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Environmental Results Program Compliance Certifications Due Sept. 15

Commercial printers, dry cleaners and photo processors are required to submit an annual environmental compliance certification to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on or before September 15 each year. You can find more information and instructions html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>html/>

EPA Requires Annual Stormwater Compliance Inspections in Massachusetts Due Sept. 30

Under federal water discharge rules, industrial facilities in Massachusetts that are required to maintain stormwater discharge permits must submit annual reports to EPA. The reports summarize comprehensive site inspection and corrective actions taken during the year in compliance with the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). EPA has developed an annual reporting form, which can be used by permittees, to submit this information. All inspections must be completed before September 30 and submitted to EPA within 45 days from the inspection.

"Stormwater runoff is generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces and does not percolate into the ground. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious

surfaces (paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality if the runoff is discharged untreated. The primary method to control stormwater discharges is the use of best management practices (BMPs). In addition, most stormwater discharges are considered point sources and require coverage under an NPDES permit."

ASHRAE's Prevention of Legionellosis with Building Water Systems

Building owners and healthcare facilities are hearing about ASHRAE's 188P Standard.

"The purpose of this standard is to present practices for the prevention of legionellosis associated with building water systems. This Standard provides methods of risk management for the prevention of legionellosis associated with centralized industrial and commercial building water systems. The standard applies to human occupied buildings, excluding single family residential buildings. While not specifically intended for non-centralized or single-family residential building systems, some of the information presented in the informative appendix may be useful for these systems. It is intended for use by those involved in the ownership, design, construction, installation, (including commissioning), management, operation, maintenance and servicing of centralized industrial and commercial building water systems."

Applicable facilities that are subject to these requirements will need to develop a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points Plan. Tighe & Bond can assist with applicability determination and plan development as well as answer questions related to this standard.

REMINDER: UST Operator Regulations Went into Effect on August 8, 2012

As noted in last month's e-mail, the new regulation provides for three classes of UST operators, A, B and C. In addition to site-specific training, Class A and B operators were required to pass an examination before the August 8, 2012 deadline. However if you still have staff who plan to take this exam, and need help preparing for it, Tighe & Bond is planning to offer additional training sessions in the near future.

Also, Tighe & Bond now has five Class A/B Operators for Underground Storage Tank (UST) operation in Massachusetts. Our operators are geographically situated to serve clients in both eastern and western Massachusetts. They can serve as your facility's Class A/B operators, as well as provide on-site Class C operator training. Just let us know how we can assist you.

If you need additional help, contact Ted Karavedas at (413) 572-3282 or tmkaravedas@tighebond.com.



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