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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 Updated Handbook for Local Businesses

The [PA Department of Environmental Protection](#) Handbook for Local Governments, Developers and Businesses was updated for 2012 and remains a valuable resources for small businesses in Pennsylvania.

[Visit the handbook](#) for helpful information about DEP programs, as well as important DEP staff contact resources.

Energy Efficiency Rebate Workshops



If you are a [West Penn Power](#) customer, consider attending one of the upcoming workshops on taking advantage of [Act 129](#) energy efficiency programs. These workshops will provide assistance and information on efficiency incentives and rebates, lighting legislation, and retroactive tax deductions, among other topics. Many of these programs also apply to other FirstEnergy providers, including Penn Power, Met Ed and Penelec, so consider attending if you

operate in any of those service areas.

Visit [the full post](#) on the EMAP site for details on topics to be discussed, workshop locations, registration links and other helpful information.

Regulatory Compliance

Upcoming Hazard Communication Compliance Deadlines

The March 2012 revisions to OSHA's Hazard Communication Standards which better align it with the United Nation's Globally Harmonized System contains two significant changes which require the use of new labeling elements and a standardized



DEP Secretary Steps Down

Governor Corbett announced that Mike Krancer, Department of Environmental Protection Secretary, will step down effective April 15th, 2013.

E. Christopher Abruzzo, deputy chief of staff for Governor Tom Corbett, will serve as acting secretary until the Governor appoints a replacement for Krancer.

Visit the [DEP press release](#) for more details.

format for Safety Data Sheets, formerly known as Material Safety Data Sheets. Upcoming deadlines for compliance are:

- By December 1, 2013, employers must train workers on the new label and safety data sheet formats. OSHA has published a [fact sheet](#) which explains these training requirements.
- By June 1st, 2015, businesses must adopt new labels and pictograms. OSHA has published a [brief](#) that details the elements of the new label, including details of the new pictograms and steps to creating a new label that is compliant with the revised standard.

Spring 2013 Toxics Release Inventory Workshops



In the coming months, EPA Region 3 is offering three [Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\)](#) workshops at the regional office in Philadelphia, PA. These workshops will provide information on how to determine if a facility must report under TRI, as well as TRI Report preparation.

TRI workshop dates: Thursday April 18th, Thursday May 16th, or Thursday June 6th. Each workshop is from 9:30am-2:30pm at the EPA Region 3 Office, 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The training will cover two parts: "Toxic Release Inventory Basic Concepts" & "Toxic Release Inventory Advanced Concepts". Both training parts will be covered in each workshop. All attendees should bring the training material (found [here](#)) to the workshop in hard copy or on a laptop.

To register, email Bill Reilly at reilly.william@epa.gov and indicate which date you would like to attend. Please include your name, the facility name and address, your email address and telephone number. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, and each session is capped at 25 registrants. Sessions are free of charge.

NESHAP for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

The [finalized amendments](#) to the RICE NESHAP and NSPS for stationary engines will take effect on April 1, 2013.



Of note to small businesses are limitations on the operation of emergency engines for any non-emergency related purpose. Limitations include any maintenance and testing, participation in an emergency demand response program, and supplying power in any non-emergency situation.

If you are a small business considering the installation of an emergency generator, [contact EMAP](#) for assistance in determining if this rule may apply to you.

Boiler and Heat System Webinars



Two upcoming webinars may be of interest for small businesses for compliance with the new boiler rule, as well as saving on fuel costs or decreasing energy usage.

On Wednesday, March 27th, a webinar on [Leveraging your Annual Boiler Shutdown](#) can help businesses with recommendations for shutdown checks, annual inspections and possible repairs, replacements or upgrades to increase safety and efficiency. On Wednesday, April 3rd, the Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing Office will present a webinar on [Combined Heat & Power \(CHP\) Systems](#). CHP systems can make energy more cost and fuel efficient, as well as increasing reliability for businesses.

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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