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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



DEP Releases New Pre-Application Information Tool

DEP announced a new [Pre-Application Information Tool](#) that allows potential applicants to more easily determine which types of environmental permits, authorizations and notifications may be required for a project. An interactive version of the tool will be available later this summer.



[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Pre-Application Document Package.



Portfolio Manager Upgrade

This July, EPA will release a new version of [Portfolio Manager](#), a widely used program that tracks and analyzes the water and energy performance of many commercial buildings. The new version is set to launch July 10, 2013 after a short period of unavailability from June 26 through July 9.

For more information on how this upgrade will affect your business see EPA's [factsheet](#).



EPA Hosts Webinars on Area Source Boiler

Rule



US EPA will host several free webinars to further discuss the [Area Source Boiler Rule](#). Click one of the dates below to register.

- [Wed, June 5, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST](#)
- [Tue, Jun 25, 2013 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT](#)
- [Thu, Jun 27, 2013 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT](#)



2013 Annual SBEAP/SBO 507 Conference Highlights

The 2013 Annual [Small Business Environmental Assistance Program](#) (SBEAP) National Training Conference, hosted by EPA Region 5, was held in Chicago on May 14-15, 2013.

You can review the conference [agenda](#) to see what was discussed. Some of the conference sessions are available for [audio listening](#) online including:

- Sustainability Small Business Panel
- Updates and Outreach for Area Source Boiler and RICE NESHAPs
- Resources for Boiler NESHAP Tune-Ups and Energy Assessment



Funding Opportunities



EPA SBIR Opens June 5th

The EPA [Small Business Innovation Research Program](#) (SBIR)

is set to open June 5th, accepting Phase 1 solicitations. The 2013 period of eligibility will run from **June 5-July 17**



and cover topics including water, innovation in manufacturing, waste, air quality and homeland security.

Phase 1 investigates the scientific merit and technical feasibility of the submission and can provide up to \$100,000 over 6 months.

To read more about eligibility and requirements for consideration check out the [EPA Factsheet](#).



Alternative Fuel Vehicle Grants

The [Alternative Fuel Incentive Grant](#) (AFIG) program opened on May 25, 2013. This program will provide roughly \$10 million to help companies and organizations purchase or convert to CNG, LNG or bi-fuel vehicles weighing less than 14,000 pounds, as well as electric, propane or other alternative fuel vehicles of any weight. The deadline to submit applications is July 26, 2013.



[CLICK HERE](#) for application materials.

The Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Program: Alternative Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Rebate program is also currently open. 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. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Small Business Advantage Grants

Pennsylvania DEP expects to reopen the Small Business Advantage Grant Program in July this year. The program provides 50 percent matching grants, up to a maximum of \$9,500 to enable a Pennsylvania small business to adopt or acquire energy efficient or pollution prevention equipment or processes.



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

For more information, call the EMAP hotline, [877.ask.EMAP](tel:877.ask.EMAP) or visit the [grant website](#). The new 2013 application and guidelines will be posted when the grant program reopens.

Regulatory Update



Printing Regulation Development Update

In February 2012, Pennsylvania DEP proposed a rulemaking to amend § 129.67 and add §§ 129.67a and 129.67b to establish VOC content limit, add-on control and work practice standard requirements for the owner and operator of an affected flexible packaging printing press, offset lithographic printing press or letterpress printing press, or a combination of these press types. The proposed rule does not apply to digital printers.

The proposed regulation, which aims to reduce VOC emissions from the use and application of inks, coatings, adhesives, fountain solutions and cleaning materials, was published in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#) and a draft of the final regulatory language is expected to be posted for review and concurrence by the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) later this year. The agenda for AQTAC meetings can be found [here](#).

Final rulemaking documents will be available on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) website two weeks before its consideration for adoption.



EPA Proposes Formaldehyde Emissions Standards for Composite Wood Products

EPA is [proposing new requirements](#) under the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act, or Title VI of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). This proposed rulemaking could impact nearly 879,000 small businesses nationwide.



EPA proposed two rules: the first rule would implement

formaldehyde emission standards under TSCA Title VI, and would apply to hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, particleboard, and finished goods containing these products that are sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured (including imported) in the United States; the second rule would establish a framework for a third-party certification program to ensure that composite wood panel producers comply with the formaldehyde emission limits established under TSCA Title VI.

Affected businesses may include:

- Veneer, plywood, and engineered wood product manufacturing
- Prefabricated wood building manufacturing
- Furniture and related product manufacturing
- Wood product wholesalers, supply dealers, distributors and retailers

More on the formaldehyde proposals can be found [here](#). Once the proposed rule is published in the federal register, comments must be received within 60 days of that date.



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](#)

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