



## Small Business Advisor - May 2018

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### Make your plans environmentally sound before you break ground! An introduction to environmental responsibilities for landowners, excavators and other construction contractors

In this two-part webinar series landowners and construction professionals will learn about key environmental regulations that can impact construction projects. Avoid costly delays and potential penalties by learning about common mistakes landowners and construction businesses make when engaging in land-altering activities. The DNR's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) will present this information as part of the Sustainable Strategies Webinar Series, a monthly webinar for municipal professionals and other interested parties usually held on the third Thursday of the month. All webinars are free and open to anyone interested in environmental stewardship.

Part 1 (June 14, 2018: 12:00-1:00) will feature key environmental regulations that need to be addressed before beginning excavation for any project including wetland disturbances, waterway and shoreline impacts, storm water runoff, endangered and historical resources and invasive species.

Part 2 (June 21, 2018: 12:00-1:00) will expand into other environmental issues that may come up during construction projects such as environmental contamination and spills, managing demolition and other waste and how to handle new or existing wells in addition to air pollution and nonmetallic mining regulations. Unable to make the live event? Webinars will be recorded and posted on DNR's website for future viewing. To register or view past webinars, visit [Sustainable Strategies](#). Visit [SBEAP](#) for more information about these and other environmental regulations.

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### DNR highlights successes during Clean Air Month this May

Throughout the month of May, the Department of Natural Resources is highlighting clean air successes and reminding citizens that DNR is committed to clean air in Wisconsin.

[Clean Air Month](#) is held annually each May to recognize positive trends in air quality in Wisconsin. The DNR's Air Program provides information about air quality, tips for reducing air emissions and links for signing up for air quality notices.

New this year, the Air Program developed a video on Wisconsin's clean air successes. The 60-second video, which will be available later in May on DNR's [YouTube channel](#) [Exit DNR], highlights some of the key successes in pollution reductions.

According to the most recent [Wisconsin Air Quality Trends Report](#), based on 2016 data, concentrations of most pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act have been decreasing over the past decade across the state.

"The overall decrease in pollutant concentrations is encouraging and is the result of cooperative regulatory control programs reducing emissions from vehicles and sources in Wisconsin and surrounding states," said Gail Good, Department of Natural Resources Air Program director.

Good added that the DNR will continue to work with local, state and federal groups in order to attain all air quality standards.

The DNR website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), has many resources for reducing air emissions. To learn more about Clean Air Month and about voluntary actions to reduce air emissions, please visit the DNR's [Do A Little Save a Lot](#) web page.

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