



## Small Business Advisor - September 2018

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### Small Businesses Weigh In



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Secretary Dan Meyer was the featured speaker at a forum that provided small business owners an opportunity to tell DNR how existing rules impact them, give perspectives on proposed regulations and help the DNR better understand small business issues.

The Small Business Environmental Council, an advisory group to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, partnered with the Portage County Business Council to host the forum on September 11.

"Small businesses operate differently than large businesses and often struggle to find answers about DNR permits, or need help figuring out DNR rules and regulations. The Council wants to make sure those businesses with fewer than 100 employees are represented in the discussion about

environmental policies," explained Amy Litscher, Small Business Environmental Council chair and president of Saga Environmental & Engineering.

The audience shared suggestions for how DNR can improve access to information and described how information should be presented to be the most useful. If you have suggestions about how DNR can be more helpful to your business, want to offer feedback on how regulations affect you, or if you know of a group that would be interested in partnering on a similar event in your area, please let us know by emailing

[DNRSsmallbusiness@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRSsmallbusiness@wisconsin.gov).

### Learn about Environmental Regulations at FET Environment 2018

If you need to learn more about environmental requirements that apply to your small business, there is an opportunity for you at the Federation of Environmental Technologists, Inc.'s (FET) annual conference and exhibition on October 23-25, 2018. FET's Environment 2018 is being held at the newly named Ingleside Hotel (formerly Country Springs) in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Tuesday, October 23, includes Professional Development Courses on Industrial Wastewater, Safety, Air Basics, EPCRA, and the Environmental, Health

and Safety Primer. Wednesday to Thursday offer three tracks on a range of topics for both new and experienced environmental, health and safety professionals. If you want to learn more about the DNR's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, come talk to us at our booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Learn more about the conference and view the schedule here: <http://fetinc.org/website/conference-schedule-2/>.

## The Wisconsin Asbestos Conference is Open for Registration

If you are responsible for managing renovation or construction projects that include asbestos removal and related clean-up, you should attend the 2018 Wisconsin Asbestos Conference. The Conference is being held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on December 7, 2018. Register before November 15 to get the early bird rate of \$50 or reserve an exhibit booth for \$170. Prices go up for both after November 15. Learn more about the conference and register here: <https://wisconsinasbestosconference.org>.

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