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Pennsylvania is considering on-bill

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.

Shale Gas Innovation Contest

Is your small business innovating in the shale gas technology space? The Ben Franklin Shale Gas Innovation and Commercialization Center (SGICC) has announced a total of \$75,000 in cash prizes for "the three best shale gas-oriented innovations, new product ideas, or service concepts that are either in the development stage or recently launched".



Visit the [SGICC contest website](#) for more information. Submissions must be entered by March 1st, 2013.

Natural Gas Vehicle Program



Through funds generated by Pennsylvania Act 13 for natural gas, the state has developed a Natural Gas Energy Development Program. Within that program, DEP will be administering Natural Gas Vehicle Grants to support the cost of retrofitting eligible vehicles to run on natural gas.

Visit the [Natural Gas Vehicle Grant fact sheet](#) for answers to many questions, and DEP's [Natural Gas Program site](#) for more information. Applications must be submitted by February 1st, 2013.

Regulatory News

EPA Toxics Release Inventory Program

Under the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, EPA collects information through the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program about pollution prevention (P2) in your area.



for loans to make your business more energy efficient. On-bill financing would allow customers to pay off energy efficiency upgrades in monthly payments incorporated into the regular monthly utility bill.

[Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance \(KEEA\)](#) is holding a webinar on December 19th, 2012 at 12pm to showcase existing on-bill financing efforts in other states and will address small commercial buildings, multifamily buildings and schools.

[Register here for the webinar](#) and visit KEEA's [On Bill Financing site](#) for more information.

EPA will be releasing new ways to view data on effective pollution prevention measures taken in your area in the coming months. Read about the program on the [P2 website](#) or check out [EPA's fact sheet](#) to learn more about pollution prevention measures that may work for your company.

Proposed Air Toxics Standards for Utilities

EPA has proposed updated emissions limits for new power plants under the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS). These updates would only apply to future power plants.

Visit [EPA's website on the proposed rule](#) for more information. Also consult the rule's [fact sheet](#) or [rule text](#) for specific questions.

EPA NESHAP 4W Reinforced Plastics Rule

Open for Comment

EPA has opened the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Reinforced Plastic Composites Production for comment for potential future changes. If your business may be affected by NESHAP 4W, you may consider submitting comments on the rule. EPA will be accepting comments on the rule until December 31st, 2012.

Read the [proposed rules](#), and feel free to [contact EMAP](#) if you have questions about whether changes may apply to you.

Energy News

Save Money on Your Utility Bill:

Energy Efficiency for Small Businesses



Pennsylvania Act 129 requires Pennsylvania Electric Distribution Companies to act to reduce electricity consumption and improve efficiency.

As Phase II of Act 129 begins in 2013, utilities are beginning to offer programs for small business energy audits and incentives for energy updates. Click the links below to find what your energy provider is currently offering. EMAP will keep you updated as more programs are announced.

[PECO Small Business Program](#)
[PPL Small Business Programs](#)
[Met Ed and other FirstEnergy Customers](#)

Department of Energy Funding Opportunity

The DOE has announced the opening of FY2013 Phase I Funding Opportunity for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.



Please visit the DOE's [Office of Science website](#) to learn more about these funding programs. You can also [watch a webinar](#) detailing these programs that may answer many questions. The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent is December 17th, 2012, and the grant application must be submitted by February 3rd, 2013.

EMAP can help you determine whether the SBIR grant may be right for your small business. [Contact us](#) today for details on the SBIR and STTR grant application processes.

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.
