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News for the Small Business Community

Welcome & Introductions

Welcome to the winter 2011 edition of the SmallBiz@EPA Bulletin. Improving our outreach and services to small businesses is our number one priority. We are excited to bring you a variety of updates and events that include fresh ideas and initiatives that have been implemented to assist small businesses in improving their environmental performance.

This quarterly web publication highlights recent agency activities and State Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBEAPs) initiatives. A new section entitled, "SBO/SBEAP and NSC Updates" has been added to the bulletin. This section allows our state assistance providers to stay connected and up to date on current projects or assignments, as well as allowing other readers to hear about what is new with our state compliance assistance providers and their subcommittees. Enjoy and let us know what you think!

State/Regional Contacts

Need to find a contact within your state, region, or program? Go to the contacts page on the [Small Business Environmental Home Page](#)



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Do You have News for the SmallBiz@EPA Bulletin?

Want to reach the small business community? Send a brief synopsis of your success stories, technical and regulatory updates, and other news to Paula Zampieri (zampieri.paula@epa.gov). Include your web site link. Submissions must be received by the third Tuesday of March, June, September and December to be included for the next edition. Paula will send reminders requesting submissions for the next edition.

For More Information on Small Business Environmental Compliance:
www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org

Events

2011 SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

The 18th annual Small Business Environmental Conference will be held May 3-6, 2011 at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel in



Raleigh, North Carolina. There will be something for everyone, whether you are a newcomer, “old timer,” an environmental specialist from a federal or state program, a trade association that helps small businesses, a program manager looking for professional development, or a small business! The conference web site (www.sbeapconference.com) contains information about registering for the conference, the agenda (including training), hotel and transportation information, directions, tourist information, and after-hours activities. Reserve your room now at the Sheraton Raleigh Hotel. The deadline for the group rate is April 6, 2011.

2011 Good Jobs Green Jobs National Conference, Washington DC

On February 9, 2011, EPA held a workshop at the Good Jobs Green Jobs Conference to highlight small business opportunities and their greening efforts. The workshop, “Greening Your Small Business – EPA Partnership Programs and Tools to Help Businesses Go Green,” featured an array of EPA experts in waste, water and energy that discussed resources available to small businesses. For more information see www.greenjobsconference.org/node/517.

ENERGY STAR Webcasts

ENERGY STAR offers free online training to help you improve the energy performance of your organization. To register for any of these trainings or to see other upcoming ENERGY STAR trainings, visit <https://energystar.webex.com>.

Action Development Training at EPA

EPA’s Office of Policy is offering a number of free training courses for EPA staff about the Action Development Process and other rulemaking considerations within the agency. Our upcoming courses include our flagship

DATE	TITLE	TYPE
03/15/2011 – 03/16/2011 (all day)	Essentials of Analysis for EPA Regulatory Professionals	Classroom

“Action Development at EPA” course, now two days instead of three, and a new “Essentials of Regulatory Analysis” course. These courses are taught by EPA staff with expertise in each field. A few upcoming courses are listed below. You can find more details and a year-long curriculum at <http://intranet.epa.gov/orpm/training/>.

6H NESHAP Online Training

The January 10, 2011 compliance deadline has come and gone for National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) Subpart HHHHHH (6H): Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations. The University of Northern Iowa’s Iowa Waste Reduction Center’s (IWRC) online training can still be taken to comply with this regulation. IWRC stresses the importance of environmental compliance to avoid unnecessary and costly fines.

The online training has been used by small businesses, body shops, industries, and government organizations across the country.

It helps businesses comply with the regulation and can save time, money, and materials. Training costs only \$199 with quantity discounts available.

For more information see www.sprayitright.com or contact John Konefes (john.konefes@uni.edu), 319-277-4668 ext. 12).

For Additional SBO/SBEAP events see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/SharingInformation/Events.aspx

Reaching Small Business

New and Improved-North Carolina Small Business Environmental Assistance Program



The Small Business Environmental Assistance and Ombudsman's programs are now part of a new

division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach, in the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The Customer Service Center, which previously housed the small business functions, was legislatively combined with the Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance. The new division will offer more comprehensive assistance to small businesses and local governments, including permit assistance and tips on waste reduction, recycling, energy efficiency and water conservation.

This budget and efficiency driven merger provides multi-media technical assistance and assists us in getting closer to our goal of one stop compliance assistance for small businesses. Information and technical assistance is

designed to help clients improve their bottom line and encourage environmental stewardship.

Both Tony Pendola and Edythe McKinney are still with the program.

For more information on the NC Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach contact Edythe McKinney (edythe.mckinney@ncdenr.gov) or see <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/deao/>.

EPA's OECA Structure and Management Changes

In early 2011, the Office of Compliance in EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) reorganized to more effectively integrate its compliance assistance and compliance monitoring work, build the needed expertise to keep abreast of new challenges, and make its work more transparent to EPA customers and partners. To accomplish this, there have been numerous changes in the management structure.

Please refer to the updated list of EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance assurance contacts at www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/Contacts/EPASmallBiz.aspx. Or, if you have questions, call Beverly Updike at 202-564-7142.

New Beneficial Use Portal Helps Determine How to Legally Re-use Industrial Byproducts

Visit the new Beneficial Use Portal for quick access to current information to help safely implement beneficial use of industry byproducts. Resources include:

- State Beneficial Use Program Locator - provides state-specific information on programs and rules concerning beneficial use.
- Beneficial Use Library – allows users to enter

keywords or phrases to find relevant websites, documents and other resources.

- Beneficial Use News – provides current news regarding Beneficial Use rules, training, and more.

Don't miss the Beneficial Use Portal at www.beneficialuseportal.org/index.htm

Safety Tips for Weatherizing with Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) Insulation

EPA, in conjunction with stakeholders and other federal and state partners, is making information available on the safe use of spray polyurethane foam (SPF).



Exposure to chemicals in SPF (particularly its key ingredient, isocyanates) from vapors, aerosols, and dusts can cause adverse health effects.

A postcard of safety tips for weatherizing with SPF can be downloaded from EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) website at www.epa.gov/dfe/pubs/spf_postcard.pdf. The postcard contains useful information for spray applicators, other trades persons present during spray application, building owners, and occupants. The postcard highlights the importance of carefully reading product labels and other information for ingredients, hazards, directions, safe work practices, and precautions.

For more information on product safety and tips see EPA's Design for the Environment home page www.epa.gov/dfe/.

EPA Prepares for Small Business Panel on Formaldehyde Regulations

EPA will establish a Small Business Advocacy Review (SBAR) Panel to evaluate potential economic impacts on small business from regulations implementing the

Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act. EPA will propose implementing regulations to address composite wood products (hardwood plywood, medium-density fiberboard, and particleboard) and to ensure these products meet federal formaldehyde emission standards. EPA has identified small entity representatives (SERs) who will provide advice and recommendations to the SBAR Panel.

EPA invited a number of SERs, including small manufacturers and importers of composite wood products and trade associations representing small regulated entities, to a pre-panel outreach meeting. At the meeting, EPA briefed the group on the areas potentially covered by the regulations. EPA will be leading discussions and taking comments from the SERs before and during the SBAR Panel in order to gather information on how EPA might mitigate affects on small businesses while developing the regulations.

For more information see www.epa.gov/sbrefa/formaldehyde.htm.

EPA Establishes National Tribal Toxics Committee

As part of Administrator Lisa Jackson's priority to expand the conversation on environmental justice and build strong tribal partnerships, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) is convening a new tribal council, the National Tribal Toxics Committee (NTTC), to provide input on tribal issues as they pertain to chemical concerns and pollution prevention within Tribal communities.

For more information see www.epa.gov/opptintr/tribal/pubs/chemmgmt_pollprev.html.

Subscribe to EPA's Compliance Assistance News Briefs

The News Briefs is an email newsletter with information about new compliance assistance tools, significant rule changes, training, web casts, and more, including links to more information.

1. Visit <https://lists.epa.gov/read/> and click "show more."
2. Look for "ocorelink Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance information."
3. Click on "subscribe."
4. Enter your information.

For problems or questions contact Catherine Tunis (tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or call 202-564-0476.

Open Government; White House and EPA Initiatives:

In the Memorandum on Transparency and Open Government, issued on January 21, 2009, President Obama instructed the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue an Open Government Directive. The Open Government Directive explains the Obama Administration's plan for breaking down long-standing barriers between you and the federal government. EPA offers links to current and planned projects and initiatives that foster public participation and collaboration. The White House and EPA are taking steps to open doors and provide data by:

- Publishing government information online.
- Improving the quality of government information.
- Creating and institutionalizing a culture of open government.



MANY AMERICANS ASSUME THAT **LEAD PAINT** POISONING IS NOT A PROBLEM ANYMORE—

they view it as a legacy issue from their parents' generation and not a problem for their children today. Unfortunately, that is just not true. Lead paint poisoning affects over one million children in the U.S. today. For children, lead paint poisoning can cause lifelong learning disabilities, hearing loss, speech delays, mental retardation, aggressive/violent behaviors, and in severe instances, comas, convulsions, and even death.

The Ad Council has partnered with the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, EPA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to develop the nation's first comprehensive multimedia public service advertising campaign designed to educate parents about the dangers of lead paint poisoning. Parents are encouraged to visit the campaign website LEADFREEKIDS.ORG or call 1-800-424-LEAD to learn how to safeguard their children. Hearing- or speech-challenged individuals may use TTY at 1-800-877-8339.

To see the public service announcements and to learn more about the campaign, please click the links below. Together, let's make all kids lead-free kids.



CAMPAIGN PREVIEW

[WINDOWS \(10MB .WMV\)](#) [MAC \(44.5MB .MOV\)](#)

- Creating an enabling policy framework for open government.

For more information on the Open Government White House Initiative see www.whitehouse.gov/open. For EPA's Open Government Initiative see www.epa.gov/open.

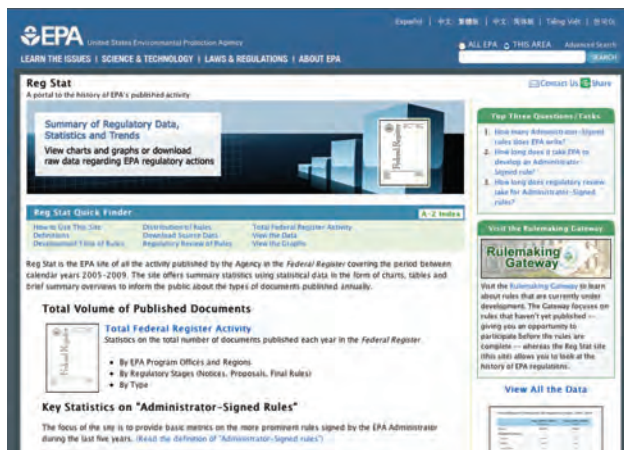
Gateway for Rulemaking at EPA

The Rulemaking Gateway, www.epa.gov/rulemaking, is an EPA web site designed to help you track priority rules that are under development. Use the site to learn about EPA rules from the moment we begin working on them -- which is well before they appear in the Federal Register -- to when the final rule is published.

Regulation Updates

EPA Reg Stat is Launched to Increase Transparency of Regulatory Activity

EPA has launched a new website called Reg Stat that will enhance public understanding of its regulatory process and the number, type, and range of regulatory documents developed each year by the agency. This new resource is part of the EPA's continuing efforts to enhance the accessibility and transparency of its regulatory activities.



Reg Stat provides information on EPA documents published in the Federal Register between 2005 and 2009. The site also provides in-depth information on rulemakings likely to be of most interest to stakeholders -- those rules signed by the EPA Administrator that substantively amend the Code of Federal Regulations. Users will be able to determine the number of rules signed by the Administrator, how long it took to develop each rule, whether a rule underwent Executive Order 12866 regulatory review by OMB, and the length of OMB review. Both summary graphics and searchable data tables are available.

Users can download and sort data based on categories of interest. Information on Reg Stat is updated annually. To view Reg Stat see www.epa.gov/regstat.

EPA News Releases – Air

Keep up to date with all of EPA's press releases on air issues. There is a plethora of information and press conferences that may interest you, assist you, or affect your work. For example, on July 6th, EPA announced Proposal Cuts for Pollution from Power Plants in 31 States and the District of Columbia. The rule would reduce smog- and soot-forming emissions contributing to unhealthy air.

For more information on the air press release and other press releases see <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/advpress.nsf/Press%20Releases%20-%20Air%20OpenView>.

Laws, Regulations, Guidance and Dockets

Stay informed about current and initiated rules and regulations from EPA and other federal agencies.

- Action Initiation List posts monthly updates to EPA rules and regulatory actions.
- Regulations.gov is the federal government's one stop site to comment on federal regulations. Sign

up for email notifications for alerts when documents (e.g., a proposed rule or a meeting notice) are added to a docket. All of EPA's rules have a docket on Regulations.gov.

- Rulemaking Gateway provides information to the public on the status of EPA's priority rulemakings.

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs' "Dashboard"

On February 16, 2010, as part of the Administration's effort to create a more open and transparent government, OMB launched, an Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) "dashboard." This public website discloses information about OIRA's review of draft regulations under Executive Order 12866. See www.reginfo.gov.

Success Stories

NH SBTAP Invited to DES Pre-Application Meetings

Businesses in New Hampshire can request a pre-application meeting through the Public Information and Permitting Unit (PIP) with Department of Environmental Services (DES) staff. The Unit's Administrator coordinates a meeting between small business owners and DES staff to allow active discussions in the pre-planning phase to identify regulatory issues, concerns and permits that may be triggered. These meetings include staff from hazardous waste, air resources, ground water protection, and site assessment. Recently, the Small Business Technical Assistance Program (SBTAP) was asked to attend these meetings, creating a new in-house partnership between PIP and SBTAP. By having the SBTAP at the first meeting, the small business is

immediately aware and educated about the various services the program can provide and are more likely to request SBTAP services.

For example, a small research and development lab recently moved from Maine to New Hampshire. Since state environmental rules are different, a conference call was scheduled to help with the transition. The SBTAP provided information on the town pre-treatment permit requirements, suggested having the local fire chief tour the business, and reviewed air toxic program rules. This particular business could bring additional "green" jobs to the local economy. Any reduction in regulatory burden is helpful and encouraged. SBTAP will follow up with this small business every three months to determine and measure any progress.

For more information on this NH success story contact Sara Johnson, NH SBTAP (sara.johnson@des.nh.gov, 603-271-1379).

EPA Improves Guidance for Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Cleanup



EPA updated its guidance on how to properly clean up a broken compact fluorescent lamp (CFL).

Included with the guidance

is a new consumer brochure with CFL recycling and cleanup tips. EPA encourages Americans to use CFLs for residential lighting to save energy and prevent greenhouse gas emissions that lead to global climate change.

EPA Region 2 has a valuable compliance assistance brochure on CFL's. See www.epa.gov/region02/waste/spent-lamp.pdf or for more information see www.epa.gov/cfl.

EPA Announces 2010 Enforcement and Compliance Results

More than 1.4 billion pounds of harmful air, land, and water pollution to be reduced

EPA has released its annual enforcement and compliance results. In fiscal year (FY) 2010, EPA took enforcement and compliance actions that required polluters to pay more than \$110 million in civil penalties and commit to spend an estimated \$12 billion on pollution controls, cleanup, and environmental projects that benefit communities. When completed, these actions will reduce pollution by more than 1.4 billion pounds and protect businesses that comply with regulations by holding non-compliant businesses accountable when environmental laws are violated.

This year's annual results include an enhanced mapping tool that allows the public to view detailed information about FY 2010 enforcement actions at more than 4,500 facilities on an interactive map of the U.S. and its territories. The map shows facilities and sites where civil and criminal enforcement actions were taken for alleged violations of U.S. environmental laws regulating air, water, and land pollution. The mapping tool also displays community-based activities like the locations of the environmental justice grants awarded in FY 2010 and the Environmental Justice Showcase Communities.

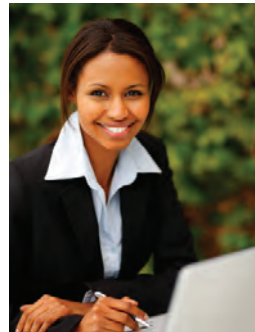
The release of the EPA's enforcement and compliance results and the accompanying mapping tool are part of EPA's commitment to transparency. They are intended to increase public access to data and provide the public with tools to demonstrate EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment in communities across the nation.

View the FY 2010 results and an announcement from Cynthia Giles, the Assistant Administrator for the Office

of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/reports/endofyear/eoy2010/index.html.

Technical Updates

Memorandum of Understanding Promotes Growth of E3 Initiative



In September 2010, the EPA, the Small Business Administration, and the Departments of Commerce, Energy, and Labor signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the Economy, Energy, and Environment Initiative (E3).

E3 is a coordinated federal and local technical assistance initiative that builds upon and leverages the existing services of local, state and the federal government. The initiative helps communities work with their manufacturing base to adapt and thrive in a new business era focused on sustainability.

To learn more about the E3 Initiative and to read the memorandum see www.epa.gov/greensuppliers/e3.html.

US Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technical Transfer (STTR) programs have been reauthorized for eight years (through 2018). These programs have been running on seven short-term extensions since October 1, 2008.

According to Senator Landrieu, these are some of the most effective public-private partnerships in the

federal government and serve as a model for other countries. As Senator Landrieu said, “for years, the programs futures were in jeopardy. But this deal with Small Business Technology Coalition and Biotechnology Industry Organization adds needed stability and support to entrepreneurs with an innovative idea and for the Department of Defense and other agencies that partner with small businesses to develop technologies for our country. This is a good compromise that preserves the integrity of the program as truly for small businesses.”

Several changes have been made to the program. For additional information see www.sbc.senate.gov/public.

SBA Increases Small Business Size Standards

On October 6, 2010, SBA increased its small business size standards for a number of different industries in the North American Industry Classification System. These final rules increase the applicable size standards dramatically, and in some instances, change the size standards from revenue-based size standards to employee-based size standards. SBA estimates that as many as 17,000 additional firms will become eligible for SBA programs as a result of the revised size standards. SBA has indicated that it will be increasing the size standards for other industries in the future. The amendments to the size standards were effective on November 5, 2010.

For the SBA size standards table see www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards

EPA Issues Next Step for State Greenhouse Gas Permitting Programs

EPA is working with states to move forward with its plan to call on certain states to update their Clean Air Act (CAA) implementation plans to cover greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These changes will ensure that

beginning in January 2011 the largest industrial GHG emissions sources can receive permits. This action is part of EPA’s common sense approach to GHG permitting outlined in the spring 2010 tailoring rule.

EPA has identified 13 states that need to change their plans, allowing them to issue permits that include GHG emissions. These states include: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, and Wyoming.

States are best-suited to issue permits to sources of GHG emissions and have long-standing experience working together with industrial facilities. The CAA requires states to develop EPA approved implementation plans that include requirements for issuing air permits. When federal permitting requirements change, as they did after EPA finalized the GHG tailoring rule, states may need to modify the plans.

EPA and the states worked closely to ensure a smooth transition to GHG permitting. The agency will continue to work with the affected states to help them develop, submit, and obtain approval of the necessary revisions that will enable all states to issue air permits to GHG emission sources.

For more information on EPA’s New Source Review Permitting Program see www.epa.gov/nsr.

OnPoint Interview with Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board

For states that have regulations in the works, it should be encouraging to know that the states are working together and EPA is receptive. Can California successfully blend its own climate law with EPA’s GHG regulation? OnPoint’s video interview with Mary Nichols, chairwoman of the California Air Resources Board, discusses

her state's proposal for blending California law with EPA rules. She also explains how California's new governor, Jerry Brown (D), will affect the state's environmental initiatives.

To watch OnPoint's interview see www.eenews.net/tv/video_guide/1262.

EPA Seeks New Timetable for Reducing Pollution from Boilers and Incinerators

In a motion filed in the Federal District Court of Washington D.C., the EPA was seeking an extension in the current court-ordered schedule for issuing rules that would reduce harmful air emissions from large and



small boilers and solid waste incinerators. The additional time would allow the agency to re-propose the rules based on a full assessment of information received since the rules were proposed. The rules would cut emissions

of harmful pollutants, including mercury and soot. These emissions cause a range of health effects from developmental disabilities in children, to cancer, heart disease, and premature death.

In order to meet a court order requiring the EPA to issue final rules in January 2011, the agency proposed standards in April 2010. While EPA requested and received some information from industry before the proposal, the comments EPA received following the proposal shed

new light on a number of key areas, including the scope and coverage of the rules and the way to categorize the various boiler-types. Industry groups and others offered this information during the public comment period after EPA proposed the rule. After reviewing the data and more than 4,800 public comments, the agency believes it is appropriate to issue a revised proposal that reflects the new data and allows for additional public comment. This approach is essential to meeting the agency's legal obligations under the Clean Air Act and, as a result, provides the surest path to protecting human health and the environment.

EPA has estimated that there are more than 200,000 boilers operating in industrial facilities, commercial buildings, hotels, and universities located in highly populated areas and communities across the country. EPA has estimated that for every \$5 spent on reducing these pollutants, the public will see \$12 in health and other benefits.

EPA was under a court order to issue final rules on January 16, 2011 and motioned the court to extend the schedule to finalize the rules by April 2012. On January 20, 2011, the District Court for the D.C. Circuit issued an order extending by 30 days EPA's deadline to issue emissions standards for large and small boilers and solid waste and sewage sludge incinerators. The agency has since expressed its disappointment that a longer extension was not granted but plans to issue these standards by the new deadline.

For more information see www.epa.gov/airquality combustion.

Green Business

Aspen Institute Highlights 10 Ways EPA Has Strengthened America Over the Past 40 Years



The Aspen Institute – an international nonprofit dedicated to fostering enlightened leadership and open-

mindful dialogue – unveiled a list of 10 ways the EPA has strengthened America during the past 40 years. The unveiling of the Aspen Institute list kicks off a week of events to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the EPA. Aspen Institute President and CEO Walter Isaacson unveiled the list today at the Aspen Institutes offices in Washington, D.C., where he was joined by EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson.

The list was compiled by a group of environmental thought leaders, including several former EPA officials, convened by the Aspen Institute’s Energy and Environment Program. The group included people with experience in government, non-profit organizations and private sector companies who interact with the agency.

Highlights of EPA’s 40 year history identified in the report include:

- Removing Lead from Gasoline—and from the Air
- Removing the Acid from Rain
- Clearing Secondhand Smoke
- Vehicle Efficiency and Emissions Control
- Controlling Toxic Substances

- Banning Widespread Use of DDT
- Rethinking Waste as Materials
- A Clean Environment for All/Environmental Justice
- Cleaner Water
- The “Community Right to Know” Act

A full copy of the report can be found at www.aspeninstitute.org or for more information about the EPA’s 40th anniversary, visit www.epa.gov/40th/.

Smart Steps to Sustainability – A Guide to Greening Your Small Business

EPA’s Office of Small Business Programs is proud to announce that the new greening guide resource for small businesses is now available. Smart Steps to Sustainability promises to help your small business move beyond compliance and into sustainability.

Environmentally-friendly business practices can yield enormous rewards, both for the environment and the business. Being green can:

- Save money from reduced waste and increased efficiency.
- Bring peace of mind from reduced concerns about health and safety liability.
- Improve public relations.
- Attract green consumers.
- Differentiate your business from competitors.
- Provide flexibility in uncertain times.

For a copy of the Smart Steps to Sustainability Guide and other small business greening assistance resources, see www.epa.gov/osdbu/green-pubs.htm.

Inquiries and Interviews

Interview with Dr. Terry L. Polen, West Virginia Ombudsman and Chair of Climate Change Subcommittee



What is your role within the small business environmental assistance community?

I have been involved with this committed group of individuals for a number of years. I have served as both the alternate and regional representative for Region III since my first year as Ombudsman for the State of West Virginia. I currently chair the Climate Change subcommittee and am a member of three technical subcommittees (air, water, and waste), as well as the National Conference Planning subcommittee.

What types of responsibilities or areas of focus are of particular importance to you and for those that work with you?

My work for the state is multimedia based and involves businesses of all sizes, both national and international. It allows me to do everything the agency does, except enforcement. I have also published numerous articles on environmental issues (e.g., air quality management, brownfields, universal waste, hazardous waste, etc.).

It is great to be able to work in a variety of technical, training, and assistance venues. It seems that companies need our assistance, but are concerned about 'raising their hands' to ask a question believing that the agencies will 'chop them off.' Issues such as air, storm-

water and groundwater, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC), hazardous waste, voluntary remediation, etc., are only a few of the issues that I deal with on a regular and recurring basis.

What do you hope to improve or work towards for 2011 and years to come?

The Climate Change Subcommittee, which I chair, will be busy this year regarding the plethora of new regulations that EPA is proposing and promulgating. In addition to the educational aspect of this work for both the SBEAPs and the businesses, the subcommittee is also embarking on the creation of a document that lists the numerous rules and modifications, gives a short synopsis of said rules, and attempts to ascertain the small business impacts. This project will go significantly beyond the Mandatory Green House Gas reporting rule and the Tailoring rule that are already in place.

In a broader sense, shouldn't we always attempt to improve our lives? As we widen our horizons in the knowledge of regulatory affairs, shouldn't we also attempt to deepen our wisdom relating to ourselves and others?

Where do you see the program heading and how can others become a leader in the field of small business environmental assistance?

We need to work toward positively engendering trust in the SBEAPs both inside and outside of our organizations. People inside our organizations need to know that they can trust us and work with us. They need to know that our knowledge, connections, expertise, and sagacity is invaluable. The same can be said for our clients. Our clients are oft times in dire need of what the SBEAPs bring to the table. This can be shown by an SBA study (2010) where small businesses pay almost five times more per employee to comply with environmental regulations than do their large business counterparts. The need is certainly

obvious for the work of the SBEAPs, and it is trust that will allow the individuals within this group to lead.

To quote Thoreau, *“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams, live the life you have imagined.”* With trust as a foundational bulwark against the tides of the times, the SBEAPs can not only withstand the tsunamis of today, but can build toward a brilliantly bright tomorrow.

SBO/SBEAP & NSC Subcommittee Updates

National Steering Committee

The National Steering Committee (NSC) continues to work on the goals established at the National Small Business Environmental Conference in June 2010. If you have ideas on the following items, please let Renee Bashel or your regional rep know: awards or recognition for which the 507 programs would be eligible to apply or be nominated, issues that lend themselves to expanding partnerships with EPA nationally and/or regionally, and issues we should address in a Communications Plan for the 507 programs. For more information, please see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Default.aspx to review past meeting agendas. The goals are summarized at the bottom of each agenda. For more information, contact the Chair, Renee Bashel (renee.bashel@wisconsin.gov).

Climate Change Subcommittee

The Climate Change Subcommittee is tracking GHG legislation at the federal level and responding when appropriate. On December 10, 2010, EPA issued a final rule modifying the GHG Tailoring rule that ensures that State programs “do not require Title V permitting for sources due to their status as major sources of GHG emissions.”

Additionally, the federal mandatory GHG reporting rule requires the first submittal from affected sources on March 30, 2011. We are creating a ‘quick view’ document that will allow SBEAPs to see, at a glance, titles and summaries of federal GHG legislation and any impacts that will be imposed on small businesses. For more information or to become involved, see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/climatechange.aspx or contact the Chair, Terry Polen (terry.l.polen@wv.gov).

Measurement Subcommittee

The Measurement Subcommittee is working on revising the annual report form based on input from the state’s SBEAP technical staff. Currently we have developed a draft report. Our goal is to have a streamlined report format that states can use to add outcome measurements. Current thinking from the subcommittee is that the outcome section should be optional and the outcomes will be nationally aggregated. We also want to continue to help states with metrics following the approval of the draft annual report. Our overall goal is to have a meaningful report. For more information see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/Measurement.aspx or to become involved, contact the Chair, Julie Churchill (julie.m.churchill@maine.gov).

Promotional Subcommittee

The Promotional Subcommittee has recently completed a new template for the annual fact sheet report that highlights SBO/SBEAP program achievements. For the 2007-2008 report and for more information on the Promotional Subcommittee see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/Promotional.aspx. Additionally, the subcommittee is looking for a chair. If you are interested, please contact outgoing Chair, Mike Nelson (michael.nelson@state.mn.us) or Angela Suber (suber@angela@epa.gov).

Technical-Air Subcommittee

The Technical-Air Subcommittee has organized two workgroups to compile and develop implementation tools for 40 CFR Part 63, Subparts ZZZZ (RICE 4Z) and XXXXXX (6X). In addition to technical-air subcommittee members, the workgroups consist of affected sources and EPA staff. Melissa Payne is representing OAQPS on the RICE 4Z workgroup and Gary Blais on the 6X workgroup. For more information see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-air.aspx or to get involved, contact Co-Chairs Barb Johnson (barblj@ksu.edu) and Dan Nickey (daniel.nickey@uni.edu).

Technical-Waste Subcommittee

The Technical-Waste Subcommittee is currently working on concerns about the proposed Solid Waste Definition (concerning Used Oil/Used Oil Burning) and sent comments through the NSC to EPA. We have invited Jim O'Leary, EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery Materials, Recovery and Waste Management Division to speak on our calls and introduce us to the current Waste Identification Project and discuss how we can help the project and our constituents. The subcommittee is now reviewing O'Leary's list of questions and we will have a joint conference call this month to have a group discussion. For more information see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-waste.aspx or to get involved, contact the Chair, Judy Mirro (judy.mirro@state.vt.us).

Technical-Water Subcommittee

The Technical-Water Subcommittee is tracking the following issues on behalf of small business, and sharing information and tools about how each issue is addressed within their respective states: stormwater rulemaking for specific sectors, industrial facilities, construction sites and MS4s that impact small business;

NPDES general pesticide permit; NPDES wastewater permits (e.g. CAFOs); and drinking water. The subcommittee is interested in hearing from other states about the stormwater tools that they have developed for specific sectors, such as Best Management Practices (BMPs) information (e.g. concrete washout). For more information see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-water.aspx. Additionally, the Technical-Water Subcommittee is looking for a chair.

If you are interested, please contact the outgoing Chair, Joan Meitl (joanmeitl@boisestate.edu) or Angela Suber at (suber.angela@epa.gov).

National Compliance Advisory Panel

EPA ASBO is seeking nominations for the National Compliance Advisory Panel (NCAP) Chair and Vice Chair positions. The NCAP, through their Adopt-A-CAP program, will be assisting states that do not have robust and fully functioning CAPs. The NCAP is working on a compliance assistance tool to help small businesses make some sense out of the three agencies' overlapping regulations pertaining to spray painting. For more information see www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/CAP/default.aspx or to submit your name for the Chair or Vice Chair position, please contact Angela Suber (suber.angela@epa.gov).