

# November EMAP Newsletter

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e-Waste Disposal Ban Begins January 2013



The PA 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.

## Hurricane Sandy PA Recovery Efforts

[PA SBDC](#) and [EMAP](#) are here to help your small business in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. SBDC has [resources and tips for disaster recovery](#), and please consult the [list of SBDC centers](#) to find a center near you to help with any small business storm and environmental issues.



PA Department of Environmental Protection has created a webpage devoted to post-Hurricane Sandy environmental recovery efforts. Information on flood recovery, storm debris management, and waste removal as well as meeting cancellations, FEMA contacts, and any other storm related issues can be found [here](#).

## DEP Implements New Permit Guidelines

For 18 months, DEP has been reviewing all permitting procedures and researching improvements to the permitting process. The focus of the new guidelines is to provide certainty and clarity to local governments, non-profit organizations and businesses.

Included in the new policy will be the Permit Decision Guarantee. This program will create predictable permit review timeframes, articulate clear expectations for applicants, and improve permit tracking.

For more information, see the [full EMAP article](#), and visit DEP's [Permit Decision Portal](#). DEP has planned helpful webinars, including program-specific sessions (waste management, oil and gas operations, air quality, among others). For information, visit DEP's full [schedule of webinars and registration information](#).

Beginning January 24th, 2013, all businesses are required to recycle any covered devices.

The disposal ban includes:

desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions, among other devices.

For more information on the rule, visit the [EMAP article on e-Waste](#).

For more links and FAQs on the new rule, visit [DEP's information sheet](#).

## Lead Based Paint Renovation Safety

If you are a renovator or are planning renovations for your business, EPA's Renovate Right campaign can provide information to protect from potential lead based paint hazards.



The Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Rule applies to firms performing renovation, repair or painting projects on homes, childcare facilities or pre-schools that may contain lead-based paint (built before 1978). These firms must be certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers to follow lead-safe work practices.

To learn more about the Renovation, Repair and Painting Program, begin with EPA's [Small Business Compliance Guide](#). Find further information on the [RRP website](#), and find answers to many of your questions on the [Lead FAQ page](#).

Does your business want to become a certified renovator? Begin the process with [EPA Lead program contractor site](#).

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## Act 76 of 2012 - Small Business Amendment



On August 28th, 2012, Pennsylvania amended the Regulatory Review Act to require state agencies to determine the effect of any new regulation on small businesses.

Act 76 requires requires each agency to provide an small business economic impact statement and conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis.

This act could have a positive impact on small businesses by allowing greater participation in regulatory comment periods. Act 76 may also provide small businesses with greater advance notice on new regulations that may directly impact operations.

Read the [text of Act 76](#) for more information.

## Proposed Revisions to Medical Waste Regulations

Pennsylvania expects to publish revised regulations on infectious and chemotherapeutic waste in late 2014. The proposed revisions will align more closely with existing federal regulations and should make it easier for small health facilities to handle and dispose of infectious and chemotherapeutic waste. Proposed topics to be addressed include:



- Infectious and chemotherapeutic waste will be recategorized as "regulated medical waste" to align with other states and federal government regulations.
- Amend the current storage and disposal regulations to reduce cost and eliminate transporting partial loads.
- Revise recordkeeping to eliminate cumbersome copying and distribution requirements .

EMAP will provide more details as they become available in the coming months. More information is available through DEP's [Solid Waste Advisory Committee](#).

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## EMAP Serves Your 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](mailto:questions@askemap.org).