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Cape Wind won't close on financing for the proposed Nantucket Sound wind farm by the end of the year as company officials had hoped, a prospect that has opponents of the project feeling more positive about their prospects for stopping it altogether.

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OSHA Compliance Webinar on Temp Workers

MMTA is passing along webinar information. The provider is not an MMTA member but the offering seems timely and helpful.

"This workplace safety compliance training will explain OSHA's initiative to protect temporary workers. It will also provide you the tools to ensure compliance with OSHA requirements when employing temporary workers.

Areas Covered in the Webinar:

- Explanation of OSHA's Initiative

Time Sensitive Letter From EPA Regarding Compliance Workshops

Dear Facility Owner/Operator:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites you to a **free half-day** compliance assistance workshop on Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Clean Air Act, Section 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP). **These workshops are designed for new environmental compliance managers.** The workshop will cover threshold determinations, exemptions and other commonly asked questions. For compliance with EPCRA and RMP, there are various planning and reporting requirements on businesses and industries that store and/or use certain chemicals and materials.

EPCRA and RMP were designed to protect your business, your employees and your community should a chemical accident occur. The EPCRA data and Risk Management Plan better prepares emergency response personnel and the community to handle an incident should one occur. The RMP program requires the submission of a RMP plan and coordination with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) prior to the storage of RMP chemicals above the threshold quantities.

Let us help you to make your business and community a safer place. EPCRA requires facilities having certain chemicals, with quantities as low as one pound, to submit annual chemical inventory (Tier 2) reports. For calendar year 2014, the reporting deadline is March 1, 2015. By attending a workshop, you could avoid an enforcement action under EPCRA resulting in penalties of up to \$37,500 per chemical violation, per day. Likewise, the Risk Management Plan helps to ensure the safe storage, use and processing of chemicals at a facility.

Workshop Dates

January 7, 2015 8:30 AM-Noon- University of Connecticut, Student Union (theater) 2110 Hillside Rd. Storrs, CT

January 8, 2015 8:30AM- Noon- University of Rhode Island, Chaffee Hall (Room 271), 142 Flagg Rd., Kingston, RI

January 13, 2015 8:30 AM-Noon Newburyport City Hall (auditorium), 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport, MA

To find out about other Tier 2 workshops in New England go to EPA's web calendar at www.epa.gov/region01/cal. For general EPCRA information, please call the EPCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346. For information on Tier 2 reporting requirements visit www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/tier2.htm#tier1

TO REGISTER Please Email leonardi.nicholas@epa.gov with your name, company, address phone, fax and email. You WILL receive an email confirmation of your registration.

on Temporary Workers

- How the OSHA Review Commission has determined whether temporary workers are employees of the host employer
- Practical advice on how to comply with OSHA requirements when temporary employees are being used"

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Port Supply Joins a Conference Sponsor

Port Supply has generously joined the ranks of our returning sponsors for the Business of Boating at Marine Retail University - John W. Furrh Associates, Kellogg Marine, Computer Management Software, Massasoit Community College and Sterling Associates! If you are interested in sponsorship and/or providing a Conference raffle item, please contact nathalie.grady@boatma.com for details. And if you are planning to register for the January 14, 2015 event, why not check this item off your to-do list before the New Year?? Click 'Read More' below to register today!

[Read more](#)

Deadline: Please register No Later Than Three Days Prior to the applicable workshop date.

Victory for Hingham In Flood Insurance Battle

HINGHAM - Last week the town won its appeal of new federal flood insurance maps that placed more than 500 homes and an unknown number of businesses into the flood zone, subjecting them to higher insurance premiums. But the actual work of redrawing the maps will be subject to the budget of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Town Administrator Ted Alexiades.

"We feel like we have made it over a huge hurdle, and now we're in a waiting room," Alexiades said.

He said he is working with U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, D-South Boston, to see how soon this can be done. Last October, the town hired Peter Williams of GZA Geo Environmental of Hingham to review the maps. The study, which cost just under \$50,000, determined there were numerous errors in the information used to draw the maps.

Otto Harling, who lives on Otis Street in the Walton Cove area, said the maps had included in the flood zone homes that didn't have any flooding during the Blizzard of 1978. A retired MIT engineering professor, Harling and his neighbor William Carnes were doing their research on the maps before the town agreed to undertake the study.

Alexiades said the town "picked up their work and carried it forward."

Harling said the 1976 flood maps of the area proved to be extremely accurate. "I'm glad we succeeded," Harling said. "It would have been a big hit to a lot of people and the town in general."

Harling said the maps had placed 53 houses in the neighborhood in flood areas, while the town's study found all but five had been improperly included. Alexiades said the higher insurance premiums could be costly to some homeowners "to the point of forcing them out of their home."

He credited town conservation officer Abby Piersall for her efforts. "She not only managed the project, but she spoke to hundreds of residents whose homes were placed in the flood zones," Alexiades said.

The towns of Marshfield and Scituate have filed a joint appeal of the flood insurance maps. Duxbury has also appealed.

FEMA announced in January that it would not use the new maps in Plymouth County until sometime next year because of the pending appeals.

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