

USEPA Updates

New USEPA Emission Standards for Small, Nonroad Engines (including marine and small agricultural engines)

On October 8, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) adopted new exhaust emission standards for small nonroad engines. Starting in 2010, these exhaust emission standards apply to new marine spark-ignition engines, including first-time EPA standards for sterndrive and inboard engines.

Starting in 2011 and 2012, the exhaust emission standards apply to different sizes of new land-based, spark-ignition engines at or below 19 kilowatts (kW). These small engines are used primarily in lawn and garden applications. USEPA also adopted evaporative emission standards for vessels and equipment using any of these engines. The effective date for this rule is December 8, 2008.

This new rule will affect you if you produce or import new spark-ignition engines intended for use in marine vessels or in new vessels using such engines. This action will also affect you if you produce or import new spark-ignition engines below 19 kilowatts used in nonroad equipment, including agricultural and construction equipment, or produce or import such nonroad vehicles.

You can see the full text of the new rule at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-AIR/2008/October/Day-08/a21093a.htm>

If you have any questions you can contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800/252-3998 (TDD: 800/785-6055) or via e-mail at dceo.sbeap@illinois.gov.

USEPA Proposes Addition to the Universal Waste Rule

On December 2, 2008 the USEPA proposed amendments to its universal waste rule that proposes to add hazardous pharmaceutical wastes to the Universal Waste Rule. The Universal Waste Rule modified the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act's hazardous waste regulations by establishing a set of streamlined requirements for the

collection of certain widely dispersed hazardous wastes, called "universal wastes."

USEPA stated that this proposed rule would facilitate better management of pharmaceutical wastes by streamlining the generator requirements and encouraging generators of hazardous pharmaceutical wastes to manage them under the provisions of the Universal Waste Rule, which ensures that these hazardous pharmaceutical wastes are properly disposed of and treated as hazardous wastes. In addition, this proposed rule would facilitate the implementation of pharmaceutical take-back programs by removing RCRA barriers in the collection of pharmaceutical wastes from health care and other such regulated facilities, as well as facilitate the collection of pharmaceutical wastes from households, including non-hazardous pharmaceutical wastes.

If you would like to comment on this proposed rule you should send your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0932, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: rcra-docket@epa.gov.
- Fax: 202-566-9744.
- Mail: RCRA Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection provisions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: Desk Officer for USEPA, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Comments must be received on or before February 2, 2009.

You can see the full text of the proposed amendments at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WASTE/2008/December/Day-02/f28161.htm>

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Illinois Updates

Illinois EPA Proposes Changes to the TACO regulations

Illinois EPA has filed a rulemaking with the Pollution Control Board that proposes to add new requirements to the Tiered Approach to Corrective Action Objectives (TACO) regulations.

The rule is intended to protect building occupants from volatile chemicals that have the potential to migrate from the soil and groundwater to indoor air. Illinois EPA wants to regulate this process, known as "vapor intrusion," by adding the indoor inhalation exposure route to the existing TACO risk-based standards. The indoor inhalation pathway will be managed in a manner similar to the current exposure routes under TACO, and follows the basic three tiered framework for remediation goals.

This rulemaking has the potential to impact small businesses that may need to participate in a site remediation program.

You can access the full text of the rulemaking at <http://www.ipcb.state.il.us/cool/external/CaseView2.asp?ref=er=coolsearch&case=R2009-009>

If you have questions about this rulemaking you can contact the Pollution Control Board's hearing officer, Richard McGill, at 312-814-6983. You may also contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800/252-3998 (TDD: 800/785-6055) or via e-mail at dceo.sbeap@illinois.gov

Illinois EPA Issues Final Environmental Justice (EJ) Policy

Illinois EPA recently announced that it has replaced the Draft Interim EJ Policy with the final EJ policy. The final EJ Policy was issued on November 19, 2008. Illinois EPA is committed to protecting the health of the citizens of Illinois and its environment, and to promoting environmental equity in the administration of its programs. This policy carries out that belief in writing and provides specific parameters for the Illinois EPA's bureaus, divisions and offices to implement the policy to reduce environmental inequities, and to prevent and reduce pollution overall. The policy is written in English and Spanish.

Any questions please contact Ken Page, EJ Officer-IEPA at 217-524-1284 or visit the EJ webpage at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/environmental-justice/>.

Mark Your Calendars

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program has a number of upcoming events:

Construction seminars, Learn From the Experts!

We are holding five seminars throughout the state to give contractors practical, current information on the environmental issues facing the construction industry. Topics that will be covered include lead hazards, asbestos, energy conservation, erosion and stormwater controls, and the disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. All sessions run from 9:00am - 3:00 pm and include lunch. Registration is \$35.00 per person. Be sure to register early to ensure your place at one of these seminars!

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 in Palatine
Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Galesburg
Thursday, February 19, 2009 in Decatur
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in Edwardsville
Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in Carbondale

For more information or to register for one of these dates

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Environmental Regulatory Workshops for the Real Estate Professional

As we have done in recent years, the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is holding workshops to assist realtors with the various environmental issues they must address. The workshops will cover issues related to radon, underground storage tanks, floodplains, lead and asbestos, mold and meth lab hazards, and different incentives for energy efficiency.

Pending final approval, participants will be eligible for 6 elective CE credits from this workshop.

Workshops will be held in March on the 4th, 5th, 19th, and 24th in different locations throughout the State. For more information or to register for one of these dates please contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800/252-3998 (TDD: 800/785-6055) or via e-mail at dceo.sbeap@illinois.gov

A Prescription for Radon: A Medical Forum May 7, 2009

Please plan to join us for an informative day for healthcare professionals.

- Understand the latest epidemiologic studies regarding radon as a cause of lung cancer
- Learn Effective strategies to communicate risk to radon exposure
- Empower patients through communication of both preventative and corrective measure to eliminate radon exposure pathways
- Gain valuable resources to assist you with patient education.

This seminar will be held at the Hyatt Lodge on the McDonald's Campus in Oak Brook.

6 hours Continuing Medical Education Credits will be awarded for this event

TIME TO REORDER YOUR CALENDARS

The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program is taking orders for 2009 dry cleaners and gas stations compliance assistance calendars. You can request your calendars from the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800/252-3998 (TDD: 800/785-6055), by fax at 217/557-2853, or via e-mail at dceo.sbeap@illinois.gov