



2018 NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

The 2018 National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program's (SBEAP) Annual Training Conference was held in Washington D.C., during the celebration of the National Small Business Week on May 1-3, 2018. The training included approximately 50 registered participants, including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Headquarter and Regional Staff, State Small Business Ombudsmen and Environmental Assistance Program Staff, as well as various trade associations and small businesses; all with the focus to discuss environmental regulations and the small business perspective. The training consisted of three full days of presentations, including updates from EPA's OSDBU office, Education Sessions, Technical Air Sessions, NSC Session as well as EPA's Headquarter Presentations; During the



final day of training the SBEAPs attended the EPA Administrator's 28th Annual Small Business Programs Awards Ceremony at EPA's Federal Triangle - Headquarters. EPA's Administrator recognized program activities – individuals, businesses and state/local entities for their outstanding contributions during FY 2017. This year Kansas State University's Pollution Prevention Institute was recognized for their contributions and level of excellence in providing support to small businesses through their National SBEAP website and grant work plan.



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EPA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase I Solicitation is Now Open!

Learn more at <https://www.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-funding-opportunities>.

EPA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

Open Date: June 13, 2018 – July 31, 2018

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the release of its [2018-2019 Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Phase I Solicitation](#) to develop innovative technologies that will help protect human health and the environment.

EPA is calling for small businesses to apply for Phase I awards up to \$100,000 to demonstrate proof of concept in the following topic areas: clean and safe water, air quality, land revitalization, homeland security, manufacturing, sustainable materials management and safer chemicals. See the full solicitation posted on FedConnect to learn more about these topic areas, view specific subtopics for each area, and access instructions on how to apply.

EPA is one of 11 federal agencies that participate in the SBIR program enacted in 1982 to strengthen the role of small businesses in federal research and development, create jobs, and promote U.S. technical innovation from conception to commercialization. EPA's SBIR funding boosts local economies by supporting small businesses and creating jobs. This funding also supports technologies aimed at creating cleaner manufacturing materials and better infrastructure in communities. Successful Phase I companies are eligible to apply for Phase II funding, which awards up to \$300,000 for two years with a commercialization option of up to \$100,000, to further develop and commercialize their technologies

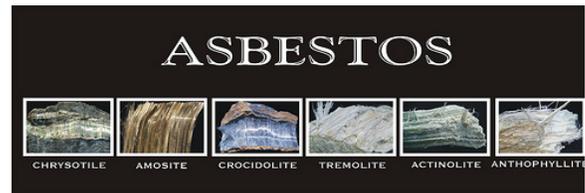
All applications must be submitted through FedConnect. For more information on eligibility, application process and the SBIR program, visit the EPA SBIR website at www.epa.gov/sbir.

Missed the June 11, 2018, informational webinar on how to apply for the 2018-2019 EPA SBIR Phase I Solicitation? View the presentation slides on [EPA's SBIR Website](#).

The EPA SBIR Program is part of EPA's Sustainable and Healthy (SHC) research program.

Asbestos; Significant New Use Rule

Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) for asbestos as defined under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. The proposed significant new use of asbestos (including as part of an article) is manufacturing (including importing) or processing for certain uses identified by EPA as no longer ongoing. The Agency has found no information indicating that the following uses are ongoing, and therefore, the following uses are subject to this proposed SNUR: Adhesives, sealants, and roof and non-roof coatings; arc chutes; beater-add gaskets; extruded sealant tape and other tape; filler for acetylene cylinders; high-grade electrical paper; millboard; missile liner; pipeline wrap; reinforced plastics; roofing felt; separators in fuel cells and batteries; vinyl-asbestos floor tile; and any other building material (other than cement). Persons subject to the SNUR would be required to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing any taken such actions as are required in association with that determination. manufacturing (including importing)



or processing of asbestos (including as part required notification initiates EPA's evaluation of the conditions of use associated with the intended use within the applicable review period. Manufacturing (including importing) and processing (including as part of an article) for the significant new use may not commence until EPA has conducted a review of the notice, made an appropriate determination on the notice, and taken such actions as are required in association with that determination.

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National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters Superfund Site

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 is issuing a Notice of Intent to Delete Davenport and Flagstaff Smelters Superfund Site (Site) located in Sandy City, Salt Lake County, Utah, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comments on this proposed action. The NPL, promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, is an appendix of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The EPA and the State of Utah, through the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), have determined that all appropriate response actions under CERCLA, other than operation and maintenance and five-year reviews (FYR), have been completed. However, this deletion does not preclude future actions under Superfund.

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EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

SUBJECT: Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EPA's Light-Duty In-Use Vehicle and Engine Testing Program (Renewal)

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>

Federal Register: Vol. 83, No. 103,
Tuesday, May 29, 2018/Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Notices

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR)—EPA's Light-Duty In-Use Vehicle and Engine Testing Program (Renewal), EPA ICR number 0222.11, OMB Control Number 2060-0086—to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through May 31, 2018. Public comments were previously requested via the Federal Register on December 8, 2017 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number

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SUBJECT: Clean Air Act Operating Permit Program; Petitions for Objection to State Operating Permit for ExxonMobil Corporation, ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery, Harris County, Texas

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SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator signed an Order dated April 2, 2018, granting in part and denying in part a Petition dated September 26, 2016 from the Environmental Integrity Project, Sierra Club, and Air Alliance Houston. The Petition requested that the EPA object to a Clean Air Act title V operating permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to ExxonMobil Corporation (ExxonMobil) for its Baytown Refinery located in Harris County, Texas.

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