



## Small Business Advisor - Special Announcements— March 2018

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### Correction on OSHA event – Handling OSHA Inspections

The correct link to register for the March 8th OSHA Breakfast event mentioned in the previous edition of the Advisor is: <https://www.wmc.org/event/osha-construction-breakfast-handlingosha/>

### Two US SBA Regulatory Roundtables in Milwaukee

#### 1) NAFTA Modernization Outreach Meeting

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Advocacy is tasked with ensuring consideration of small business economic issues during international trade negotiations. Advocacy must provide a report to Congress on the views of small business on the potential economic effects of a renegotiated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Advocacy is hosting outreach meetings across the country to hear from small business affected by international trade with Canada and Mexico. The next roundtable is on **Thursday, March 15** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center, 640 S 84<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53214. **The purpose of the meeting is to hear directly from small businesses on their priorities, opportunities and challenges in a renegotiated NAFTA.**

To register for the Milwaukee NAFTA event: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-advocacy-nafta-modernization-outreach-meeting-milwaukee-wi-tickets-43640003425>

#### 2) Regional Regulatory Roundtable

The US SBA Office of Advocacy is an independent office that serves as a voice for small business within the federal government. Advocacy advances the views and concerns of small business before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policy makers.

Advocacy will host Regional Regulatory Reform Roundtables across the country to hear directly from small businesses about what federal regulations concern them the most. **The next roundtable is on Friday, March 16** in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Schlitz Park, 1555 N Rivercenter Dr., Conference Room #3, Milwaukee, WI 53212. SBA Administrator Linda McMahon will be in attendance.

**The purpose of Advocacy's Regional Regulatory Roundtables is to:**

1. Identify regional small business regulatory issues, to assist federal agencies with regulatory reform and reduction in compliance with Executive Orders 13771 & 13777;
2. Compile crucial information for Advocacy's new report on existing small business regulatory burdens across the nation, identifying specific recommendations for regulatory changes based upon first-hand accounts from small businesses across the country; and
3. Inform and educate the small business public as to how Advocacy and SBA can assist them with their small business goals.

**This is an opportunity for small business leaders to provide Advocacy and federal agencies with first-hand accounts of how they are impacted by federal regulations.**

To register for the Milwaukee Regulatory Reform: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sba-office-of-advocacy-regional-regulatory-roundtable-milwaukee-wi-tickets-43640386571>

*For more information regarding Advocacy's efforts to help reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses and upcoming roundtable events, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/advocacy/regulatory-reform>.*

## **Two wetland program opportunities for public input**

### **1) Proposed updates to Wisconsin's Wetland Indicator Maps**

The first step land owners, developers and builders need to take before picking up a shovel or calling in the bulldozers is determining whether a proposed project site is located within a wetland. A new upgrade to the Department of Natural Resource's interactive wetland indicator map found at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) will make it easier to determine if a project has the potential to impact wetlands.

DNR has been working with the National Resource Conservation Service to integrate updated soil information, field reporting and digital topography tools to its current map, which is referred to as the pink layer, so that the agency can provide users with the most comprehensive tool possible.

To preview the updated system to potential users, the department is hosting two hour-long informational meetings on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the Green Bay Service Center**, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay and **Friday, March 9, 2018, 2 p.m., in room G09 at the DNR Central Office**, 101 S. Webster, in Madison.

Anyone interested in learning more about wetland indicators can visit the DNR's website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) to read more about recognizing indicators and view informational videos about the steps toward ensuring building projects start off on the right track. Questions or comments can also be emailed directly to Amanda Minks at [Amanda.Minks@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Amanda.Minks@Wisconsin.gov).

## 2) Public comments sought on Wetland and Waterway General Permit for agricultural water quality conservation activities

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on a proposed waterway and wetland general permit for certain agricultural water quality conservation activities, including grassed waterways, filter strips, lined waterways, grade stabilization structures, stream crossings, water and sediment control basins, dams, sediment basins, and constructed wetlands. The proposed general permit would allow county, state, and federal agencies to implement water quality conservation practices in agricultural settings through a streamlined permitting process.

DNR does not anticipate this general permit to result in a significant negative effect on the environment. To view a copy of the draft permit or to view other information about the Department of Natural Resources individual and general permitting process, search the DNR website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), for "[wetland disturbance](#)."

An informational hearing is also scheduled for **Wednesday, March 21, 2-3:30 p.m.** in room G09 of the State Natural Resources Building, 101 S. Webster St., Madison. Comments can be submitted to [DNRWYWRZGuidance@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRWYWRZGuidance@wisconsin.gov) until close of business March 30.

For more information, call Amanda Minks at 608-264-9223 or submit written comments via U.S. mail to Amanda Minks, DNR-WT/3, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921.

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