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News for the Small Business Community

## Welcome & Introductions

Welcome to the winter 2012 edition of the SmallBiz@EPA Bulletin. Improving upon 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.

### We Would Like to Hear From You!

The ASBO is committed to fostering a culture of transparency, participation, and collaboration. Your feedback and input are important to us as we strive to improve the gateway for small businesses to access EPA for environmental assistance and information. What would you like added to the

SmallBiz@EPA Bulletin? What small business regulatory and/or compliance information can we help you find?

Are EPA websites easy to navigate for small business information? How could those websites be improved? Is there a rulemaking that impacts your industry; would you like training for the rule's requirements? What type of small business webinars/forums would you like to participate in?

If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions, call us at anytime on our confidential and toll free ASBO hotline at 800-368-5888. Again, feedback and input are the keys to our serving the Agency and the small business community.

### Tap Into the Social Network

Stay connected with fellow small business environmental assistance providers from across the country, or as a business owner, stay abreast of upcoming environmental regulations and programs that affect small business. Join the **Small Business Environmental Assistance Program's Facebook** page or follow us on **Twitter**.



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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](mailto:zampieri.paula@epa.gov)). Include your website link. Submissions must be received by the third Tuesday of March, June, September, and December to be included for the next edition.

For More Information on Small Business Environmental Compliance:  
[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org)  
Hotline: 1-800-368-5888

## Contact Lists

Need to find the right person to contact for a comment or question within your state, region or program? Go to the Contacts page on the Small Business Environmental Home Page [www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/contacts.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/contacts.aspx).

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## Events



The poster features a grid of icons representing renovation, repair, and paint work. The text reads: "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule - Informational Meetings". It is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Lead Program and DCEO Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. Contact information for Eleanor Davis is provided: 217-524-2081 or the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800-252-3998. Registration is online at [www.ilenconnect.com/enviro](http://www.ilenconnect.com/enviro).

### EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair & Paint Rule Informational Seminars

This event is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. Sessions will be held around the state from early February through the end of March 2012. Pre-registration is suggested but not required.

For additional events and dates, go to [www.ildceo.net/NR/rdonlyres/C20FDC93-293B-43DD-8C85-3EBC9C87216F/0/RRPWrkshpPoster.pdf](http://www.ildceo.net/NR/rdonlyres/C20FDC93-293B-43DD-8C85-3EBC9C87216F/0/RRPWrkshpPoster.pdf).

For information, contact the SBEAP helpline at 1-800-252-3998 or register at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/JNJKHH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JNJKHH).

### 2012 Annual 507 Program Training, May 8-10



Mark your calendars for the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training scheduled for May 8-10 at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. The conference registration site contains information about the training, including the agenda, hotel information, and after hours information. Check frequently for updated information about the training and registration.

For more up-to-date information and a link to the registration site go to: [www.sbeapconference.com/](http://www.sbeapconference.com/).

### EPA's Office of Small Business Program's Counseling Session, March 8, 2012

The EPA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) will be holding its Women-Owned Small Business Counseling Session on March 8, 2012, in EPA East Building. This second annual event is an opportunity to discuss the new women-owned small business set-aside program. There will be speakers from the U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce and from the EPA's Office of Acquisition Management.

The new women-owned small business program is now on par with other socioeconomic groups, such as Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned and HUBZone small businesses. The program allows contracting officers to set-aside certain federal contracts for eligible women-owned and economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses.

For more information or to register for the event, contact David Allen at [allen.david@epa.gov](mailto:allen.david@epa.gov) or visit [www.epa.gov/osbp/direct\\_outreach.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osbp/direct_outreach.htm).

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**2012 Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference is Going Regional in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Detroit**



This year's Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference is taking place in four cities — Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Detroit — from February through May. Each conference will highlight the region's unique challenges and opportunities in building a 21st century clean energy economy — and creating millions of good American jobs.

Each of the four conferences will feature two days of plenary sessions and dozens of workshops on topics ranging from infrastructure; cleaner, more efficient transportation; clean energy manufacturing, workforce and economic development; state and local partnerships; and initiatives.

The conferences are convened by a diverse coalition of emerging small businesses, Fortune 500 companies, green industry trade associations, labor unions, environmental organizations, and educational institutions. EPA Administrator Jackson has been a keynote speaker at two of the past conferences.

For more information on this conferences, visit:  
[www.greenjobsconference.org](http://www.greenjobsconference.org).

For additional SBO/SBEAP events, visit:  
[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/SharingInformation/Events.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/SharingInformation/Events.aspx).

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## SBO/SBEAP & NSC Subcommittee Updates

### National Steering Committee

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/)

The National Steering Committee (NSC) shared the draft annual report survey with state Small Business Ombudsmen (SBO)/SBEAPs, created by the Measurement-Promotional Subcommittee. A regional vote was taken on whether the state programs preferred the new format. The majority of votes collected were in favor of the new format. The goal is to have an annual report that conveys achievements to EPA ASBO and to compile information from states to tell their stories to stakeholders. For more information, contact Renee Bachel, NSC Chair: [renee.bachel@wisconsin.gov](mailto:renee.bachel@wisconsin.gov) or Julie Churchill, Vice-Chair: [julie.m.churchill@maine.gov](mailto:julie.m.churchill@maine.gov).

### Awards Subcommittee

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/Awards.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/Awards.aspx)

The Awards Subcommittee is seeking nominations for SBO/SBEAP programs on a national level. Sara Johnson, NH SBEAP, received a 2011 Environmental Merit Award by EPA Region 1 for her work with the autobody sector. Open nominations for the 2012 Small Business Recognition Awards will be presented to the winner(s) at the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training in May in Arlington, VA. For more information, contact Phyllis Copeland, Chair: [copelapt@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:copelapt@dhec.sc.gov).

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### **Climate Change Subcommittee**

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/climatechange.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/climatechange.aspx)

The Climate Change Subcommittee continues to work to enhance the knowledge base of the 507 network and is creating a brochure/workbook for small businesses regarding climate change requirements. The subcommittee continues to look at energy analysis, audits, efficiency, and GHG toolkits. The subcommittee remains diligent to keep up with the latest climate change debate and legislative topics of interest. For more information, contact Co-Chairs Terry Polen: [terry.i.polen@wv.gov](mailto:terry.i.polen@wv.gov) or Kerri Cope: [kerri.cope@ky.gov](mailto:kerri.cope@ky.gov).

### **Measurement-Promotional Subcommittee**

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/measurementpromotional.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/measurementpromotional.aspx)

The Measurement-Promotional Subcommittee has finalized the new national promotional fact sheet as well as a state promotional fact sheet template. These provide the SBO/SBEAP community with an updated and concise promotional tool for the national program achievements and an individualized state fact sheet template for each specific program's data. For the national promotional fact sheet, go to: [www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/AboutUs/aboutusfiles/SBOSBEAPFactsheet\\_2007-08.pdf](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/AboutUs/aboutusfiles/SBOSBEAPFactsheet_2007-08.pdf).

For the state promotional factsheet template, go to: [www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/aboutus/aboutusfiles/507factsheet\\_statetemplate\\_2011.doc](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/aboutus/aboutusfiles/507factsheet_statetemplate_2011.doc).

For more information, contact Julie Churchill, Chair: [julie.m.churchill@maine.gov](mailto:julie.m.churchill@maine.gov).

### **Technical-Air Subcommittee**

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-air.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-air.aspx)

The Technical-Air Subcommittee continues to discuss new boiler rules. Guest speaker, Jim Eddinger, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), Sector Policies and Programs Division, has joined discussions and answered questions. The subcommittee plans to provide comments on the December 23, 2011 proposed boiler rule changes. Plans for the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training include EPA speakers on the Boiler and RICE rules during the Air Training session. For more information, contact Co-Chairs Barb Johnson: [barblj@ksu.edu](mailto:barblj@ksu.edu) or Dan Nickey: [daniel.nickey@uni.edu](mailto:daniel.nickey@uni.edu).

### **Technical-Waste Subcommittee**

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-waste.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-waste.aspx)

The Technical-Waste Subcommittee, working with Emily Chow at EPA, will offer Process-based Inspector Training at the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training in May. For more information, contact Judy Mirro, Chair: [judy.mirro@state.vt.us](mailto:judy.mirro@state.vt.us) or Phyllis Copeland, Acting Chair while Judy gets up and running again in Vermont: [copelapt@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:copelapt@dhec.sc.gov).

### **Technical-Water Subcommittee**

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-water.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/NSC/Subcommittees/technical-water.aspx)

The Technical-Water Subcommittee has prepared official comments to EPA on changes to stormwater regulations and will continue to look for opportunities to affect rules that impact stakeholders. The subcommittee has identified topics and speakers for the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training in Arlington, VA. The topics for technical water training are SPCC plans and the Pesticide General Permit.

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The Technical-Water Subcommittee session will include speakers on Low Impact Development (LID) and Green Infrastructure. For more information, contact Michelle Bost: [michelle.bost@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:michelle.bost@tceq.texas.gov).

### Small Business Environmental Home Page Update

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org)

The 2012 Annual 507 Program Training website has been created and will be your source for ongoing information. The Training will be held in Arlington, VA on May 8-10. Check the website for registration, hotel reservations, agenda, transportation, and other information:

[www.sbeapconference.com](http://www.sbeapconference.com).

The Home Page is updated daily, including resources added to the new rules pages, to facilitate your access to updated proposed/final rules affecting small businesses and related implementation tools. Check the new rule pages often:

[www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/Compliance/newrules.aspx](http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/Compliance/newrules.aspx), and also please send any helpful links and resources for inclusion to help other programs.

Look for a new draft Communication Strategy to improve information channels among small business environmental assistance providers and partners. We will be looking for your feedback and input at the 2012 Annual 507 Program Training!

Send information, updates, and comments to Audrey Graylin Zelanko: [zelanko@smallbiz-enviroweb.org](mailto:zelanko@smallbiz-enviroweb.org)  
Update examples include: new contact information; compliance calendars; publications and factsheets; videos and webinars; performance measurement tools; success stories; upcoming events; state annual reports; or any other newsworthy small business environmental information. Thanks!

## Reaching Small Business

### Wisconsin's Small Business Clean Air Advisor Has Been Revived

When the Wisconsin Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program (SBCAAP) was housed within the Department of Commerce, subscribers were offered a periodic newsletter called the *Clean Air Advisor*. After the program moved to the Department of Natural Resources in July 2011, the *Clean Air Advisor* was combined with the Bureau of Air Management's *Air News* to avoid duplication.

This caused confusion for subscribers to *Air News* who were not interested in the same announcements as small businesses. To avoid confusion, the SBCAAP, along with other department programs that work with small businesses, will again provide periodic news and announcements through the *Clean Air Advisor*.

Update your subscription to select the newsletter that most interests you, or keep both. Go to <http://dnr.wi.gov>; under "Online Services" click on "Subscribe to DNR updates." Enter your email address; under "Announcements & News" select "Small Business News" from the list of DNR subscriptions.

### Online Painter Training

It has been one year since the EPA National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations (40 CFR,



Part 63, Subpart HHHHHH) deadline went into effect on January 10, 2011. The Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) SprayItRight online painter training can help businesses comply with this regulation.

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Developed as an interactive slideshow, training can be accessed online, allowing painters to learn at their own pace in approximately two hours. A supplemental section outlines the required hands-on training to be completed at the painter's facility. SprayItRight has been used by small businesses, body shops, industries, and government organizations, and costs only \$199.

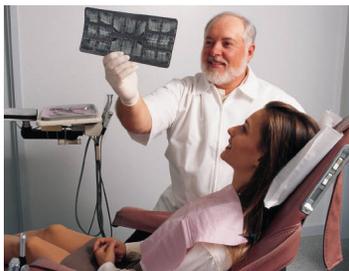
For over 20 years, IWRC has provided environmental assistance to Iowa small businesses and has become a leader in painter training. As a non-profit, all funds directly support future development and improvements of training and assistance for small businesses.

For more information please visit [www.sprayitright.com](http://www.sprayitright.com) or contact: John Konefes, [john.konefes@uni.edu](mailto:john.konefes@uni.edu), 319-277-4668 ext. 12.

## Compliance Assistance Centers – New Resources

### Dental Office Environmental Resources

The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (NCMS) will develop a new dental office web-based environmental compliance assistance resource that will be incorporated into the Healthcare Environmental Resource Center (HERC) in 2012. Anticipated topics include wastewater, hazardous waste, universal wastes, and management of specific wastes (e.g., x-ray, amalgam, and pharmaceuticals). EPA, state/local agency and trade organization staff, and other stakeholders with an interest in the new resource are invited to participate in the development process.



For more information, contact Bill Chenevert at [BChenevert@NCMS.org](mailto:BChenevert@NCMS.org).

## Food Processing Environmental Assistance Center

The Food Processing Environmental Assistance Center (FPEAC), established in September 2009, provides environmental information,



resources, and training to assist small- and medium-sized food processors. Don't miss FPEAC's webinar series (January 24 and 31, and February 14) on key areas impacting the food processing sector. Hear from EPA experts on topics under the Clean Water Act (CWA), Clean Air Act (CAA), and Emergency Planning and Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The webinars will be archived and accessible under FPEAC.

Visit the Center's website for more information: [www.fpeac.org](http://www.fpeac.org) or email [fpeac@purdue.edu](mailto:fpeac@purdue.edu).

## EPA Open Government

EPA Open Government is an online resource to view current and planned EPA projects and initiatives, which fosters public participation and collaboration. This resource includes information on:

- publishing government information online;
- improving the quality of government information;
- creating and institutionalizing a culture of open government; and
- creating an enabling policy framework for open government.

Visit EPA Open Government: [www.epa.gov/open/](http://www.epa.gov/open/).

## Regulation Updates

### Solvent Wipes Rule Nears Completion

EPA is planning to complete the solvent-contaminated wipes final rule in June 2012. The proposed rule was published in 2003 and recommended excluding solvent-contaminated wipes from the full hazardous waste regulation, provided certain conditions were met. The goal of the solvent-contaminated wipes final rule is to maintain protection of human health and the environment while establishing consistent federal regulations for solvent-contaminated wipes in a way that reduces overall compliance costs for the industry, many of which are small businesses. The proposed rule is estimated to impact more than 75,000 facilities in 13 industry sectors, such as printing and manufacturing.

EPA proposed two exclusions for solvent-contaminated wipes containing hazardous waste solvents: (1) when the wipes go to laundries and dry cleaners to be cleaned and reused and (2) when the wipes go to landfills or combustors for disposal. Under the 2003 proposal, solvent-contaminated wipes must contain no free liquids and must meet other management standards in order to be excluded from hazardous waste regulation.

For more information go to [yosemite.epa.gov/opei/rulegate.nsf/byRIN/2050-AE51](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opei/rulegate.nsf/byRIN/2050-AE51), or contact Amanda Geldard at [geldard.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:geldard.amanda@epa.gov).

### Industry Disclosure Requirements - OMB Reviews EPA Draft Rule to Affect Chemical Manufacturers

EPA has sent the White House a proposed rule that would make it more difficult for chemical manufacturers to shield the identities of their substances from the public and require manufacturers to disclose substances that are subject to health and safety studies.

The Agency sent the rule to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 27, 2011. EPA is seeking to prevent manufacturers from abusing a statute in the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) that allows them to hide a chemical's identity from the public if it is deemed confidential business information (CBI).

For more information go to:

[www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/transparency.html](http://www.epa.gov/oppt/existingchemicals/pubs/transparency.html).

### EPA Developing Proposal for Formaldehyde Act

EPA has begun developing its proposed rule to implement the Formaldehyde Standards for Composite Wood Products Act (Pub. Law No. 111-199). The law requires EPA to establish



formaldehyde emission limits for hardwood plywood, particleboard, and medium-density fiberboard that are identical to emission limits California already established for these products. The law also requires EPA to propose these limits by January 1, 2013.

EPA has begun work on the proposed rule to establish those limits. For more information on the Formaldehyde legislation go to:

[www.epa.gov/oppt/chemtest/formaldehyde/](http://www.epa.gov/oppt/chemtest/formaldehyde/).

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## Recently Published Rules of Interest to the Small Business Community

### Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units:

Non-Hazardous Secondary Materials; Reconsideration, 80452-80530

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31648.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31648.pdf)

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### National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources:

Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers, 80532-80552

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31644.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31644.pdf)

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### National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources:

Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process

Heaters, 80598-80672

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31667.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/pdf/2011-31667.pdf)

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## Laws, Regulations, Guidance and Dockets

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

- Reg Stat is an EPA site listing all the activity published by the Agency in the Federal Register covering the period between calendar years 2005-2010. The site offers summary statistics using statistical data in the form of charts, tables, and brief summary overviews to inform the public about the types of documents published annually.
- 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.

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## Success Stories

### Ohio EPA hosts 6th Successful Compliance Assistance Conference

Ohio EPA held its sixth annual Compliance Assistance Conference in November 2011. The two-day, sold-out event attracted 350 attendees from a variety of businesses, consulting firms, and government agencies.

The agenda focused on basic and advanced topics, including:

- EPCRA, Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Risk Management Plan (RMP) Reporting;

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- Air Permitting Basics, New Source Review (NSR) and Title V Permitting;
- Preparing for an Ohio EPA Inspection;
- Solid/Hazardous Waste, Used Oil, and SPCC Overview;
- Reporting When Things Go Wrong;
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits and new Electronic (e-DMR) Reporting;
- Ohio EPA's New Expedited Enforcement Policy; and
- Stormwater and Wetland permits.

Ohio EPA received high marks from attendees for the conference topics, binder with CD, and the opportunity to interact with the Ohio EPA staff who served as speakers and moderators. The modest \$125 conference fee covered both days, meals, and conference binder with resource CD.

For additional details about the conference, contact Rick Carleski, 614-728-1742 or [rick.carleski@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:rick.carleski@epa.ohio.gov).

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## Technical Updates

### Industry Reporting on Byproducts

EPA will provide more guidance to clarify when companies must report their manufacture of byproduct chemicals before the data-submission period begins on February 1. This additional information is meant to help electronics manufacturers, metal recyclers, and other companies understand what obligations they have to report based on production volume and other information concerning byproduct chemicals.

EPA published the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule—which replaced the Inventory Update Reporting (IUR) rule—in August. The first reporting submission period for information required under the rule starts February 1, 2012 and runs through June 30, 2012.

For more information on EPA's updated guidance and related information go to: [www.epa.gov/cdr/](http://www.epa.gov/cdr/).

### Changes Proposed on Boiler Rules for Large and Small Sources

On December 2, 2011, EPA issued proposed amendments to the rule "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Industrial Boilers."

EPA will accept comment on these proposed amendments for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register: February 21, 2012.

Notice of Proposed Rule for Major Sources from the Federal Register [76 FR 80598] - [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/html/2011-31667.htm](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/html/2011-31667.htm)

Notice of Proposed Rule for Area Sources from the Federal Register [76 FR 80532] - [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/html/2011-31644.htm](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-23/html/2011-31644.htm)

For more information on these rule amendments go to: [www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion/actions.html](http://www.epa.gov/airquality/combustion/actions.html)

### Emergency Generator Definition Reconsideration

On January 4, 2012, EPA published a proposed settlement agreement that would require EPA to propose an amendment to its 2010 air toxics rule covering Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE). The proposed rule would allow these engines to operate for up to 60 hours in emergency situations without being subject to the 2010 rule. Comments on the proposed settlement agreement are due by February 4, 2012.

Notice of Proposed Settlement Agreement from the Federal Register [Federal Register Volume 77, Page 282 (Wednesday, January 4, 2012)]

[www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-04/html/2011-33758.htm](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-04/html/2011-33758.htm)

For additional information go to: [www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/rice/ricepg.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/rice/ricepg.html).

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### Agencies ordered to write 'clear, simple' summaries of rule proposals

On January 4, 2012, The White House released Executive Order 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review," to clarify regulatory requirements of complex rules with a short explanation on their need, legal basis, and cost.

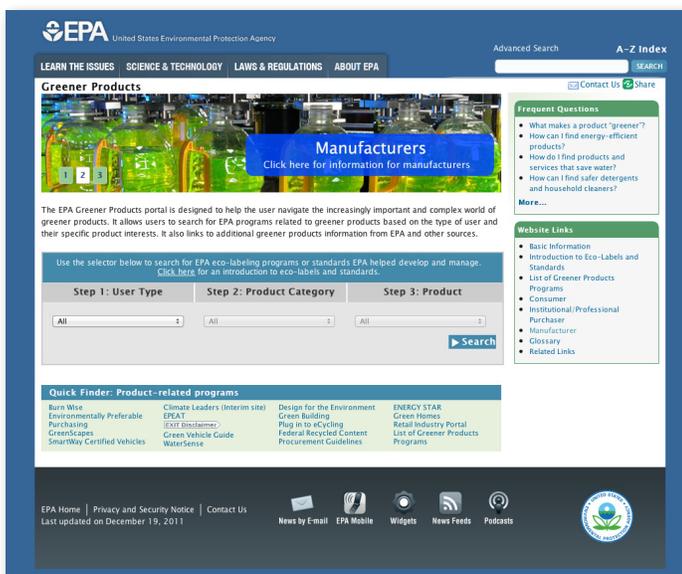
The administration has also pledged to make the regulatory process more accessible to the public, directing agencies to write documents in "plain language" free of jargon. Providing executive summaries is the next step. The new summaries will include, among other things, summaries of a rule's major provisions, costs, and benefits.

Read the memo from Cass Sunstein, White House Administrator for the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs:

[www.federalregister.gov/uploads/2011/02/OIRA-clarifying-regulatory-requirements-executive-summaries.pdf](http://www.federalregister.gov/uploads/2011/02/OIRA-clarifying-regulatory-requirements-executive-summaries.pdf).

## Green Business

### EPA Launches Green Products Web Portal



EPA launched a new web tool designed to provide the public easy access to information about everyday products like home appliances, electronics, and cleaning products that can save money, prevent pollution, and protect people's health.

Using the new tool, consumers can find electronics and appliances that have earned EPA's Energy Star label and can browse WaterSense products that help save energy and water. Additionally, consumers can find information about cleaning products that are safer for the environment and people's health. These products bear the EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) label. The website will also help manufacturers and institutional purchasers with information on standards and criteria for designing greener products.

Visit the new green products web portal:

[www.epa.gov/greenerproducts](http://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts).

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

EPA's OSBP encourages the small business community to take advantage of *Smart Steps to Sustainability*.

This guide promises to help your small business move beyond compliance, into sustainability.

Environmentally friendly business practices can yield enormous rewards, both for the environment and for business.

For a copy of the "Smart Steps to Sustainability" guide and other small business greening assistance resources visit:

[www.epa.gov/osbp/green-pubs.htm](http://www.epa.gov/osbp/green-pubs.htm).

