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

Announcements

Pennsylvania Waste Exchanges

Waste exchanges can be a cost effective and potentially profitable way to buy or sell valuable, useful waste from other businesses. EMAP and the Pennsylvania SBDCs have developed an online material trading service to facilitate waste exchanges in Pennsylvania.



Visit [Material Trader](#) and [Biomass Trader](#) to see how your business can optimize waste exchanges.

For further reading, Material Trader was featured in this month's issue of [Farming Magazine](#), including an interview with EMAP Director Nancy Crickman.



EMAP Success Story: SelecTrim Finds Success with Environmental Upgrades



Based in Williamsport, PA, James Wood started SelecTrim in 1977 as a small woodworking business. The company has since expanded to produce custom architectural millwork, including handrails, chair rails, wood ceiling components and furniture products or components.

SelecTrim had made plans to move to a new facility and expand in the late 2000s, but as the economy slowed, so did their business. The company was able to see the reduced sales as an opportunity to increase energy efficiency and reduce environmental impact.

Read the [full Success Story here](#).

Toxics Release Inventory Training Workshop

On May 10, 2013, EMAP is co-sponsoring a training workshop on EPA's Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) in State College, PA.



This workshop will cover how to determine whether your business meets reporting thresholds, as well as reporting obligations, form completion and other relevant topics.

For more information, see the [complete article](#) about the workshop, visit [EPA's TRI site](#), and [register for the event](#).

Funding Opportunities

EPA to Reopen SBIR Grant Program



The Environmental Protection Agency's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant program is set to begin a new round of Phase I solicitation in May 2013.

EMAP will update you when more information becomes available. Watch for details and read information about past SBIR grants on the [EPA SBIR site](#), or visit the [fact sheet](#) on the program.

Rural Energy for America Energy Grants & Loans

Does your small business operate in a rural area?



The USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides grants, guaranteed loans and combined grants and guaranteed loans for development and construction of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency projects for small businesses that operate primarily in rural areas.

Important dates

April 30, 2013: Deadline for energy efficiency improvement grants, renewable energy system grants, and renewable energy system feasibility study applications.

July 15, 2013: Deadline for renewable energy system and energy

efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications.

Visit the [USDA Press Release](#) for more information including contact information for your local Rural Development Energy Coordinator.

Regulatory Information

Open for Comment: Residual Waste General Permit Modifications

The Pennsylvania DEP general permit for electronic recycling has been revised, and the revised draft permit is currently open for comment.

The revisions to General Permit Number WMGR081 are intended to:

- Support implementation of the Covered Device Recycling Act
- Transfer permit authority to regional offices
- Extend coverage of the permit to electronic waste transfer facilities
- Require processing and storage to take place in an enclosed facility

Comments are due by June 5, 2013. View the [full notice](#) in the PA Bulletin.

Commercial Fuel Oil Sulfur Limits

Pennsylvania has lowered the allowable sulfur content limits of commercial fuel oils used in oil-burning combustion units. This new rule establishes a statewide sulfur content limit and will be effective July 1st, 2016. These revisions have now been uploaded to the PA Bulletin, [available here](#). The [final rulemaking notice](#) was published on February 9, 2013.

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) or send an email to questions@askemap.org.
