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Photo of King Street in Old Town Alexandria  
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## National Small Business Environmental Assistance Program 2018 Annual Training

<b>When:</b>	Meet and Greet Mixer: April 30, 2018 (approximately 6:00 - 9:00 pm) Training: May 1-3, 2018 (approximately 8:00 am - 4:00 pm each day)
<b>Where:</b>	Old Town Alexandria, Virginia Meet and Greet Mixer: TBD Training: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314
<b>Register:</b>	Registration for this training is now open and free of charge! To register and for more information about the event, please visit - <a href="https://nationalsbeap.org/training">https://nationalsbeap.org/training</a>
<b>Reserve:</b>	Reserve your hotel room for the training at the Old Town Alexandria Crowne Plaza Hotel. Use this link to reserve online: <a href="#">ASBO-SBEAP Meeting</a> Alternatively, call 1-877-227-6963 and specify meeting code "ASBO-SBEAP" Group room rate is \$253 plus tax. Cutoff date to make reservations at this rate is <a href="#">April 9, 2018</a> .
<b>Getting There:</b>	Complimentary shuttle from Reagan National Airport from Doors 5 and 9, 5:15 am to 10:45 pm at 15 minutes and 45 minutes after the hour Nearest Metro stop—Braddock Road Metro Station (approximately 1 mile from hotel); one Metro stop away from Reagan National Airport on yellow or blue lines
<b>Contact:</b>	Paula Hoag - Conference Coordinator Phone: 202-566-2496 Email: <a href="mailto:hoag.paula@epa.gov">hoag.paula@epa.gov</a>

### Anticipated Topics

While the agenda is still being developed, this conference will provide an opportunity for participants to learn about the following:

**National SBEAP Program** - learn about the accomplishments of the program and individual state programs, tools and tips for successful marketing of these programs and what the national strategic plan is for the next two years

**National Steering Committee** - review accomplishments and works in progress; discuss strategies, new activities and opportunities to strengthen the NSC and state programs

**Technical Topics on Air and Other Media** - presentations from states and discussion with the U.S. EPA about current issues, policies and/or rules (specific topics to be determined)

**Trade Associations (anticipated)** - meet with representatives from various trade associations with small business concerns

## Resilient Region 9 Gets New Leadership

When people left their offices for December 2017 holidays, Region 9's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program's (SBEAP) leadership team was intact. SBEAP's participating in the Region 9 Working Group looked forward to their first meeting in January, 2018. They knew that the U.S. Small Business Administration's recently appointed Regional Advocate might join them.

Change came quickly! By January 15, 2018, Jenna Latt, Region 9's representative to the SBEAP's National Steering Committee (NSC) and coordinator of the Working Group, informed her Director, CA Air Resources Board's (ARB). Ombudsman, La Ronda Bowen, that she had accepted an engineering position in another division of the ARB.

Fortunately, Jenna's NSC alternate, Kale Walsh from Arizona agreed to replace her as Region 9's representative. Kale also found his replacement alternate - Scott Tallini from Maricopa County, AZ. La Ronda agreed to convene the Working Group. A few days later, Kale Walsh announced his acceptance of a completely different job at another agency. He asked Scott Tallini, his new NSC alternate, to serve as the Region 9 representative instead. Scott accepted.

La Ronda, called Scott to thank and encourage him and offered the NSC's and her support. Together they planned the Working Group's meeting agenda, reached out to the Region 9 SBEAP's and let them know the Region 9 SBA Advocate had confirmed his intention to participate in their first 2018 meeting.

The Advocate would join Scott at his Maricopa County office in Phoenix, AZ or if necessary, by phone.



A week before the planned Working Group meeting, after making several unfruitful calls to the Advocate, La Ronda informed Scott that she was unable to reach him. After confirming the spelling of his name, Scott said he thought the Advocate was now running for elected office in Arizona due to the sudden resignation of two Arizona members of Congress. Scott was correct.

The first meeting of 2018 brought the Working Group together to learn about the NSC, explore our website, and celebrate the strength and resiliency of Region 9's programs.

Additionally, 2018 brought new participants into the Region 9 Working Group: Shaina White – Phoenix Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona and Clifford Banuelos, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. Together, these Councils represent most of the tribes in the Western U.S. The meeting also brought new member Eric Florio, Eric is new to Nevada and new to small business but experienced in environment and law. Eric is now our newest Regional Alternate to the NSC. Please welcome these new members of the SBEAP team.

## Nebraska's Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

As part of the Clean Air Act Amendments, Congress required states to form Small Business Compliance Advisory Panels (SBCAPs) to promote compliance assistance to the regulated community. Nebraska is fortunate in that it has had an active SBCAP since its inception. Both the Nebraska Legislature and the Governor's Office support the Panel, which has tasked itself with:

- Gauging the regulated community's satisfaction with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's assistance initiatives, and providing feedback annually to the Department;
- Providing input concerning any new or changing environmental regulations; and
- Acting as liaisons in their communities and fielding questions from business owners.

SBCAP members also co-author a yearly report highlighting compliance assistance and outreach activities that have taken place.



If you would like to read a copy of past SBCAP reports, please visit [deq.ne.gov](http://deq.ne.gov), and click on Publications and Forms and Small Business and Public Assistance. For further information, visit:

[www.deq.ne.gov](http://www.deq.ne.gov)



### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Removal of Clean Air Interstate Rule Trading Programs

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a state implementation plan revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The revision requests EPA remove from the Virginia SIP regulations from the Virginia Administrative Code that established trading programs under the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). The EPA administered trading programs under CAIR were discontinued on December 31, 2014, upon the implementation of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), which was promulgated by EPA to replace CAIR. CSAPR established federal trading programs for sources in multiple states, including Virginia, that replace the CAIR state and federal trading programs. The submitted SIP revision requests removal of state regulations that implemented the CAIR annual nitrogen oxides (NOX), ozone season NOX, and annual sulfur dioxide trading programs from the Virginia SIP (as CSAPR has replaced CAIR). EPA is approving the SIP revision in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

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## EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry.

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>

**Federal Register:** Vol. 83, No. 47, Friday, March 9, 2018 / Notices

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed withdrawal; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requesting public comment on a potential withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry. The final CTG provided recommendations for reducing volatile organic compound emissions from existing oil and natural gas industry emission sources in ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or higher and states in the Ozone Transport Region. The CTG relied upon underlying data and conclusions made in the final rule titled "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources," published in the Federal Register on June 3, 2016 (2016 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)). On June 5, 2017, the EPA granted reconsideration in regard to additional provisions of the 2016 NSPS. Pursuant to those actions, EPA is currently looking broadly at the 2016 NSPS. In light of the fact that EPA is reconsidering the 2016 NSPS and because the recommendations made in the CTG are fundamentally linked to the conclusions in the 2016 NSPS, EPA believes it is prudent to withdraw the CTG in its entirety. EPA also believes that the withdrawal will be more efficient for states in revising their state implementation plans EPA is seeking comment on a potential withdrawal of the CTG.

For further information, contact: Jonathan Witt at [witt.jon@epa.gov](mailto:witt.jon@epa.gov).

**SUBJECT:** Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Amendments to the National Minimum Criteria (Phase One).

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>

**Federal Register:** Vol. 83, No. 51 Thursday, March 15, 2018 / Proposed Rule

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated national minimum criteria for existing and new coal combustion residuals (CCR) landfills and existing and new CCR surface impoundments. EPA is proposing a rule that will address four provisions of the final rule that were remanded back to the Agency on June 14, 2016 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. EPA is also proposing six provisions that establish alternative performance standards for owners and operators of CCR units located in states that have approved CCR permit programs (participating states) or are otherwise subject to oversight through a permit program administered by EPA. Finally, the Agency is proposing an additional revision based on comments received since the date of the final CCR rule.

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