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News from Pennsylvania SBDC Environmental Management Assistance Program

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The Pennsylvania SBDC Environmental Management Assistance Program ([EMAP](#)) is pleased to provide this free newsletter to small businesses in Pennsylvania.

News

Surface Coating Operations - Know the Rules!

If you have any size or type of surface coating or painting operation at your facility you may be subject to Air Quality environmental regulations. EMAP can help you through the process of understanding the regulations, applying for an exemption or permit (if needed) and setting up easy to use customized recordkeeping and reporting systems. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

EPA's Safer Choice Labels

The EPA [Safer Choice](#) label is designed to help consumers identify and select products with safer chemical ingredients. Every ingredient in the product with the label has been reviewed by EPA scientists and only products that meet the Safer Choice Standard, which includes stringent human health and environmental criteria, are allowed to carry the label. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Regulatory Updates

Public Water System Requirements

Are you a small business with a public drinking water system? Do you need help completing and submitting your coliform sample siting plan which is due by **April 1, 2016**?

Visit DEP's website for all of the information you need to know about the [Revised Total Coliform Rule](#) which goes into effect on April 1, 2016. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on requirements, training opportunities and sample siting plans.

Proposed Rules for Hazardous Waste

EPA has proposed two new rules to strengthen environmental protection and reduce the regulatory burden on businesses. Comments for both rules are due by December 24, 2015.

1. [Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals](#)
2. [Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements](#)

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Climate Change

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EMAP Resources for Small Businesses

[Environmental Checklist for Small Manufacturers](#)

[Residual Waste FAQs](#)

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New Ozone Standards

On October 1, 2015, EPA strengthened the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone to 70 parts per billion (ppb), based on extensive scientific evidence about ozone's effects on public health and welfare. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Funding Opportunities

DEP Small Business Advantage Grant

The DEP Small Business Advantage Grant program is currently open. The first come, first served grant program provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$9,500, to enable a PA small business to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

DEP Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program

The program provides rebates to consumers for the purchase of new plug-in hybrid, plug-in electric, natural gas, propane and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. Rebates of \$2,000 will be offered for PHEVs and EVs (battery system capacity equal/greater than 10 kWh) until 250 rebates are disbursed or December 31st, 2015, whichever occurs first. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

Need Assistance?

EMAP Can Help!

The Environmental Consultants at EMAP provide strictly confidential, no-cost assistance with:

- [Environmental Compliance](#)
- [Air Quality Regulations](#)
- [Greening your Business](#)
- [Finding Sources of Financing for Environmental Upgrades](#)
- [Preparing Permit Applications and Plans](#)
- Waste Exchanges: [Pennsylvania Material Trader](#)



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