces into the navigable waters of the U.S., the territorial seas, and the contiguous zone ([79 FR 6117](#)). The proposed standards: (1) reduce the adverse environmental impacts associated with the discharges; (2) stimulate the development of improved pollution control devices; and (3) advance the development of environmentally sound ships by the armed forces. The proposed standards are consistent with the effluent limitations in the recently issued NPDES general permit for discharges incidental to the normal operation of a non-military vessel. Comments are due by 4 APR 14.

OTHER

CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORK The National Institute of Standards and Technology has issued the [Cybersecurity Framework](#), which consists of standards, methodologies, procedures and processes that align policy, business, and technological approaches to address cyber risks ([79 FR 9167](#)). The framework provides a performance based approach to help owners and operators of critical infrastructure and interested entities to identify, assess, and manage cybersecurity-related risk while protecting business confidentiality and individual privacy.

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 the training or conferences.

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

6-10 APR, NEW ORLEANS, LA: [BIODIVERSITY WITHOUT BOUNDARIES 2014: THE NATURESERVE CONSERVATION & NATURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE](#) The conference will emphasize education, working sessions, and networking. Join industry leaders in discussing how to continue to provide the scientific basis for effective conservation.

23-25 APR, ORLANDO, FL: [NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STORAGE TANK MANAGEMENT \(NISTM\) INTERNATIONAL ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK CONFERENCE](#) This international conference provides educational opportunities, resources, and training seminars about the operation, regulation, and management of aboveground storage tanks. Conference sessions help independent, major terminal operators, manufacturers, and suppliers. Other industries with storage tanks that will benefit attending the conference include pipeline, aviation, chemical, electric power general, manufacturing and the military.

TRAINING

(NEW) 29 APR-1 MAY, WASHINGTON, DC: [ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS \(ESPC\) WORKSHOP](#) The workshop educates attendees on how to implement energy and water projects through an energy savings performance contract (ESPC). The workshop consists of a basic introduction to the Department of Energy (DOE) Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts and how to get started with an ESPC project at sites. Training covers task order ordering procedures, contractor selection, energy saving technologies, risk and responsibility, measurement and verification, understanding task order schedules, pricing and financing aspects of the project, and post award contract administration. Breakout sessions focus on technical and contracting topics. Registration is open to federal employees and DOE management and operating (M&O) contractors. The Introduction to [ESPC webinar](#) is a prerequisite to this course. The course will also be offered [13-15 MAY in San Antonio, TX](#) and [24-26 JUN in Los Angeles, CA](#).

(NEW) 5-6 MAY, CHICAGO, IL: [ADVANCED UTILITY ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACTING \(UESC\) WORKSHOP](#) UESCs offer a method for serving utilities to provide significant assistance to federal agencies through comprehensive energy efficiency/renewable energy projects including financing and performance assurance. The advanced workshop will

examine strategies and methods used by experienced contracting officers and technical teams from project development to contract award and post-acceptance. Attendees will work through exercises designed to develop a project using templates and samples. Priority registration will be given to contracting officers, contracting specialists, and other federal employees. Attendees from private industry will be admitted (one per company) as space allows.

TRAINING—ONLINE

(NEW) 26 MAR, ONLINE: WETLAND RESTORATION HYDROLOGY AND DESIGN OVERVIEW The webinar will cover the selection and use of appropriate techniques for the restoration of wetland hydrology. Participants will be introduced to the principles of hydrogeomorphic (HGM) wetland classification, and how to use the knowledge of wetland types to select and implement appropriate wetland hydrology restoration practices. Examples of wetland water budgeting and the use of hydrology tools in practice design will be presented.

(NEW) 3 APR, ONLINE: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN FEDERAL BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS Gain knowledge of the current legislative drivers relative to the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers standards and which buildings fall under which standard. Learn about major changes in the most recent versions of ASHRAE Standard 90.1 and the International Energy Conservation Code. Understand requirements of the standards, where to look for conservation measures, and how to determine if a building meets them.

DRIVING BIOPREFERRED® WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM The 21 FEB 12 Presidential Memorandum, **Driving Innovation and Creating Jobs in Rural America through Biobased and Sustainable Product Procurement**, raises the bar for biobased purchasing in the federal sector. Find out what the memo means for your agency. Gain insight from top experts who will share the latest information on: goals and priorities that underpin the urgency of federal efforts, new requirements that accelerate biobased procurement preferences, and tips for reporting biobased purchasing on the Office of Management and Budget Agency Scorecard.

USEPA TRAINING PRESENTATIONS ON GHG REPORTING USEPA provides training presentations and a tutorial on general provisions (subpart A), stationary combustion (subpart C), electricity generation (subpart D) and municipal landfills (subpart HH) sections of the GHG Reporting Program Part 98. For additional information, and to register for the webinars visit USEPA's GHG Reporting Program **website**.

DOD MASTER PLANNING INSTITUTE (DODMPI) 2014 COURSE SCHEDULE DODMPI offers master planning courses that teach the practice of installation planning. These courses present a planning curriculum that provides the DOD planning community with a breadth of understanding of the base planning process. DODMPI has an extensive 2014 course schedule.

UTILITY ENERGY PROJECT INCENTIVE FUNDS This Federal Energy Management Program (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.

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.

MILITARY MUNITIONS SUPPORT SERVICES SERIES This new series of monthly webinars sponsored by EPA's Contaminated Sites Clean-Up Information program supports the Military Munitions Support Services community.

USACE PROSPECT Training USACE announces its FY14 Proponent-Sponsored Engineer Corps Training (PROSPECT) training program. Please see the **Course Catalog** 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 FY14 The Navy and the Interservice Environmental Education Review Board (ISEERB) Environmental Training schedule for FY14 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 FY14 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 INTEGRATION – 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**.

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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