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New staff available to assist small businesses with air

The Air Program and DNR's Office of Business Support and Science Services are pleased to announce the filling of two Air Program positions: the Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program Coordinator and the Non-Title V Streamlining Engineer.

The new Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program Coordinator, as of February 23, is Renee Lesjak Bashel, who began her career working for the State of Wisconsin more than 20 years ago. From 1992 through 1999, she worked in the Air Program as an engineer, starting as a compliance inspector then permit writer while at the South Central Region office. From 1997 to 1999, she served as the Operation Permit Team Leader in Madison's Central Office. In January 2000 she accepted a position with the Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program (SBCAAP) at the Department of Commerce and spent the next 11 years there. When the SBCAAP was relocated to the DNR in 2011, Renee rejoined the Air Program and worked on expanding the SBCAAP within DNR. In 2012, Bashel embarked on a new adventure in private consulting and worked as a Project Manager for SCS Engineers, Upper Midwest office. She will be assisting with the implementation of the new multimedia Small Business Environmental Assistance Program and will work closely with the Office of Business Support and Science Services' Small Business Environmental Assistance Program.

Susan Lindem started work on February 9 as the Non-Title V Streamlining Engineer at DNR's Central Office in Madison. (Non-Title V air pollution sources are sources that have emissions less than major source levels.) Lindem, who previously worked in the South Central Region, began her career with the department on Earth Day 1990. She comes to her new position with a wealth of experience going back to plan reviews with the air toxics program, followed by being the sector specialist for the foundry industry, then an air



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pollution construction permit writer in DNR's South Central Region. "Susan's deep understanding of air program issues, her creativity, and her easy manner with colleagues and permittees will serve her well in her new position as she helps the program set up systems to implement streamlining measures affecting mainly the non-Title V community," said Kristin Hart, chief of the Air Permits Section.

"Renee and Susan will work closely together to tackle the issues and find solutions to those challenges unique to smaller businesses in Wisconsin," said Hart.

Waste streams: What are your options

Don't Wait to Register, the Waste Streams: What Are Your Options Seminar will be held NEXT WEEK on Thursday, May 7, 2015 in DeForest

The South Central WI FET Chapter will be hosting a Waste Streams: What are your Options Seminar on Thursday, May 7th in DeForest. The purpose of this seminar is to discuss proper ways to dispose of various waste streams. Regulatory updates will be covered and we will also hear from companies that have had success in reducing waste streams and/or found beneficial uses for their wastes. The DNR has several speakers including speakers from the Small Business Program.

Topics Include:

- Waste Determination Process
- Regulatory Updates on Alternative Disposal Options
- Contaminated Fill Guidance
- Beneficial Reuse of Industrial Waste
- Coal Ash
- POTW Issues
- Landfill Dos and Don'ts
- Industrial Recycling
- Introduction to Zero Waste
- Zero Waste Case Study

Professional Hours include 6.0 DNR Landfill hours, plus IH, CEU, CHMM and PE hours

Click link below to see agenda and registration information:

<http://fetinc.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/5-7-15-Waste-Streams.pdf>

Clean Air Extravaganza set for May 21

Join members of Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air at the Clean Air Extravaganza on May 21st from 2-4pm at the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (756 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI 53202). Along with the presentation of the annual Recognition and Commuter Champion Awards, organizations will also be presenting information about challenges, successes and resources available for small businesses dealing with air quality and energy issues. Come network with all types of Wisconsin businesses and organizations to learn how to improve your sustainability and tools to help. Invitees include representatives from the over 250 businesses/organizations in Wisconsin Partners for Clean Air, local and state representatives, and others who participate in clean air initiatives

Please RSVP by May 14th by calling 414-263-8751 or emailing peter.mcmullen@wisconsin.gov. Event program and map/directions can be found at <http://cleanairwisconsin.org/extravaganza.php>



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Deadline approaching for Stage II vapor recovery grants

Under the current Biennial Budget (2013-2015), the Department of Natural Resources was allocated \$1,000,000 for a grant program to support the removal or decommissioning of Stage II vapor recovery systems. Owners and operators of retail gas stations in Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Washington and Waukesha counties may apply for grant funding for eligible costs incurred after April 15, 2012, to remove or decommission Stage II vapor recovery systems.

Applicants can still apply for grants and DNR is awarding the grants on a first-come, first-served basis until all of the allocated funds have been awarded or the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2015), whichever comes first. Eligible facilities should apply for the grant by May 15, 2015 to ensure sufficient processing time. For more information on the grant and how to apply, visit the Stage II grant web page at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/stage2vapor.html>

Public input opportunity: Guidance on importing soil or fill onto remediation site enrolled in VPLE

The RR Program seeks your input on a new document titled, Identifying and Documenting Characteristics of Imported Soil and Other Fill Materials Prior to Use on VPLE Sites (RR-041). This guidance document provides an outline of the appropriate practices to follow prior to bringing soil and other fill materials onto a remediation site that is enrolled in the Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) program, under s. 292.15, Wis. Stats. The guidance describes how DNR staff will work with voluntary parties, consultants and others to establish reasonable materials management approaches for importing materials to a property that is being cleaned up through the VPLE program.

This document can be reviewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/guidance.html> Comments can be submitted to [Michael Prager](mailto:Michael.Prager@dnr.wi.gov) through May 13, 2015.

Funding available for agricultural producers and rural small businesses for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects

The US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) provides assistance through grants and loan guarantees to agricultural producers and rural small businesses undertaking energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. These projects can help increase energy independence, reduce carbon emissions and save you money in reduced energy costs. Applications are accepted year round and should be sent to your state [Rural Development Office](#). For more information, visit [Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans and Grants in Wisconsin](#) or contact Wisconsin's Program Contact: Brenda Heinen at 715-345-7615 xt.139 or Brenda.Heinen@wi.usda.gov.

Comment period for EPA rule: Electronic reporting for New Source Performance Standards

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to revise the part 60 General Provisions and various new source performance standards (NSPS) subparts in the code of federal regulations (CFR) to require affected facilities to submit specified air emissions data reports to the EPA electronically and to allow affected facilities to maintain electronic records of these reports. Public comment on these rule revisions can be submitted through May 19, 2015. For more information go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search on Docket ID EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0174.

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