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The Pennsylvania SBDC Environmental Management Assistance Program (EMAP) is pleased to provide this free newsletter to small businesses in Pennsylvania, sharing with you updates on environmental regulations, energy issues and funding opportunities.

Announcements

RICE Compliance Extension Requests

EPA recently issued a memorandum clarifying how to process certain facility extension requests for compliance with the [RICE NESHAP subpart ZZZZ](#). EPA published final rule amendments that affect the way emergency engines are allowed to operate after the NESHAP compliance date.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the memo and find out if your source meets the requirements for an extension.

Public Comment Period for Draft DEP Public Participation Policy Extended

The Department of Environmental Protection has extended [the public comment period](#) for its draft Public Participation Policy for the Permit Review Process. The policy, which was previously scheduled to close on July 22, is now open for public comment until Aug. 27.

The [draft policy](#) proposes guidelines for public participation during DEP's permit review process which includes procedures for public hearings, and receiving and responding to public comments.

For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Funding Opportunities



Small Business Advantage Grant

A reminder that the Pennsylvania DEP [reopened the Small Business Advantage Grant Program](#) for 2013. This first-come, first-served program provides \$1 million in funding with up to 50 percent reimbursements for a maximum of \$9,500. It serves to enable small businesses in the Commonwealth to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.



All Commonwealth small businesses are eligible, including manufacturers, retailers, service providers, mining businesses and agricultural concerns.

Working with EMAP, SBDC clients have received 295 grants for over \$1.5 million in grant funds since the program opened in 2004.

All applications must be submitted by September 6, 2013. For more information visit the DEP's [Small Business Ombudsman's Office](#) webpage or call the EMAP hotline 877.ask.EMAP.



REAP Farm Conservation Tax Credits



Pennsylvania farmers can now take advantage of the almost \$7 million in tax credits to purchase on-farm conservation equipment or install facilities meeting best management practice standards through the Resource Enhancement and Protection Farm Conservation Tax Credit

(REAP).

This first-come, first-served program assists agricultural producers with the purchase of conservation equipment and materials to help protect the environment. Farmers can receive tax credits of up to \$150,000 for 50 or 75 percent of the total project cost.

Applications are now available on the [REAP webpage](#).



DOE SBIR/STTR Funding

The U.S. Department of Energy announced its [Phase I Release I topics for funding opportunities in 2014](#). A list of the 40 topics and more information is now available and includes research areas such as energy efficiency, renewable energy and developing fossil fuels.



If you think your small business has a relevant technology and would like to apply for Phase I funding, please note that Letters of Intent are due **September 3, 2013** and applications are due **October 15, 2013**.

Regulatory Update



Solvent-Contaminated Wipes Rulemaking

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) altered the hazardous waste management regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to provisionally exclude solvent-contaminated wipes from hazardous waste regulations on the condition that businesses clean or dispose of them properly.

The [final rule](#) is based on EPA's final risk analysis that determined wipes contaminated with certain hazardous solvents do not pose significant risk to human health and the environment when managed properly.

Business sectors potentially affected by this final rule include:

printing, publishing, business services, chemical and allied product manufacturing, plastics and rubber, fabricated metal products, industrial machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, auto dealers, electronics and computer manufacturing, transportation equipment, and auto repair and maintenance.

To read more about this ruling [CLICK HERE](#).

Health and Safety Update



Changes to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standards

OSHA's [Hazard Communication page](#)

includes materials that explain the new changes to the Hazard Communication Standard, including a training fact sheet, a list of frequently asked questions and a brief on labels and pictograms. The law has changed and employers with over 10 employees that deal with any type of chemical have until December 1, 2013 to give their employees training on the changes.

Upcoming Training Opportunity

Penn State SBDC is offering a workshop from 9:00am - noon on October 8, 2013 at the Technology Center in University Park. Dale Glacken from OSHA will present information on the existing rule, 2012 changes, how to comply and resources to help.

For more information and to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



OSHA Updates Webpage on Safety and Health Topics



OSHA's [Oil and Gas Extraction Safety and Health Topics Web page](#) has been updated with new information for both employers and workers about identifying, preventing, and controlling workers' exposure to hazards.

The information and resources provided on this web page introduces OSHA regulatory requirements and industry standards and can help identify and eliminate hazards in the workplace.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find more resources for health and safety.



EMAP Assists Your Small Business

[EMAP](#) provides Pennsylvania small businesses with the answers

and assistance they need to effectively manage their environmental concerns, reduce regulatory risks, and save money.



The Environmental Consultants at EMAP can help you with your environmental questions including:

- [Regulatory Compliance Issues](#)
- [Greening Your Business](#)
- [Finding Sources of Financing for Environmental Upgrades](#)
- Preparing Permit Applications and Plans
- Waste Exchanges:
 - [Pennsylvania Material Trader](#)
 - [Pennsylvania Biomass Trader](#)

All EMAP services are free and confidential. For assistance, call the statewide toll-free number at [877.ask.EMAP \(275-3627\)](tel:877.ask.EMAP) or send an email to questions@askemap.org.