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### Gail Good Named Air Management Program Director

Gail Good was named the new Director of Air Management on Monday, October 19th.

Gail has worked for the department's Air Program for over 15 years. She spent the first 12 years of her career as a dispersion modeler supporting permit work. For the last three years, Gail has held the Air Monitoring Section Chief position. She has also served as the Midwest states' representative to the National Association of Clean Air Agencies Monitoring Steering Committee since December 2012.

### Susan Lindem Named the Air Program West Central Region Supervisor

Susan Lindem was recently named the Air Management Program's West Central Region Supervisor.

Prior to accepting this position, Susan served Air Management as the Minor Source Program Lead in the Permits and Stationary Source Modeling Section. Susan has been with the program since 1990 serving in many roles, and comes to her new position with a wealth of experience dating back to when she served as a plan reviewer with the air toxics program to her most recent position as a lead program area engineer.



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## New Streamlined Air Permitting Rules Effective Statewide December 1

Final updates to rules intended to improve how the state permits air emission sources became effective December 1.

Rule changes include an exemption from operation permits for natural minor sources as well as new exemptions for both construction and operation permits for “restricted use engines” and changes that allow site clearing, trenching and similar activities at minor source construction projects before a permit is issued.

“The new rule exempts natural minor sources from needing operation permits will reduce regulatory burden to many of our lowest emitters in the state without compromising our ability to control air pollution,” said Kristin Hart, DNR Air Program Permits & Stationary Source Modeling Section Chief.

The Department will begin implementing the natural minor exemption immediately, whereas many of the other changes included in the new rule must still be submitted to and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prior to full implementation. Among these are the “restricted use engine” exemption and the allowance to start certain activities prior to receiving a construction permit.

For more information visit the department’s Air Permits Exemptions web page at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SmallBusiness/Exemptions.html>

## Proposed Federal Rule: Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements – Available for comments until December 24, 2015

The EPA Administrator signed the proposed Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule on August 31, 2015, and it was published in the Federal Register (FR) on September 25, 2015.

- [View the rule in the FR](#)
- [About the rule](#)

This rule proposes an update to the hazardous waste generator regulations to make the rules easier to understand, facilitate better compliance, provide greater flexibility in how hazardous waste is managed, and close important gaps in the regulations.

Two key provisions where EPA is proposing flexibility are:

- Allowing a hazardous waste generator to avoid increased burden of a higher generator status when generating episodic waste provided the episodic waste is properly managed and
- Allowing a very small quantity generator (VSQG) to send its hazardous waste to a large quantity generator under control of the same person.

In addition to proposing key flexibilities, the rule will enhance the safety of facilities, employees, and the general public by improving hazardous waste risk communication and ensuring that emergency management requirements meet today’s needs.



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Further, the EPA is proposing a number of clarifications without increasing the burden, including a reorganization of the hazardous waste generator regulations, so that all of the generator regulations are in one place.

Comments on this proposal will be accepted until December 24, 2015. To submit comments, go to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov), search for Docket No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2012-0121 and follow the online instructions.

## **Proposed Federal Rule: Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals – Available for comments until December 24, 2015**

The EPA Administrator signed the proposed Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule on August 31, 2015, and it was published in the Federal Register (FR) on September 25, 2015.

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- [About the rule](#)

This rule proposes a tailored, sector-specific set of regulations for the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals by healthcare facilities (including pharmacies) and reverse distributors. It will provide standards to ensure the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals is safe and workable within the healthcare setting.

In addition, the proposed pharmaceutical rule will make our drinking and surface water safer and healthier by reducing the amount of pharmaceuticals entering our waterways. Our proposal is projected to prevent the flushing of more than 6,400 tons of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals annually by banning healthcare facilities from flushing hazardous waste pharmaceuticals down the sink and toilet.

Through this proposal, EPA strives to improve the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals at healthcare facilities (including hospitals, clinics, and retail stores with pharmacies) and reverse distributors in order to improve environmental protection.

Comments on this proposal will be accepted until December 24, 2015. To submit comments, go to [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov), search for Docket No. EPA-HQ-RCRA-2007-0932 and follow the online instructions.

## **EPA's Phase I Small Business and Innovative Research (SBIR) solicitation is now open! DUE 07 Jan 2016**

For those of you who have innovative ideas that may spin-off into small businesses, please check out EPA's Small Business and Innovative Research (SBIR) Phase I solicitation which is now open at: <http://www2.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-funding-opportunities> .



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The deadline for applying for these research contracts is January 7, 2016 and the categories in which research is solicited are:

**Air and Climate**

Lab-on-a-chip sensors for organic pollutants in homes

**Integrated Cookstove-Heating-Electricity Generation for Small Homes**

Integrated cooking, heating, and electric power generation

**Manufacturing**

Non-toxic and biodegradable plastics

**Toxic Chemicals**

Less toxic coatings

**Water**

Resource and/or Energy Recovery

**Building Materials**

Innovative Construction Materials

**Homeland Security**

Decontamination of railroad and subway cars.

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