

National Small Business Week Celebrates the American Entrepreneurial Spirit

What creates two out of three net new American jobs; produces close to half of our nation's goods and services (nonfarm private GDP); and can be found, coast to coast, in every small town, big city and rural enclave?

The 28 million small businesses that propel our economy forward and define our national entrepreneurial spirit.

To be American is to have the freedom to innovate, take risks, create, transform and put in the hard work that has led to the successes – and failures – that define human progress. From May 1-6, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognized and honored the critical and life altering contributions of America's moms and pops, manufacturing enterprises, Main Street retailers and entrepreneurs during National Small Business Week.

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation setting aside one week to "recommit to advancing these vital enterprises, and celebrate their contributions to our collective American story." As Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said, it was small businesses that powered our recovery after the Great Recession.

This year's National Small Business Week, themed "SBA: Dream Big, Start Small," included special events in Atlanta, New York, Denver, Phoenix, San Jose, Oakland and Washington, D.C. Live-streaming was available beginning at 7:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, May 1st as the official kick-off for the week and joined at @MCS4Biz on Twitter or Instagram, and #DreamSmallBiz. Read more at:

<https://www.sba.gov/blogs/national-small-business-week-celebrates-american-entrepreneurial-spirit>

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Online 6H NESHAP Painter Training Sponsored by Iowa Waste Reduction Center

It has been over eight years since the U.S. EPA began requiring painter training through the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (Subpart HHHHHH): Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations. Painters at affected businesses must be trained and certified, with recertification needed every five years.

To make it easier for businesses to comply, the Iowa Waste Reduction Center at the University of Northern Iowa developed SprayItRight, an online painter training program specific to the 6H regulation. The course covers spray equipment setup and maintenance, proper spray application, as well as booth and filter maintenance. Painters are able to complete the course at their own pace when it works for their schedule. The compliance training costs only \$99.95 for each certification. For more information, visit:

<http://www.sprayitright.com/>

EPA Recognizes SmartWay Affiliate North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is recognizing North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for environmentally responsible efforts that move more goods, more miles, with lower emissions and less energy.

“EPA’s SmartWay Program helps transportation businesses develop methods that improve the economy, the environment and public health,” said EPA’s Regional Administrator Ron Curry. “We all depend on an efficient and sustainable freight sector, and these honorees have demonstrated that they can get the job done while saving fuel and reducing greenhouse gases.”

NCTCOG collaborated with a local community college on innovative fuel saving and emission reducing strategies and practices. The college will incorporate a fuel savings driver training program into their curriculum. NCTCOG also launched the Saving Money and Reducing Truck Emission Program which provides small trucking fleets with support to operate more efficiently.

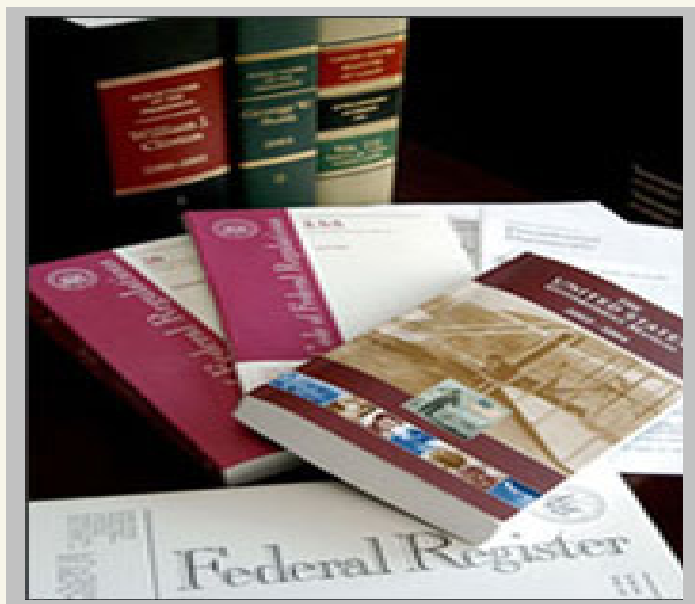
NCTCOG was among seven affiliates to receive this recent recognition. EPA held a virtual recognition ceremony on April 21, 2016. The awardees represent three percent of the total affiliate membership and are part of a diverse cross section of the freight supply chain industry.

SmartWay Partners have avoided emitting more than 72 million metric tons of the carbon pollution that contributes to climate change, while saving more than 170 million barrels of oil and more than \$24 billion in fuel costs. SmartWay also contributes to cleaner air and healthier citizens by significantly reducing emissions of the pollution that contributes to smog.

Launched in 2004, SmartWay is an EPA program that helps the freight transportation sector and improves supply chain efficiency. SmartWay also reduces transportation-related emissions that affect climate change, reduces environmental risk for companies and increases global energy security. For more information on SmartWay, go to:

<https://www3.epa.gov/smartway>





EPA Publishes 21st Annual U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its 21st annual [Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks](#) (GHG Inventory) today, which presents a national-level overview of annual greenhouse gas emissions since 1990. The inventory shows a nine percent drop in emissions since 2005, and a one percent increase in greenhouse gas emissions in 2014 from 2013 levels. Total U.S. greenhouse emissions were 6,108 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2014. By sector, power plants were the largest source of emissions, accounting for 30 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas pollution. The transportation sector was the second largest source, at 26 percent. Industry and manufacturing was the third largest source, at 21 percent. As noted in the draft inventory released in February 2016, a one percent increase in total national greenhouse gas emissions between 2013 and 2014 was driven by increased fuel use –in the residential and commercial sectors, largely due to increased demand for heat that winter, and in the transportation sector. Read more at:

<https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/80447044E54D9F7385257F96005F5278>

EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

SUBJECT: Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-15/pdf/2016-08788.pdf>

Federal Register: Vol. 81, No. 73, Friday, April 15, 2016/ Notices

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is announcing a public meeting of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) on May 18-19, 2016. This meeting provides advice and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on issues associated with pesticide regulatory development and reform initiatives, evolving public policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides.

SUBJECT: Trichloroethylene; Significant New Use Rule

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-04-08/pdf/2016-08152.pdf>

Federal Register: Vol. 81, No. 68, Friday, April 8, 2016 /Rules and Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Final Rule

SUMMARY: Under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), EPA is finalizing a significant new use rule (SNUR) for trichloroethylene (TCE). The significant new use is the manufacture or processing for use in a consumer product, with an exception for use of TCE in cleaners and solvent degreasers, film cleaners, hoof polishes, lubricants, mirror edge sealants, and pepper spray. Persons subject to the SNUR will be required to notify EPA at least 90 days before commencing any manufacturing or processing of TCE for a significant new use.

How Hawaii Will Achieve 100% Clean Energy by 2045

The Hawaii State Energy Office has partnered with GreenBiz Group to launch VERGE Hawaii — Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit. VERGE Hawaii will explore innovative clean energy policies, models, technologies and infrastructure and sets the stage for immediate actions and plans needed to deliver on Hawaii's ambitious goal of 100% renewably powered energy in the electricity sector by 2045. Further, this VERGE event will serve as a platform for Hawaii's energy leaders and stakeholders to engage, learn and contribute. Check out highlights from our recent [VERGE 2015](#).

For more information on the event, go to:

<https://www.greenbiz.com/events/verge/honolulu/2016>



To register for VERGE Hawaii, go to:

<https://www.greenbiz.com/events/verge/honolulu/2016/registration>

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

EPA Guidelines on Asbestos and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

EPA's air toxics regulation for asbestos is intended to minimize the release of asbestos fibers during activities involving the handling of asbestos. The air toxics provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) require EPA to develop and enforce regulations to protect the public from exposure to airborne contaminants that are known to be hazardous to human health. In accordance with Section 112 of the CAA, EPA established National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). The list of [hazardous air pollutants](#) (HAP), or “air toxics”, includes specific compounds that are known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects. Three of the major [health effects](#) associated with asbestos exposure are lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis.

Read more about the hazards of asbestos at the following sites:

<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos>

<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/asbestos-neshap>

