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The Pennsylvania SBDC Environmental Management Assistance Program ([EMAP](#)) is pleased to provide this free newsletter to small businesses in Pennsylvania.

News

Volkswagen Mitigation Funds Update

Pennsylvania small businesses may soon be able to benefit from Volkswagen settlement funds which will be available as rebates and grants for eligible projects. The funds can be used for categories of projects that repower diesel vehicles, engines or equipment with new engines or replace older diesel vehicles, engines or equipment with new vehicles, engines or equipment. DEP hopes to have the application process up and running this spring. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Regulatory Updates

Industrial Cleaning Solvent Regulations

New regulations intended to control VOC emissions from industrial cleaning operations could potentially impact many small businesses not already regulated elsewhere.

The rule is intended to reduce VOC emissions through amendments to existing surface coating regulations. The anticipated compliance date is September 1, 2018. [Click here](#) to learn more.

DEP Revamps Permitting Process

DEP has announced plans to reduce permit backlogs, modernize various permitting processes and better incorporate technology into its processes to improve oversight and efficiency. Several new initiatives are proposed, including: expansion of the e-permitting system, creation of a tracking system for permits within the system, release of new and improved review processes to clarify requirements for permits, and changes to well pad permitting to better reflect the oil and gas industry standards. More information can be found [here](#).

EPA Withdraws "Once In Always In" Policy

On January 25, 2018 EPA issued a guidance memo which allows certain facilities previously classified as "major sources" to be

2018 Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendar Released

The Department of Environmental Protection has released its annual Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendar to assist dry cleaning businesses in tracking their perc usage and ensure state and federal compliance. The calendar is available for download from [DEP](#) or you may contact EMAP for a copy.

DEP eComment Portal

The Department of Environmental Protection provides open comment periods on drafted and proposed regulations so that Pennsylvania citizens and business owners may provide input. Currently, the portal is accepting comments on NPDES permits for CAFOs, land recycling programs, and water quality standards. Check the [eComment Portal](#) periodically for updates.

reclassified as "area sources" when the facility limits its potential to emit underneath major source thresholds. The new policy could affect small businesses who were considered a major source when subject to a MACT standard under 112(d) of the Clean Air Act.

A copy of EPA's press release of the new policy can be found [here](#).

EPA Releases Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

EPA recently released their Semiannual Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions that includes 26 action items appearing for the first time as well as 54 deregulatory actions. Regulations currently in the final rule stage include recodification of the definition of "Waters of the United States," management standards for hazardous waste pharmaceuticals, additions to the non-hazardous secondary materials list, petitions to add n-propyl bromide to the hazardous air pollutants list, and action to ensure nondiscrimination for EPA financial assistance agreements for disadvantaged business enterprises. More information and a comprehensive list of proposed and final rules can be found on the [EPA website](#).

Important Reminders

Annual Inventory and Emission Statement Forms

If your facility is required to complete Annual Inventory and Emission Statement forms, be sure to submit them to the appropriate region or district office, postmarked March 1, 2018. Information and instructions for completing the forms can be found on the [DEP website](#).

Hazardous Waste Biennial Report due March 1st

Through the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the EPA requires hazardous waste generators to submit a biennial report disclosing information regarding their hazardous waste activities. The reports should cover activities from the 2017 calendar year and are due to DEP by March 1, 2018. Copies of the reporting forms and instructions can be found on [DEP's site for Hazardous Waste Generators](#).

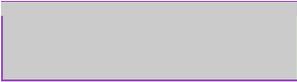
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- [Preparing Permit Applications and Plans](#)

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