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Greetings, Environmental Justice partners!

DEP's Office of Environmental Justice recently released the first edition of EJ News and we hope you found it useful and informative. We are sending this update to share some more great information with you. As always, we welcome your suggestions or inquiries about our work, programs, or policies. Please feel free to contact us at RA-EPOEJ@pa.gov.

GRANTS

Driving PA Forward

DEP announced that it will be accepting applications from eligible applicants for a new grant and rebate program for trucks and buses through the Driving PA Forward Initiative:

- $6.4 million in competitive grants are available for Class 8 vehicles like tractor trailers and transit buses. Application deadlines are January 11, May 10 and September 23.
- $12 million Rebates are available for Class 4-7 trucks, school buses, and other vehicles. This is a first-come-first-serve program with no set deadline for these applications.

Eligible applicants include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, nonprofit entities, corporations, air quality or transportation organizations, and others. DEP will hold a webinar for interested applicants of the rebate program on December 3 at 10:30 a.m. and the grant program on December 4 at 10:30 a.m. Registration details can be found at the Driving PA Forward Initiative website.

Visit our Driving PA Forward website for more information or learn more about the 5 other Driving PA Forward grant and rebate programs that are currently open:

- DEP Alternative Fuel Vehicle Rebates
- DEP Alternative Fuels Incentive Grants
- DEP Zero Emission Vehicle, Electric Charging Station Rebates
- FAST Act Alternative Fuels Corridor Infrastructure Grants
- DEP Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rebates

EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant (EJSG)

EPA's EJ Small Grants solicitation is now open. The grant supports community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. Applications are due Friday, February 15. Click here to learn more about EPA's EJ Small Grants.

MEETINGS

PFAS Public Meeting

The Wolf Administration will hold its first public meeting of the multi-agency PFAS Action Team Friday, November 30, 2018. The meeting will feature presentations from experts from state governments and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency about PFAS contamination and how it is managed, including time for public comment. The meeting will be on Friday, November 30, 2018, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Rachel Carson State Office Building. The meeting will also be webcast.

"As we explore PFAS contamination, we have asked everyone to share their knowledge," said Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Patrick McDonnell. "We need to have as much information as we can on these chemicals and their potential impacts on health and the environment."

PFAS substances were commonly used in applications that include surface coating of paper and cardboard packaging products, carpets, non-stick pans, and textiles, as well as firefighting foams. These substances have been detected in air, water, and soil in and around production manufacturing facilities, and airports and military bases that used firefighting foams.

Governor Wolf called on the federal government to show leadership by establishing national safe drinking water standards for PFOS and PFOA, but in the absence of federal action, Pennsylvania will move forward aggressively to ensure Pennsylvania residents are protected," McDonnell continued.
Presenters at the meeting will include representatives of the federal and state governments, as well as utilities, municipal governments, advocacy organizations, and others.

Governor Tom Wolf formed the Action Team in September 2018 to address PFAS contaminants across the commonwealth and protect Pennsylvania residents. Currently, there is an open comment period for residents to share their concerns with PFAS. To provide comments use this link.

Event Details:

- **Date:** 30 November 2018
- **Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern Time
- **Who Should Attend:** This meeting is open to the public.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Location:** Rachel Carson State Office Building Room 105, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg PA 17105
- **Website with webcast information:** www.dep.pa.gov/pfcs.

National Environmental Justice Public Teleconference Meeting – Registration Closes Today

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will convene a public teleconference beginning on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018, starting at 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.,** Eastern Time.

The meeting discussion will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- to introduce a new charge for the NEJAC from the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM). This new charge will focus on the reuse and revitalization of Superfund and other contaminated sites; and
- the discussion and deliberation of the final letters that will address the environmental justice concerns that were raised during the NEJAC public meeting in Boston, MA on August 14 – 16, 2018.

Event Details:

- **Date:** 28 November 2018
- **Time:** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Eastern Time
- **Who Should Attend:** This meeting is open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by NEJAC.
- **Cost:** Free
- **Registration Public Teleconference Option:** Pre-registration is required to attend the meeting by teleconference.
- **Register here**
- **Online Registration Closes:** November 26, 2018, at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time