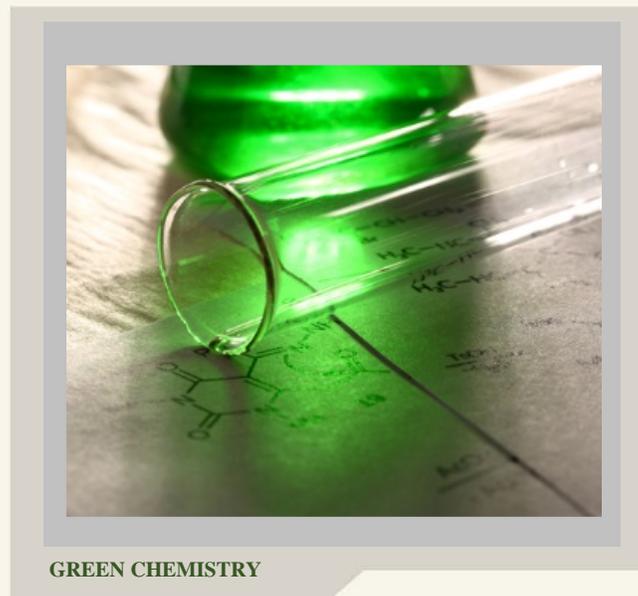


The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Awarded Cooperative Agreement for the Development of New 507 Program Website

EPA's Office of Small Business Programs and the Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman are proud to announce the award of a cooperative agreement for the **Development and Management of the State Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Provider 507 Program Website**. The cooperative agreement has been officially awarded to Kansas State University's (KSU) Pollution Prevention Institute (PPI). The website will be a valuable resource and directory to the state Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP/507 Program) and to the small business community who will be encouraged to use the new website for assistance with small business environmental compliance issues.

We are very excited for KSU to get started on the development of the website which will continue to grow and improve as time and input from the 507 Program continues. Nancy Larson, Kansas State's PPI Director, will serve as the point of contact for this project. She will act as Administrator, Primary Content Manager, and 507 Program Website Liaison, and will be responsible for reporting all activities under the cooperative agreement. Larson has more than 30 years of experience working in the environmental and public health arena and has been with the Pollution Prevention Institute for more than 15 years, managing the Kansas Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, including website oversight since 2004.

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Winners of the 20th Annual Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award Honored by EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is recognizing landmark green chemistry technologies developed by industrial pioneers and leading scientists that turn climate risk and other environmental problems into business opportunities, spurring innovation and economic development. "From academia to business, we congratulate those who bring innovative solutions that will help solve some of the most critical environmental problems," said Jim Jones, EPA's Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

Spread the word about the 2015 winners and their innovative technologies within your own communication channels and through social media and the web. Feel free to share this announcement with your contacts and repost the social media content.

- [Share our Twitter post.](#)
- [2015 Presidential Green Chemistry Award winners and share the blog.](#)

For more information on this year's winners and those from the last two decades, visit <http://www2.epa.gov/green-chemistry>

State Small Business Ombudsman and Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBO/SBEAP) Sponsored Awards Program for 2015

The state Small Business Ombudsman and Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBO/SBEAP) Awards are the states' premier environmental awards program for recognizing outstanding environmental performance, programs and individual(s). These awards honor and recognize small businesses, individuals, trade associations and others who have made significant contributions to protecting the environment. The state SBO/SBEAP recognized three recipients at the awards ceremony held on June 24, 2015 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The 2015 winners are:

Tony Pendola, P.E., North Carolina SBEAP, received the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program Award. Tony has participated at nearly all of the SBEAP conferences, served as Vice Chair of the National 507 Steering Committee and has served on all of the subcommittees. He has been the Director of the NC SBEAP since 1999 and has been the NC Ombudsman since 2013.

Nick and Marti Tirabassi, Owners of the 818 Cleaners, received the Small Business Environment Stewardship Award. Spoke at the California Air Resources Board-sponsored SBEAP workshop, hosted wet cleaning demonstration workshop to share their expertise and participated in a video. Nick and Marti adopted wet cleaning into their business in 1995, making the journey from perc to a plant with both hydrocarbon and wet cleaning. They have been a 100% wet cleaners for more than 10 years.

Dan Nickey, Associate Director of the Iowa Waste Reducation Center (IWRC), received the Karen V. Brown Environmental Leadership Award. Dan has served as the Vice Chair and Chair of the National 507 Steering Committee, Chairman of the technical subcommittee, and most recently nominated and has accepted a role on the U.S. EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

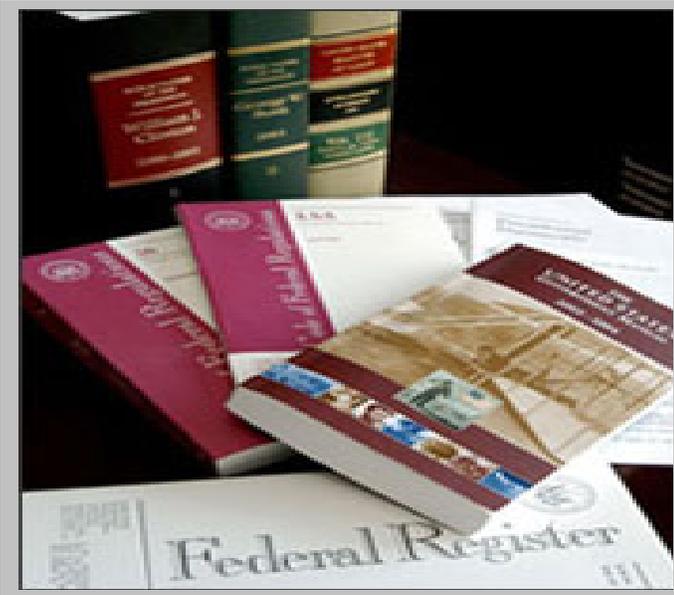
Congratulations to the 2015 Winners!



**Nick and Marti Tirabassi,
Small Business Winners**



**Sara Johnson, NSC Chair with Tony
Pendola and Dan Nickey, Winners**

EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**SUBJECT: Air Plan Approval; MI, Belding; 2008 Lead Clean Data Determination**<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-24/pdf/2015-18100.pdf>**Federal Register:** Vol. 80, No. 142 / Friday, July 24, 2015 / Rules and Regulations**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency**ACTION:** Rules and Regulations**SUMMARY:** On May 13, 2015, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) submitted a request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make a determination under the Clean Air Act (CAA) that the Belding, MI nonattainment area has attained the 2008 lead (Pb) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS or standard). In this action, EPA is determining that the Belding, MI nonattainment area (hereafter also referred to as the "Belding area" or "area") has attained the 2008 Pb NAAQS.**SUBJECT: Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit**<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-06/pdf/2015-16511.pdf>**Federal Register:** Vol. 80, No.128/ Monday, July 8, 2015 / Notices**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency**ACTION:** Notices**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 113(g) of the Clean Air Act, as amended, ("CAA" or the "Act"), notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by Sierra Club and California Communities Against Toxics (collectively "Plaintiffs"): *Sierra Club, et al. v. EPA*, No. 13-1639 (D. DC). In this lawsuit, Plaintiffs allege that EPA has failed to review, and revise if necessary, the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants ("NESHAP") for publicly owned treatment works ("POTWs") within eight years of initial promulgation.**Florida State University Receives \$500,000 Grant from EPA**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Florida State University in Tallahassee has received a \$500,000 grant to improve the understanding of the effects of climate change on indoor air quality. The grant is a part of EPA's continued commitment to improving America's indoor air quality by providing almost \$8 million to fund nine institutions researching the impacts of climate change on indoor air quality and the resulting health effects.

The research project, "Indoor Environment and Emergency Response Health Outcomes," will look at the relationship between indoor and outdoor temperature and humidity and the built environment, the link between indoor air temperature, humidity and extreme conditions of heat and cold. The data collected can help project future extreme heat disease burdens or influenza risk related to climatic and demographic changes. For more information, see:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/37a46118e80e69b385257e8b00560904!OpenDocument>

Final Rule - Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Change of Listing Status for Certain Substitutes under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program

Under section 612 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), EPA reviews substitutes within a comparative risk framework. More specifically, section 612 provides that EPA must prohibit the use of a substitute where EPA has determined that there are other available substitutes or potentially available substitutes that pose less overall risk to human health and the environment. Thus, EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program, which implements section 612, does not provide a static list of alternatives but instead evolves the list as the EPA makes decisions informed by our overall understanding of the environmental and human health impacts as well as our current knowledge about available substitutes.



Read More on SNAP at:

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and

<http://www.epa.gov/ozone/snap/>

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The North American Association of Environmental Education's (NAAEE) 44th Annual Conference & Research Symposium

NAAEE has convened an annual conference for environmental education professionals since 1972. Averaging more than 1,000 participants each year, the event is designed to promote innovation, networking, learning, and dissemination of best practices. The conference is held in a different city each year.

When: October 14-15, 2015

Where: San Diego, CA



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