

DOI, USDA, EPA, NOAA and USACE Announce Additional Resilient Lands and Waters Initiative Sites to Prepare Natural Resources for Climate Change

The Department of the Interior (DOI), Department of Agriculture (USDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today recognized three new collaborative landscape partnerships across the country. Federal agencies will focus on their efforts with partners to conserve and restore important lands and waters and make them more resilient to a changing climate. These include the California Headwaters, California's North-Central Coast and Russian River Watershed and Crown of the Continent.

Building on existing collaborations, these *Resilient Lands and Waters* partnerships – located in California and Montana/British Columbia – will help build the resilience of valuable natural resources and the people, businesses and communities that depend on them in regions vulnerable to climate change and related challenges. They will also showcase the benefits of landscape-scale management approaches and help enhance the carbon storage capacity of these natural areas.

The selected lands and waters face a wide range of climate impacts and other ecological stressors related to climate change, including drought, wildfire, sea level rise, species migration, and invasive species. At each location, Federal agencies will work closely with state, tribal, and local partners to prepare for and prevent these and other threats and ensure long-term conservation efforts take climate change into account. For more information, visit:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceec8525735900400c27/418100ac021610e485257e6e006dc36c?OpenDocument>

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EPA's Plan for Modernizing the Implementation of Its Audit Policy & Small Business Compliance Policy

The Environmental Protection Agency held webinars on June 10th and 15th, describing its *eDisclosure* plan to modernize its Audit Policy and Small Business Compliance Policy. *eDisclosure* will be a new centralized, web-based system designed to more efficiently receive and process violations disclosed under the policies, each of which offer penalty mitigation and other incentives for companies that discover, promptly disclose, and expeditiously correct environmental violations and take steps to prevent future violations. Participants may register online. Additional information is also available on-line about the Audit Policy and the Small Business Compliance Policy. For further information, go to:

<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-05/documents/smallbusinessinfo.pdf>

and,

<http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/small-businesses-and-enforcement>

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Announces New Tool to Help Boiler Operators Navigate Federal Requirements

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality recently launched a new tool to simplify complex environmental regulations for owners and operators of boilers and process heaters. The new **Boiler NESHAP Navigational Tool** helps owners and operators evaluate whether their equipment is subject to the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutant (NESHAP), Subparts DDDDD (5D) and JJJJJ (6J). All owners and operators of boilers and process heaters are encouraged to use this tool to confirm a boiler or process heater is exempt, or to identify the new compliance requirements that apply.

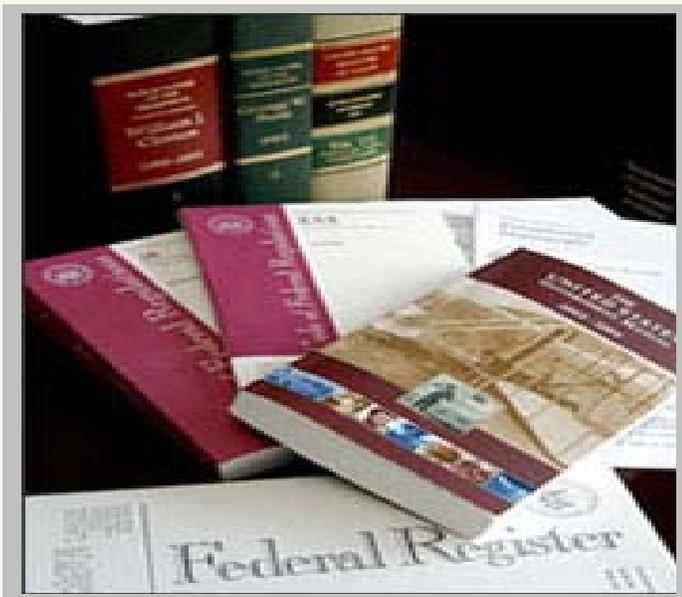
Anyone with a boiler and any major source of hazardous air pollutants with a process heater should use the tool. Even boilers traditionally exempted from Michigan's air permitting may be subject to these federal standards. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, about 200,000 of the 1.3 million boilers and process heaters in use in the U.S. are subject to one of these standards.

Using the tool is extremely easy! It asks simple, successive questions about users' boilers and process heaters, similar to a flowchart. The tool uses the answers provided to determine what requirements, if any, apply. The tool then navigates users to editable permit templates specific to their equipment. Finally, users can print out a report documenting the tool's conclusion.

Using the Boiler NESHAP Navigation Tool will give you a very good idea which Subpart, 5D or 6J, applies to your specific equipment.

The tool is available online at www.deq.state.mi.us/eforms/BoilerTool/quiz.html, and is mobile device compatible.



EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES**Department of Transportation Announces
\$3 Million in Grants for States**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's, Federal Highway Administration announced nearly \$3.4 million in grants for states and local agencies to explore innovative new pricing approaches to reduce traffic congestion, overcrowding of transit systems and parking shortages during peak travel times.

"Increasing strain on the transportation system is one of the challenges our nation will continue to face in the upcoming decades," said U.S. Transportation Secretary, Anthony Foxx. "Finding new ways to cut congestion can help address this challenge as our travel demands continue to climb." The grants are part of FHWA's Value Pricing Pilot Program to fund the study of new pricing methods. Since its creation, almost two decades ago, the program has funded more than 50 cutting-edge projects to tackle congestion in major metropolitan areas, such as HOV-to-HOT lane conversions, that have become commonplace nationwide. For more information, visit:

http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com/topic_channels/development/article_99848a5a-1871-11e5-9927-83bc09978a94.html

SUBJECT: Ocean Dumping: Proposed Modification of Final Site Designation

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-18/pdf/2015-15002.pdf>

Federal Register: Vol. 80, No. 117 / Thursday, June 18, 2015 / Rules and Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: This proposed action is being taken because there are current restrictions in place with language that prevent disposal of suitable dredged material from locations other than the federal channels. The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District has requested EPA amend the restrictions to allow disposal of suitable dredged material from the vicinity of federal navigation channels to alleviate pressure on the capacity of their upland dredged material placement areas, when necessary.

SUBJECT: Completion of Requirement to Promulgate Emissions Standards

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-06-03/pdf/2015-13500.pdf>

Federal Register: Vol. 80, No.106 / Wednesday, June 33, 2015 / Rules and Regulations.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final Rule

SUMMARY: In this action, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizes its proposed determination that the EPA completed its statutory obligation under the Clean Air Act (CAA) to promulgate emissions standards for source categories accounting for not less than 90 percent of the aggregated emissions of each of seven specific hazardous air pollutants (HAP) enumerated in the CAA.

Students Learn Sustainability Through Life in 'The Domes'

For more than 30 years, small groups of University of California-Davis students have had a unique student housing option – 14 small, igloo-like domes set on a 4-acre plot. What started out as an experience in energy conservation and an alternative to traditional housing continues to be a popular and affordable option for 26 students looking for a tight-knit community within a campus of more than 35,000 undergraduates. The [Baggins End Innovative Housing](http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com/topic_channels/community/article_31e7988c-e393-11e4-9a63-4b45530802ce.html?mode=story) community, commonly referred to as The Domes, is located on the UC Davis campus. “The Domes provide a space that is safer, more accepting and more challenging for people that don’t fit or don’t want to fit in to the mainstream,” said Lucas Hill, a current resident in his senior year at UC Davis. For more information, visit:

http://www.sustainablecitynetwork.com/topic_channels/community/article_31e7988c-e393-11e4-9a63-4b45530802ce.html?mode=story



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EPA's SBIR Program to Issue Annual Solicitation for Phase I this Summer, 2015.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is one of 11 federal agencies that participate in the Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) established by the Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982. EPA issues annual solicitations for Phase I and Phase II research proposals from science and technology-based firms. Phase II contracts are limited to small businesses that have successfully completed their Phase I contracts. [\[Read More\]](#)

Since its inception, EPA's SBIR Program has provided incentive funding to small businesses to translate their innovative ideas into commercial products that address environmental problems. View some of our most [recent success stories](#).

For More Information on EPA's SBIR Program, go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir/2015factsheet.pdf>

