

MEETINGS, EVENTS & WEBINARS

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>INVESTING IN AMERICA: CLIMATE ACTION FUNDING FAIR</p> <p>Session 1: Electric Power Date: 8/7/2023, 11am - 1pm PST. Registration Link</p> <p>Session 2: Agriculture & Working Lands Date: 8/8/2023, 9am - 11am PST. Registration Link</p> <p>Session 3: Tribal Programs Date: 8/8/2023, 12pm - 2pm PST. Registration Link</p> <p>Session 4: Transportation Date: 8/9/2023, 12pm - 2pm PST. Registration Link</p> <p>Session 5: Buildings Date: 8/10/2023, 11am - 1pm PST. Registration Link</p> <p>Session 6: Industrial & Waste Date: 8/11/2023, 9am - 11am PST. Registration Link</p>	<p>EPA is hosting the Investing in America: Climate Action Funding Fair online the week of August 7, 2023. Representatives from various federal agencies and non-profit organizations will present their insights on key funding programs and share ideas on opportunities for leveraging complementary incentives.</p> <p>The fair is a virtual series of events designed to assist states, local governments, Tribes, and territories to effectively identify, navigate, and prepare to leverage the many federal funding opportunities available as they develop climate action plans as required under EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the many funding opportunities available to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as how they may interact to achieve greater outcomes.</p> <p>After an exciting welcome keynote, each of the 90 – 120 minute sessions will include agency-specific presentations, a panel discussion, and a Q&A session. All the sessions will be recorded and available for viewing after the event.</p>

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY ACTION: USING EJSCREEN & CALENVIROSCREEN/ HERRAMIENTAS DE SUBVENCIÓN DE JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL PARA LA ACCIÓN COMUNITARIA: USANDO EJSCREEN & CALENVIROSCREEN</p> <p>Dates:</p> <p>August 21st 10-12 PM Registration link</p> <p>August 22nd 5-7 PM Registration link</p>	<p>The US Environmental Protection Agency (Region 9) and California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) are hosting a joint training on EJScreen and CalEnviroScreen. The training will provide an understanding of these two different mapping tools that can support communities in displaying potential vulnerabilities and pollution burdens across California. Community organizations have been using these tools to support educational programs, grant applications, community awareness efforts and identifying overburdened and vulnerable communities to local, state, and federal representatives.</p> <p>This training is targeted for community members and groups and non-profit organizations interested in using EJ data tools in grant applications. The training includes a demonstration, interactive breakout sessions and office hours.</p> <p>Session will include simultaneous interpretation in Spanish.</p> <p>La Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos (Región 9) y la Oficina de Evaluación de Riesgos para la Salud Ambiental (OEHHA, en inglés) están juntos organizando una capacitación sobre EJScreen y CalEnviroScreen. Esta capacitación ofrecerá una comprensión de dos herramientas de cartografía diferentes que pueden ayudar a las comunidades a demostrar posibles vulnerabilidades y cargas de la contaminación en todo California. Las organizaciones comunitarias han utilizado estas herramientas para apoyar programas educativos, solicitudes de subvenciones, esfuerzos de concientización comunitaria e identificación de comunidades sobrecargadas y vulnerables a representantes locales, estatales y federales.</p> <p>Esta capacitación está dirigida a miembros de la comunidad, grupos comunitarios y organizaciones sin fines de lucro interesadas en utilizar herramientas de datos de justicia ambiental en sus solicitudes. La capacitación incluye una demostración, sesiones interactivas y horas de oficina.</p> <p>La sesión tendrá interpretación simultánea en español.</p>

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>YOU'RE INVITED! LISTENING SESSION FOR U.S. EPA REGION 9'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CIVIL RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/ ¡ESTÁ INVITADO! SESIÓN DE COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO PARA EL PLAN DE IMPLEMENTACIÓN DE JUSTICIA AMBIENTAL Y DERECHOS CIVILES DE LA REGIÓN 9 DE LA EPA DE EE. UU.</p> <p>Date: Tuesday, September 12th 5:30-7pm Pacific Time</p>	<p>On Tuesday, September 12th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 will host a special community check-in on Zoom to solicit input from non-government organizations (NGOs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and community stakeholders to inform the Region's Fiscal Year 2024 Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Implementation Plan. Regional Administrator Martha Guzman will provide an overview of the Region's priorities and welcome public input. Spanish language interpretation will be provided. Please RSVP for meeting information and to identify other accessibility needs.</p> <p>El martes 12 de septiembre la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de los Estados Unidos, Región 9, organizará un registro especial de la comunidad en Zoom para solicitar aportes de organizaciones no gubernamentales (ONG), organizaciones comunitarias (CBO) y partes interesadas de la comunidad sobre el Plan de Implementación de Justicia Ambiental y Derechos Civiles de la region para el año fiscal 2024. La administradora regional Martha Guzmán dará una visión general de las prioridades de la Región y agradecerá los aportes del público. Habrá interpretación al español. Por favor, confirme su asistencia para obtener información sobre reuniones e identificar otras necesidades de accesibilidad.</p>

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>PUBLIC MEETING ON RULEMAKING CONCEPTS FOR ASSESSING ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE VIOLATORS</p> <p>Date: August 2, 2023, 1-3 PM Location: Cal/EPA Headquarters, Byron Sher Auditorium – Second Floor 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p>Please RSVP by clicking the following link, https://penaltyregulations.eventbrite.com.</p> <p>Submit your comment on the concepts to revise how administrative penalties for hazardous waste violators are assessed at the website: https://tinyurl.com/DTSCpenalty</p>	<p>The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites your comment on the concepts to revise the penalty assessment regulations. This meeting is to present new information on the proposed concepts to revise the current regulations regarding assessment of administrative penalties for violations of the Hazardous Waste Control Law (Applicable Regulations in 22 CCR 66272.60-66272.69). Please note that this meeting will be recorded so that we may post the video to our webpage for participants who are unable to attend in person.</p> <p>The meeting will take place at CalEPA’s Byron Sher Auditorium on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. At the meeting, we will provide an overview of the proposed concepts to revise the regulations and accept public comments for consideration in the draft regulatory language. The regulations are used to determine administrative penalty amounts assessed for anyone who mismanages hazardous waste in violation of California statutes, regulations, and permit requirements. The concepts increase penalty assessment consistency and focus on strong enforcement against serious violators in overburdened communities.</p> <p>Additional Opportunities to Participate:</p> <p>Date: August 16, 2023, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Location: Downtown Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District Building 700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California 90012</p> <p>Date: August 31, 2023, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Location: DTSC Berkeley Auditorium 700 Heinz Avenue Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710</p> <p>Announcements for the above additional meetings will be issued to stakeholders at least two weeks prior to each meeting.</p>

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>BORDER 2025 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE POLICY WORKGROUP PUBLIC MEETING</p> <p>Date: August 22, 2023 11-1 PM PST</p> <p>Registration link</p>	<p>The Emergency Preparedness and Response Policy Workgroup for the U.S.-Mexico Border 2025 Program is hosting an informational public meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.</p> <p>During this meeting, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Policy Workgroup (Goal 4) will provide an update on the binational work plan within the framework of the Goal.</p> <p>This meeting is open to the public and includes time for feedback and questions.</p> <p><i>Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided.</i></p> <p>Participants <u>must register</u> for the meeting to receive a Zoom link. Once registered, participants will receive a Zoom link and will be able to add the event to their calendars.</p> <p>This link can be forwarded to interested parties. We look forward to meeting with you!</p>
<p>RESCHEDULED: EPA AND HUD HOLDING VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON REVISITING DEFINITION OF LEAD-BASED PAINT</p> <p>Workshop Dates: November 1 and 2, 2023</p> <p>Deadline to submit abstracts: August 11, 2023</p> <p>Registration link</p>	<p>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will hold a virtual public workshop to receive stakeholder input on the detection, measurement and characterization of lead-based paint to support efforts to reduce lead exposure. EPA and HUD will use information received during the workshop to inform their joint effort to revisit the federal definition of lead-based paint and propose and finalize a revised definition, if necessary.</p> <p>The workshop has been rescheduled to November 1 and 2, 2023. The original dates of the workshop were October 17 and 18, 2023.</p> <p>EPA and HUD are seeking presenters for the workshop with lead-based paint expertise, including: characteristics, potential health effects, the relationship between lead-based paint and dust-lead, possible exposure pathways, and emerging detection and measurement technologies used to quantify lead in paint. The new deadline for submitting abstracts for presentations is August 11. Please review the abstract submission guidelines before applying.</p>

EVENT & DATE	DESCRIPTION
<p>WEBINARS FOR U.S. TERRITORIES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE (ECJ) GRANT PROGRAM DESIGN</p> <p>Date: August 8, 2023 Time: 5:00 pm SST, American Samoa 12:00 am EDT August 9th Register here</p> <p>Date: August 9, 2023 Time: 5:00 pm GMT+10 Guam and Northern Mariana Islands 3:00 am EDT Register here</p>	<p>EPA is hosting two informational webinars on a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) expected to be issued under the Inflation Reduction Act's Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Grant Program in the fall of 2023. These webinars will provide information on the NOFO and the ECJ Grant Program including who is eligible for the grants, eligible projects, and more. The Agency is seeking public input on the NOFO during the webinars and hopes to hear ideas on potential projects and the types of resources applicants may need. These webinars are intended for potential applicants and other interested parties.</p> <p>Target Audience: Potential applicants and other interested parties within the specified U.S. territories.</p> <p>For questions about this webinar or to request reasonable accommodations for a disability, interpretation, and/or translation services in a language other than English, please email ECJRFI@epa.gov, by August 2, 2023 with your request. For more information on the ECJ program and outreach events please visit: https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-environmental-and-climate-justice-program</p> <p>For more information about EPA’s Environmental Justice Funding and Program Implementation please visit: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance.</p> <p>Background: The ECJ Grant Program was established by Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 138 as created under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The NOFO is expected to include approximately \$2 billion for grants to eligible entities for a wide range of projects that benefit disadvantaged communities including disadvantaged communities in territories. Eligible applicants for this grant program include community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs), local governments or institutions of higher education who partner with CBOs, and Tribes in partnership with a CBO. The grants cannot exceed three years in duration, and funding must be awarded by September 30, 2026.</p>

<p>COMMISSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION: SHARING PERSPECTIVES ON INDUSTRIAL POLLUTANT DATA (WEBINAR)</p> <p>Date: August 24, 2023, 10:00am PST</p> <p>Registration Link</p>	<p>The Commission for Environmental Cooperation's (CEC) North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) Initiative invites you to attend an upcoming online event: Sharing Perspectives on Industrial Pollutant Data. This event is free of charge and simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, Spanish, and French.</p> <p>This event will provide a forum for individuals interested in the CEC's North American Pollutant Release and Transfer (PRTR) Initiative – from governments, non-governmental organizations, industry, academia, and the public – to share ideas, information and suggestions about industrial pollution, access to and use of PRTR data, and how the CEC can continue to support data users' needs. Participants will also have the opportunity to exchange with representatives of the three North American PRTR programs.</p> <p>If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Orlando Cabrera-Rivera, Head of the Environmental Quality Unit at ocabrera@cec.org, or Danielle Vallée, Project Lead for the North American PRTR Initiative, at dvallee@cec.org.</p>
--	---

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS	DESCRIPTION
CLIMATE & ENERGY RESOURCES FOR STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS	<p>EPA’s State and Local Climate and Energy Program offers free tools, data and technical expertise about energy strategies, including energy efficiency, renewable energy and other emerging technologies, to help state, local and tribal governments achieve their environmental, energy and economic objectives. While many of these resources were developed for state and local governments, tribes may also find them useful.</p> <p>Link to access these resources.</p>
EPA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR THE PESTICIDE PROGRAM DIALOGUE COMMITTEE	<p>EPA is accepting nominations for membership on the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC). Established in 1995, the PPDC is a diverse group of stakeholders chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide feedback to EPA on various pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues.</p> <p>To maintain a broad representation of members for the PPDC, nominees will be selected from among the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal, state, local and tribal governments; • Pesticide industry and trade associations; • Pesticide users; • Grower and commodity groups; • Environmental and public interest groups; • Farm worker organizations; • Public health organizations; • Animal welfare groups; and • Academia. <p>Nominations must be emailed or postmarked no later than August 10, 2023, and can be submitted by email to the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed below with the subject line “PPDC Membership” or by mail to:</p> <p>Jeffrey Chang PPDC Designated Federal Officer Office of Pesticide Programs U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington, DC 20460</p> <p>For additional information contact the DFO, Jeffrey Chang (chang.jeffrey@epa.gov) or call (202) 566-2213</p> <p>Learn more about the PPDC</p>

NEWS	DESCRIPTION
<p>DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC) RELEASES DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTROL REPORT</p>	<p>The Department of Toxic Substances Control has released the Draft Hazardous Waste Management Report (draft Report). Release of this draft Report completes the first step toward developing a hazardous waste management plan for the State, marking the beginning of renewed and forward-thinking conversations about the ways in which Californians generate and manage hazardous waste. The draft Report provides a baseline understanding of the complexities of our state’s current hazardous waste management system and identifies areas of future research. California will use data in this draft Report to develop a Hazardous Waste Management Plan by 2025 – one that must be developed in partnership with a wide range of interested parties. To view the draft Report and submit Public Feedback, please visit the website.</p> <p>DTSC will hold a hybrid workshop on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, from 10am to 5pm at CalEPA’s Headquarters in Sacramento and invites you to join either in-person or virtually on Zoom. To learn more about this event and to register, click here</p>
<p>2021 TOXICS RELEASE INVENTORY NATIONAL ANALYSIS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH/ EL ANÁLISIS NACIONAL DEL INVENTARIO DE EMISIONES TÓXICAS DE 2021 ESTÁ DISPONIBLE AHORA EN ESPAÑOL</p>	<p>The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing the Spanish-language version of the 2021 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis. This resource supports EPA’s commitment to transparency and promoting access to environmental data for all communities, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income.</p> <p>The 2021 TRI National Analysis summarizes TRI chemical waste management activities, including environmental releases, that occurred during calendar year 2021. More than 21,000 facilities submitted TRI reporting forms for 531 chemicals that they released into the environment or otherwise managed as waste. EPA, states, and Tribes receive TRI data from facilities in sectors such as manufacturing, mining, electric utilities, and commercial hazardous waste management.</p> <p>View the Spanish-language version of the 2021 TRI National Analysis and the Spanish TRI homepage.</p> <p>To access the 2021 TRI National Analysis, including local data and analyses, visit www.epa.gov/trinationalanalysis.</p> <p>La Agencia de Protección Ambiental de Estados Unidos (EPA, por sus siglas en inglés) está publicando la versión en español del Análisis Nacional del Inventario de Emisiones Tóxicas de 2021. Este recurso en español apoya el compromiso de la agencia hacia la transparencia y promueve el acceso a los datos ambientales para todas las comunidades independientemente de raza, color, origen nacional o ingresos.</p> <p>El Análisis Nacional del TRI de 2021 resume las actividades relacionadas con el manejo de desperdicios de sustancias químicas en la lista del TRI, incluyendo las emisiones y descargas ambientales, que ocurrieron</p>

	<p>durante el año calendario del 2021. Más de 21,000 instalaciones presentaron informes al TRI sobre 531 sustancias químicas que fueron emitidas al medioambiente o manejadas de otra forma como desperdicios. La EPA, los estados y las tribus indígenas reciben datos del TRI de instalaciones en sectores como la manufactura, la minería, los servicios públicos de electricidad y el manejo de desechos peligrosos comerciales.</p> <p>Vea la version en español Análisis Nacional del Inventario de Emisiones Tóxicas de 2021 y la página principal del sitio web del TRI en español. Para acceder al Análisis Nacional del TRI de 2021 en español y los datos y análisis locales, visite https://espanol.epa.gov/tri.</p>
--	--

NEWS	DESCRIPTION
<p>REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF CLIMATE SERVICES</p> <p>Responses are due on or before September 21, 2023.</p> <p>Find out more and learn how to submit your input here.</p> <p>Submit public comments by attending one of NOAA’s listening sessions.</p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Commerce (Department), via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), requests additional input from interested parties on how to enhance NOAA's delivery of climate data, information, science, and tools (“climate services”) and ensure that this delivery is equitable and accounting for the needs and priorities of a diverse set of user communities as they engage in climate preparedness, adaptation, and resilience planning. Building on the work that NOAA is already doing to prepare communities for increasing climate impacts, the input from this Request for Information (RFI) will be used to create an Action Plan that will inform more equitable and inclusive design, production, and delivery of climate services for users of all disciplines and backgrounds.</p>
<p>CURATED LIST OF TOOLS FOR COMBATING EXTREME HEAT</p>	<p>The White House released a curated list of tools that allow users to understand how heat and climate change are impacting their lives, consider opportunities for expanding greenscapes, and respond to extreme heat in their neighborhoods. Sample tools from federal agencies include the Heat Equity Mapper, Climate and Health Outlook, Heat and Health Tracker, Extreme Heat Vulnerability Mapping Tool, and others.</p> <p>Read more here.</p>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION
<p>NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) FOR MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT (MPDG) PROGRAM</p> <p>Applications due August 21, 2023</p>	<p>The MPDG opportunity contains three grant programs: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highways Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural). The funding opportunities are awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects—including highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, and freight projects, or groups of such projects—with significant national or regional impact, or to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.</p> <p>The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes available up to \$5 billion for the Mega; up to \$8 billion to the INFRA program; and up to \$2 billion for the Rural program, for a combined total of up to \$15 billion for FY 2022 through 2026. The deadline for applications is 11:59 pm EDT on August 21, 2023.</p> <p>Learn more and access the NOFO here.</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GREEN AND RESILIENT RETROFIT PROGRAM (GRRP)</p> <p>Applications due March 28, 2024</p>	<p>This \$140 million program seeks to amplify recent technological advancements in utility efficiency and energy generation; and bring a new focus on preparing for climate impacts by reducing residents’ and properties’ exposure to hazards, and protecting life, livability, and property. All energy efficiency, energy generation, and climate resilience investments will be made in affordable multifamily housing communities serving low-income families. Eligible entities include states, counties, territories, Tribes, non-profit organizations, higher education institutions, and community-based organizations. The deadline to apply is March 28, 2024.</p> <p>Read more about this opportunity here.</p>
<p>WHITE HOUSE PROMOTES INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>A new resource highlights IRA open funding opportunities for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; nonprofit organizations; agricultural producers; manufacturers; and more. Explore the current list of IRA Open Funding Opportunities.</p>