



# Inside EPA Region 7: Priorities, Policy Updates, and What's Coming Next

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# Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Related Actions/Rulemakings

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- [2026 Proposed Amendments Coal Combustion Residuals Regulations \(w/ Beneficial Use\) \(Proposed\)](#) – out for public comment through June 12, 2026
- Legacy Correction & CCRMU Deadline Extension Final Rule
- CCR Federal Permitting Final Rule (w/ Renotice of Public Comment)

# "Common Sense RCRA Reform" Strategy

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- [Open Burning/Open Detonation of Waste Explosives](#) Final Rule
- [Paper Manifest Sunset Proposed Rule](#)
- Permitting Updates Proposed Rule
- [Scrap Tires Proposed Rule](#)
- Clarification of Guidance to Facilitate Redevelopment at Corrective Action Facilities
- Response to US Ecology's Request for a Treatability Variance for Mercury (Proposed)"
- [Solar Panels & Batteries Proposed Rule](#)
- Clarification of Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) (40 CFR § 258.4) under Subtitle D of RCRA

# Additional EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery Rulemakings

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- Clean Water Act Compliance Date Delay Proposed Rule
- Clean Water Act Reconsideration ANPRM and Proposed Rule
- RMP Final Rule
- PCB 61(b) Proposed Rule
- PFAS D&D Guidance (Expecting publication in April 2027, 2028, 2029)

# EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery Actions

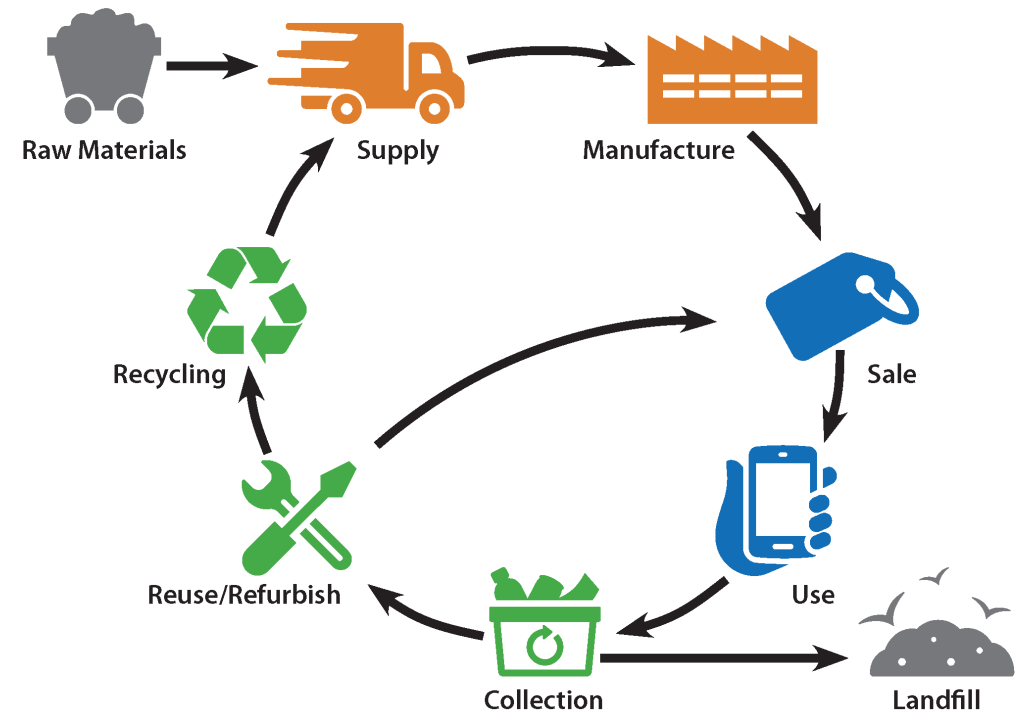
- "Alaska: Notice of Tentative Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program (OLEM/ORCR Concurrence)"
- ["Battery Fire Report \(An Analysis of Lithium-ion Battery Fires in Waste Management and Recycling—2025 Update\)"](#)
- USWAG PCB modified approval
- Analysis of Low-level PFAS in soils



# Additional EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery Actions

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- Best Practices for Collection of Batteries Toolkit development, webinars, and technical support
- Extended Battery Producer Responsibility Framework
- Battery Labeling Guidelines
- Battery Recycling Consumer Education



# Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants

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- Recycling Education and Outreach Grant Program (REO) grants
- Tribal Grants
- Political Subdivisions Grants
- State and Territorial Grants

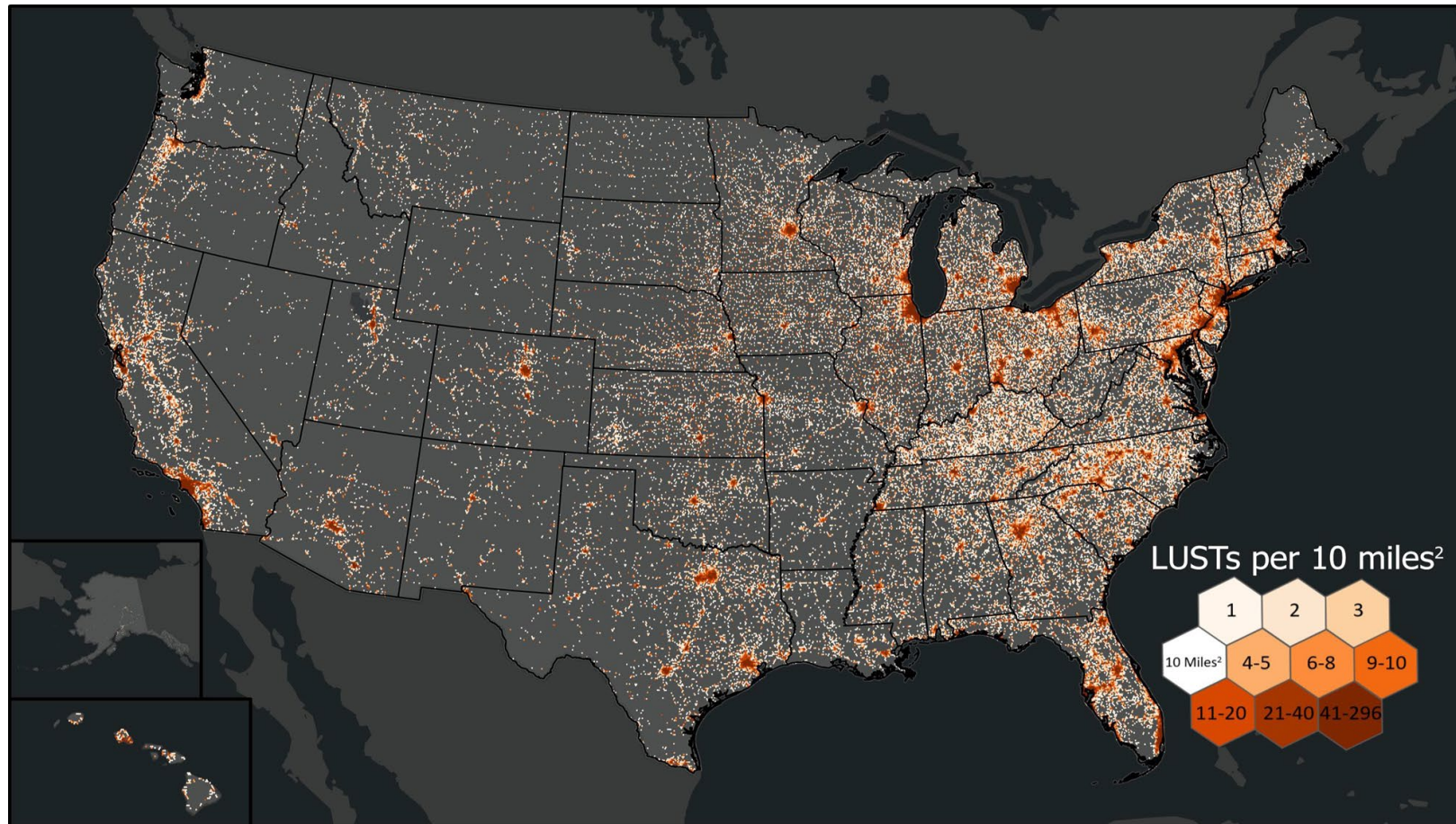


# Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)

Evolution of environmental cleanups for LUST sites

	1980s	1990s	Current Best Practice
Cleanup goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal Worst case exposure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Source, pathway, receptor</li> <li>Site-specific target concentrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening distances</li> <li>Stability</li> <li>Alternative end points</li> </ul>
Remedial Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical extraction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>in-situ</i> methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recoverability</li> <li>Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD)</li> <li>Enhanced biodegradation</li> </ul>
Natural Degradation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A mystery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests for biodegradation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rely on biodegradation</li> <li>Calculate rate</li> </ul>

# Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)



# Office of Underground Storage Tank (OUST) Policy Statement (September 2025)

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*Reassessing Exposure Threats from Petroleum UST Releases* encourages Implementing Agencies to:



Assess current threats at open sites using the latest science, including advancements in our understanding of petroleum biodegradation and LNAPL behavior.



Focus resources on high-threat sites and close low-threat sites.



Enable owners to engage in the process.



Consider the ASTM Moving Sites to Closure (MStC) standard as a framework.

# Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)

- Moving Sites to Closure for Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Releases (MStC - ASTM E3488)
- UST-focused framework designed to help practitioners, regulators, and stakeholders manage petroleum underground storage tank release sites. It emphasizes risk-based, data-driven approaches to accelerate closure.

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Key Aspects of MStC Standards (ASTM E3488-25):

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**Purpose:** Provides a structured, scientifically supported approach to navigate the closure process and determine when corrective actions are complete.

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**Focus:** It addresses the "site-to-closure" process for petroleum releases.

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**Components:** The guide focuses on evaluating the contamination's stability, examining pathways to receptors, and determining the risk to human or ecological receptors.

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**Outcome:** Sites with low risk, as determined by the MStC, may not require further corrective action.

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**Background:** The guide was sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST).

# Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)

## Moving Sites to Closure for Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Releases (MStC - ASTM E3488)

### Comparison of ASTM RBCA and MStC Standards

	RBCA	MStC
<b>Title</b>	E1739: Standard Guide for Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) Applied at Petroleum Release Sites.  E2081: Standard Guide for Risk-Based Corrective Action.	E3488: Standard Guide for Moving Sites to Closure (MStC) for Petroleum Underground Storage Tank (UST) Releases.
<b>Status</b>	E1739 was published in 1995. It is currently being updated.  E2081 was published in 1998 and is currently available.	Published in May 2025.
<b>Scope</b>	E1739 applicable to petroleum UST releases.  E2081 applicable to chemical and petroleum releases, including UST releases.	Applicable to petroleum UST releases, except those with current impacts to receptors or migrating LNAPL.
<b>Purpose</b>	Provides a decision-making process for establishing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site classification process based on urgency.</li> <li>• Target clean-up concentrations based on acceptable risks to human and ecological receptors.</li> </ul>	Provides a framework for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluating conceptual site models</li> <li>• Determining when a release poses a low threat of exposure to human and ecological receptors.</li> <li>• Classifying non-technical barriers and potential solutions.</li> <li>• Analyzing corrective action progress and potential revisions.</li> </ul>
<b>Goals</b>	To establish cleanup target concentrations through a tiered evaluation approach.	To bring corrective actions to closure.

# TSCA – Lead Based Paint Program

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## Dust-Lead Hazard Standards(DLHS) and Dust-Lead Clearance Levels (DLCL)

- On January 13, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revised the Dust-Lead Hazard Standards(DLHS) and Dust-Lead Clearance Levels (DLCL) to better protect children from lead exposure. The rule reduces the level of lead in dust that EPA considers hazardous to any reportable level measured by an EPA-recognized laboratory and lowers the amount of lead that can remain in dust on floors, windowsills and window troughs following an abatement.
- Specifically, the rule revised the DLHS from 10 micrograms per square foot ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ ) and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for floors and window sills to **any reportable level**; and lowered the DLCL from 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ , 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  and 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for floors, windowsills, and window troughs to **5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ , 40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ , and 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$** , respectively.
- Any state, territory, or Tribe with an EPA authorized Lead-Based Paint Activities program (i.e., Certification of Abatement contractors, Lead Inspectors, Risk Assessors) is required to demonstrate that its program is at least as protective as EPA's no later January 13, 2027.
- In Missouri, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' authorized Lead-Based Paint Activities Program issued a letter to all licensed/certified entities stating that until the state's regulations are updated, they will apply the EPA's new standards to all activities conducted on or after July 1, 2025.

# Brownfields & Land Revitalization

- Competitive 104(k)
  - Job Training
  - Multipurpose, Assessment, Cleanup
- 128(a) State and Tribal Grants
- Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program



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