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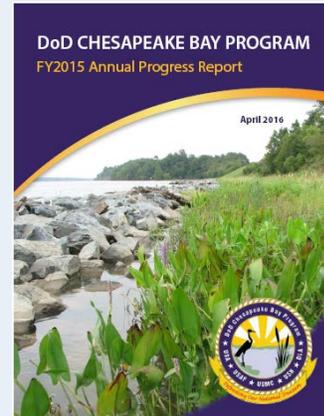


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### SPOTLIGHT STORY

**DoD CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT** The [Annual Progress Report](#), published April 2016, highlights DoD's FY2015 key accomplishments, programmatic milestone progress, and future planning efforts of the DoD Chesapeake Bay Program.



In 2014, the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement (the Agreement) was signed by CBP partners to provide a more collaborative and goal-oriented plan for protecting and restoring the watershed. The Agreement identifies collective commitments for restoring and protecting the watershed through ten goals and 29 outcomes. The goals formulate high level commitments, and the outcomes articulate more defined, time-sensitive, measurable targets that correlate success with each of the goals.

During FY2015 DoD funded a total of \$115 million towards projects that benefitted the restoration and resiliency of the Chesapeake Bay. As a landowner and member of the Bay community, DoD is committed to restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed. To learn more about the DoD Chesapeake bay Program visit [denix.osd.mil/chesapeake](http://denix.osd.mil/chesapeake).

## GENERAL INTEREST

**DoD CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM JOURNAL** The [Spring 2016 Journal](#) focuses on DoD's Earth Day events and environmental stewardship within the Bay watershed. An article of interest for this edition is *Social Marketing – Another Tool for Positive Change*; how to use social marketing in watershed protection. To learn more about the DoD Chesapeake Bay Program go to <https://www.denix.osd.mil/chesapeake/home/>.

**TENTATIVE DENIAL OF PETITION TO REVISE THE RCRA CORROSIVITY HAZARDOUS CHARACTERISTIC** EPA has extended the comment period on the tentative denial of a petition to revise the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrosivity hazardous waste characteristic regulation, published in the Federal Register on April 11, 2016. [Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2016-0040](#)

EPA is tentatively denying the rulemaking petition because the materials submitted in support of the petition fail to demonstrate that the requested regulatory revisions are warranted, as further explained in the tentative denial. EPA's review of additional materials it identified as relevant to the petition similarly did not demonstrate that any change to the corrosivity characteristic regulation is warranted at this time. The comment period was extended to December 7, 2016.

**FY16 GREENGOV SYMPOSIUM** GreenGov will be holding the FY16 [GreenGov Symposium](#) on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the George Washington University. The event will feature innovative thought leaders who will share ideas and strategies for achieving energy efficiency, clean energy targets, waste reduction, sustainable supply chains, greener fleets, and water reduction.

**CNO HONORS FY15 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD WINNERS** The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. John M. Richardson recognized the 29 winners of the [FY15 CNO Environmental Awards](#) through a video teleconference (VTC) ceremony at the Pentagon June 30. The CNO Environmental Awards Program annually recognizes Navy installations, individuals, and teams for their significant achievements and contributions to environmental stewardship. The Navy selected winners in the ten categories of Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Quality, Sustainability, Environmental Restoration, Cultural Resources Management, Environmental Excellence in Weapon System Acquisition and Afloat.

Naval leadership and Department of Defense officials joined the CNO, along with Deborah Nagle, director of water permits division at the Environmental Protection Agency. Representatives of environmental organizations Sierra Club, World Wildlife Fund and Ocean Conservancy, which assisted in the judging process for the awards, also attended.

## FEDERAL NEWS

**Notice:** *With regard to any regulation or legislation, installation staff is requested to contact their respective component REC with information on mission or installation impacts, questions, or comments.*

### AIR

**NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS: SITE REMEDIATION** EPA has extended the comment period on the proposed rule titled, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP): Site Remediation" ([Docket No. A-99-20](#)) by 30 days now extended to July 27, 2016.

EPA has proposed amending the NESHAP to remove the exemption for site remediation activities conducted under the authority of CERCLA under a RCRA corrective action or other RCRA order. EPA also proposed to require stand alone site remediations, with the potential to emit 10 tons per year of a single HAP or 25 tons per year for a

combination of HAPs, to comply with the rule.

## WASTE

**HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL REPORTING: COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW** EPA has amended the hazardous chemical reporting regulations due to the changes in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (HCS). [81 FR 38104](#)

Under the revised HCS, chemical manufacturers and importers are required to evaluate their chemicals according to the new criteria adopted from United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals to ensure that they are classified and labeled appropriately. Manufacturers and importers are also required to develop standardized Safety Data Sheets (formerly known as "Material Safety Data Sheets") and distribute them to downstream users of their chemicals. These changes in HCS affect the reporting requirements under sections 311 and 312 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to- Know Act (EPCRA).

Based on the new classification criteria that OSHA adopted, EPA is revising the existing hazard categories for hazardous chemical inventory form reporting under EPCRA Section 312 and for list reporting under section 311. In this action, EPA is also making a few minor corrections in the hazardous chemical reporting regulations. The final rule became effective June 13, 2016. The compliance date is January 1, 2018.

**ELECTRONIC WASTE: DoD/DLA GAO** has released a [report](#) on DOD electronic waste management.

In December 2015, DLA changed its DoD electronics disposal process by selling directly to recyclers. The new approach will reduce the amount of precious metals that DLA recovers but is expected to streamline the process and increase DLA's revenues. DOD has assessed potential opportunities to recover certain materials found in its electronic waste, including rare earth elements. DOD does not currently have information on the material content of items and current guidance does not facilitate the collection of this information from suppliers.

DoD has begun to take steps toward the development of material declaration standards; standards that suppliers would follow to provide information on the material content of the items. However, the focus of this current effort is identifying materials that present potential health or environmental risks. GAO has released a report recommending that DLA take steps to ensure that strategic and critical materials are included in the development of DoD material declaration standards and guidance.

## ENERGY

**ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL WATER HEATING EQUIPMENT** Department of Energy has proposed amending energy conservation standards for certain commercial water heating equipment ([81 FR 34439](#)). DOE has tentatively concluded that there is clear and convincing evidence to support more-stringent standards for several classes of the equipment that are the subject of this rulemaking. DOE did not consider more-stringent standards in this action for commercial oil-fired storage water heaters, whose standards were recently amended. Comments are due August 1, 2016.

## OTHER

**PIPES ACT OF 2016** ([PUBLIC LAW NO: 114-183](#)), has been enacted. A summary of provisions of the legislation can be

found [here](#).

**NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE, CLEAN ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP ACTION PLAN** This [Action Plan](#) identifies the deliverables to be achieved and activities to be pursued by the three countries; US, Mexico, and Canada.

**CHRONIC BERYLLIUM DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM** The Department of Energy has proposed amending its chronic beryllium disease prevention program regulation. The [proposed amendments](#) would improve and strengthen the current provisions and continue to be applicable to DOE federal and contractor employees who are, were, or potentially were exposed to beryllium at DOE sites.

## REGION I



The Connecticut General Assembly convened on 13 JUN 2016 and adjourned on 20 JUN 2016.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION NOTICE OF FEDERAL COASTAL CONSISTENCY REVIEW** [NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION](#) United State Army Corps proposes to issue a new Department of the Army General Permits for the State of Connecticut pursuant to 33 CFR part 325.5(c)(3) for minimal impact activities with the State of Connecticut. The new general permit consists of 23 individual general permits with a streamlined review process for activities within Corps jurisdiction under [Section 404](#) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and [Section 10](#) of the Federal Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899 and for activities within the jurisdiction of the State of Connecticut under [Section 401](#) of the CWA. Comments due by July 11, 2016.



The Maine Legislature convened on 3 DEC 2014 and adjourned on 29 APR 2016.

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.



The Massachusetts General Court convened on 7 JAN 2015 and adjourns on 4 JAN 2017.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**HB 4254** An Act to enable the Commonwealth administration of the Massachusetts Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.



The New Hampshire General Court convened on 16 JUN 2016 and adjourned on 16 JUN 2016.

## **OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY**

**EMERGENCY AMBIENT GROUNDWATER QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PERFLUOROCTANOIC ACID (PFOA) AND PERFLUOROCTANE SULFONATE (PFOS)** The Department of Environmental Services has adopted [emergency amendments](#) to Env-Or 603.0 relating to Emergency Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards for PFOA and PFOS. Emergency Rule became effective 9 June 2016 and expires on 27 November 2016.



The Rhode Island General Assembly convened on 5 JAN 2016 and adjourned on 18 JUN 2016.

## **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**HB 8163 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT PLAN** HB 8163 amends Section 39-1-27.12 of General Laws in Chapter 39-1 entitled Public Utilities Commission. The amendments direct the way the funds, existing fee charged to customers that are allocated to assist low-income citizens, are used and establish an arrearage program which prevents utilities from being shut off in certain circumstances. Act was signed by the Governor on 24 June 2016 and became effective upon signature.

**HB 8266 HEALTH AND SAFETY-MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT** HB 8266 amends Chapter 23-24.9 entitled Mercury Reduction and Education Act. The amendments encourage manufactures of mercury-containing lamps to establish and implement a voluntary statewide collection for recycling of these lamps through 1 January 2020. Act was signed by the Governor on 27 June 2016 and became effective upon signature.

**SB 2095 HEALTH AND SAFETY-MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT** (same as HB 8266) Act was signed by the Governor on 27 June 2016 and became effective upon signature.



The Vermont Legislature convened on 7 JAN 2015 and adjourned on 7 MAY 2016.

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.

## REGION II



The New Jersey Legislature convened on 12 JAN 2016 and adjourns on 9 JAN 2018.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**AB 2417** This bill would require certain generators of solid waste to separate and recycle food waste, and amend the definition of 'Class I renewable energy.' Under the bill, beginning January 1, 2017, every large food waste generator that is located within 35 miles of an authorized recycling facility and that generates an average projected volume of 104 or more tons per year of food waste would be required to: (1) source separate that food waste; and (2) send the source separated food waste to an authorized recycling facility that has available capacity and will accept it.

**SB 2000** This bill establishes a process for certifying individuals, and for allowing landowners and lessees, to conduct prescribed burns of forested and other undeveloped lands, in order to prevent uncontrolled and damaging wildfires and to accomplish various land management objectives.



The New York State Legislature convened 7 JAN 15 and adjourns 4 JAN 17.

### **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**AB 10673** Directs NY state energy research and development authority to prepare a final report on implementing a statewide greenhouse gas or carbon emission fee or tax by 1 March 2017.

### **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**SB 8005** This bill would establish new Article 75, Climate Change. The article would include establishing a GHG reporting requirement for major sources of GHGs, including any stationary source that emits 25,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e AND any other source that NYSDEC deems as a significant contributor to GHG levels in the state.

The bill would also require NYSDEC to establish within three years of the effective date of Article 75 rules and regulations to ensure compliance with statewide emissions reduction limits. The regulations would include legally enforceable emissions limits, performance standards, or other requirements to control emissions from major sources

of GHGs. The regulations would also include measures to reduce emissions from minor sources that have a cumulatively significant impact on statewide greenhouse gas emissions, such as motor vehicles and electric generating facilities of less than 25 megawatts.

## **OTHER ACTIVITY**

**SPECIES OF ASH TREES, PARTS THEREOF AND PRODUCTS AND DEBRIS THEREFROM WHICH ARE AT RISK FOR INFESTATION BY THE EMERALD ASH BORER** [Emergency rule](#) to expand and combine the 14 existing restricted zones where Emerald Ash Borer infestations exist. Due to new detections of this pest, this rule repeals the existing section 141.2 and replaces it with a new section 141.2 which expands and combines the current 14 zones into eight zones which will now be under quarantine. Emergency rule became effective 6 June 2016 and expires 3 September 2016.

# REGION III



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Note: The Council of the District of Columbia convened 3 JAN 15 and adjourns 31 DEC 16.**

### **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**B 318** Tree Canopy Protection Amendment Act of 2015. This bill specifies that the term special tree means a tree that has a circumference of 47 inches or more. Currently, a special tree is defined as a tree that has a circumference of 55 inches or more. The bill also proposes an increase in fees for tree removals: from \$35 per inch of the circumference of the special tree to \$55 per inch. Fines for removing a tree without a permit are raised from \$100 per square inch of circumference to \$300 per inch. The bill authorizes the Mayor to increase the fees and fines by issuing regulations. Finally, the bill lists permitted uses of funds extracted from the Tree Fund, and requires the Department of Transportation to maintain public trees in public spaces and on District-owned land. Effective date 1 July 2016.



## DELAWARE

**Note: The Delaware State Legislature convened on 13 JAN 15 and adjourned on 30 JUN 16.**

### **FINAL LEGISLATION**

**HB 195** This bill creates the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system. The bill prohibits unmanned aircraft systems from flying over sporting events, concerts, automobile races, festivals, and events at which more than 5000 people are in attendance and critical infrastructure in the State of Delaware. Effective 1 July 2016.

**HB 345** Under this Act, the General Assembly formally recognizes the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware ("the Tribe")

as an American Indian tribe, not only to acknowledge the Tribe's rich history and culture, but also so that the Tribe may be recognized as eligible for the programs and services that the United States provides to Indians because of their status as Indians. Effective date 1 July 2016.

**HB 434** This bill designates and formally recognizes the Nanticoke Indian Tribe as an American Indian Tribe in the State of Delaware. Effective date 1 July 2016.

**SB 233** An Act to amend Title 7 of the Delaware Code relating to the Jeffrey Davis Aboveground Storage Tank Act. This Act clarifies definitions of "in-service," "out-of-service," "an imminent threat of a release," and "indicated release." The Act also authorizes the Department to intervene when the owner or operator has failed to address situations where signs exist that an aboveground storage tank or secondary containment system is found to have an indicated release, or where an aboveground storage tank presents an imminent threat of a release. Effective date 1 July 2016.



**Note: The Maryland General Assembly convened on 13 JAN 16 and adjourned on 11 APR 16.**

### ***PROPOSED RULES***

**FEES ASSESSED BY THE BOARD OF WATERWORKS AND WASTE SYSTEMS OPERATORS** The Department of the Environment has [proposed rulemaking](#) to amend Regulation .07 under COMAR 26.06.01 Payment of Fees to reduce the fees assessed by the Board of Waterworks and Waste Systems Operators for items and services provided.



**Note: The Pennsylvania General Assembly convened on 6 JAN 2015 and adjourns on 30 NOV 2016.**

### ***PROPOSED LEGISLATION***

**SB 18** Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth." This bill will require day cares licensed by the Department of Human Services to complete testing of lead levels as part of their licensure process. Testing would include water, paint, and soil. The bill also prohibits DHS from issuing a license to any day care in which lead levels are higher than the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation. Day cares that have elevated lead levels would be required to submit a remediation plan to DHS.

### ***OTHER REGULATORY ACTIVITY***

**ORDER OF QUARANTINE FOR BOXWOOD BLIGHT** The Department of Agriculture has issued an [order](#) of quarantine for Boxwood Blight. Quarantine boundaries will be established after an investigation and evaluation determines what areas may have been exposed to and harbor life stages of Boxwood Blight.



## VIRGINIA

The Virginia General Assembly convened on 13 JAN 2016 and adjourned on 11 MAR 2016.

### **FINAL RULES**

**REGULATIONS FOR NATURAL GAS MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS AND TECHNICIANS** The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation has adopted [18VAC120-50](#), Regulations Governing Natural Gas Automobile Mechanics and Technicians. This action establishes a regulatory program for the voluntary certification of natural gas automobile mechanics and technicians in accordance with Chapter 763 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly. The new chapter includes establishment of (i) certification, renewal, and reinstatement requirements; (ii) standards of practice and conduct; (iii) grounds for disciplinary actions; (iv) education provider requirements for training programs; (v) fees; and (vi) an advisory board. Effective date 1 July 2016.

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**PROPOSED STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION** Department of Environmental Quality seeks comments on whether the amendments to General Provisions, Malfunctions (9VAC5-20, Revisions D97 and B16) and Existing Stationary Sources (9VAC5-40, Revisions C09, D09, and E09) should be [submitted as a revision](#) to the SIP. Comments are due by 27 July 2016.



## WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Legislature convened on 16 MAY 2016 and adjourned on 14 JUN 2016.

### **FINAL RULES**

**ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS AND CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT** The Department of Environmental Protection has [adopted 47-65](#) Aboveground Storage Tank Administrative Proceedings and Civil Penalty Assessment. This rule establishes a procedure for the resolution of enforcement actions and the assessment of civil penalties for violations of the Aboveground Storage Tank Act in lieu of the institution of a civil action. Effective date 1 August 2016.

**ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK FEE ASSESSMENTS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [adopted 47-64](#) Aboveground Storage Tank Fee Assessments. This rule establishes schedules of registration fees, annual operation fees, and annual response fees for aboveground storage tanks governed by the Aboveground Storage Tank Act, W. Va. Code § 22-30-1, et seq. Effective date 1 August 2016.

**ABOVE GROUND STORAGE TANKS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [adopted new rule 47-63](#) which establishes a regulatory program for aboveground storage tanks within the state of West Virginia. It is mandated by 22-30-5(a) and (b). Effective date 1 August 2016.

## **PROPOSED RULES**

**ALTERNATIVE EMISSION LIMITATIONS DURING STARTUP, SHUTDOWN AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed 45-1](#), Alternative Emission Limitations During Startup, Shutdown and Maintenance Operations. This rule sets forth the criteria for establishing an alternative emission limitation during periods of startup, shutdown, or maintenance. Comments due 1 August 2016.

**AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-8](#), Ambient Air Quality Standards. The rule incorporates by reference the ambient air quality standards in WV for sulfur dioxides, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide and lead, equivalent to the national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) established under §109 of the Clean Air Act, and promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR Part 540. Comments due 1 August 2016.

**CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION FROM HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT, STORAGE AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-25](#) which establishes and adopts emission standards for the treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste promulgated by the US EPA pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA). Comments due 1 August 2016.

**EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-34](#) which incorporates by reference the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) and other regulatory requirements promulgated by the US EPA pursuant to § 112 of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended (CAA). Comments due 1 August 2016.

**PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR MODIFICATION OF MAJOR STATIONARY SOURCES FOR THE PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-14](#) which establishes and adopts a state preconstruction permit program consistent with the federal Clean Air Acts Title I program and the prevention of significant deterioration of air quality requirements of 40 CRF § 51.166 (2011). Preconstruction permits issued pursuant to this rule shall contain emission limitations and such other measures as may be necessary for the prevention of significant deterioration of air quality. Comments due 1 August 2016.

**REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 47-2](#), Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards relating to an alternative application for the Category A drinking water use designation, critical design flow for human health criteria, Adding Biotic Ligand Model (BLM) for copper, and E. coli replacing fecal coliform. Comments due 9 August 2016.

**STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE FOR NEW STATIONARY SOURCES** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-16](#) which incorporates by reference the national standards of performance for new stationary sources (NSPS) and other regulatory requirements promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to §111(b) of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended (CAA). Comments due 1 August 2016.

**STATIONARY SOURCE REPORTING** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 45-13](#) which sets forth the procedures for stationary source reporting, and the criteria for obtaining a permit to construct and operate a new stationary source which is not a major stationary source and to modify a non-major stationary source. This rule also establishes the requirements for obtaining an administrative update to an existing permit, temporary permit or a general permit, and for filing notifications and maintaining records of changes not

otherwise subject to the permit requirements of this rule. The rule establishes public participation requirements as well as procedures for permission to commence construction, and the transfer, suspension and revocation of permits. Comments due 1 August 2016.

**VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT RULE** The Department of Environmental Protection has [proposed amendments to 60-3](#) to update Table 60-3B (the De Minimis Table) and incorporate some minor changes being consolidated with this proposal. Comments due 28 July 2016.

## REGION IV



**Note: The North Carolina General Assembly convened on 14 JAN 2015 and adjourned on 1 JUL 2016.**

### **PROPOSED RULES**

**STARTUP, SHUTDOWN, AND MALFUNCTION (SSM) STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CALL RULE REVISION** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has [proposed amendments](#) to 15A NCAC 02D .0535 and the adoption of 15A NCAC 02D .0545 relating to SSM operations. On May 22, 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a final action to ensure states have plans in place that are fully consistent with the Clean Air Act and recent court decisions concerning SSM emission limit exemptions. Due to the uncertainty of the outcome of the litigation, North Carolina has chosen to move forward with rulemaking. Comments due August 1, 2016.

## REGION V



**Note: The Illinois General Assembly convened on 14 JAN 2015 and adjourned on 8 JUN 2016.**

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.



## INDIANA

**Note: The Indiana General Assembly convened on 11 JAN 2016 and adjourned on 10 MAR 2016.**

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.



## MICHIGAN

**Note: The Michigan Legislature convened on 14 JAN 2015 and adjourns on 31 DEC 2016.**

### ***PROPOSED RULES***

**PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT AND MINOR PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR ACTIVITIES IN INLAND LAKE AND STREAMS, WETLANDS, AND THE GREAT LAKES** [Notice](#) for Department of Environmental Quality proposal of new General Permit (GP) and Minor Project (MP) categories. These categories are for activities that are similar in nature, will cause only minimal adverse effects when performed separately, and will have only minimal cumulative adverse effects on the environment. The intent of these categories is to allow better coordination between applicable statutes and to provide clarity on the requirements needed to be met for each category. Permit applications made for these types of activities may be processed in an accelerated manner without the issuance of an individual public notice or public hearing. GP and MP categories are issued for a five-year period. Comments due 27 July 2016.



## OHIO

**Note: The Ohio General Assembly convened on 5 JAN 2015 and adjourns on 31 DEC 2016.**

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.



## WISCONSIN

**Note: The Wisconsin Legislature convened on 5 JAN 2015 and adjourns on 4 JAN 2017.**

No new environmental legislation or regulation of significant importance to DoD was identified during this reporting period.

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