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LEGAL EASE

LEGAL/REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE "TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE"

FEDERAL

EPA WaterSense Program Promotes Water-Efficient Products

On June 12, the EPA launched a new water efficiency program, designed to raise awareness about the importance of water efficiency, ensure the performance of water-efficient products, and provide consumers with information. Manufacturers of "water efficient" products and services may utilize a "WaterSense" label to facilitate consumer choice. For more information, visit

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/a8f952395381d3968525701c005e65b5/bfb97611364cb2b98525718b0052bb53!OpenDocument>

Department of Energy Invests \$7 Million to Develop Efficient Lighting

On June 6, the DOE announced that it will contribute \$7 million in connection with projects to development solid state lighting (SSL), partnering with companies in California, Massachusetts, and New York. SSL has the potential to more than double the efficiency of general lighting systems, reducing overall U.S. energy consumption. For more information, visit <http://www.energy.gov/news/3710.htm>

MARYLAND

Hospitals Hope to Save More Than Human Lives

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Maryland Department for the Environment recently honored several Maryland hospitals for their achievements as participants in the Hospitals for a Healthy Environment program, which focuses on pollution prevention and waste reduction. For more information see

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/93216b1c8fd122ca85257018004cb2dc/701c3845c5eff9e2852571850048d8e2> and <http://www.mde.state.md.us/PressReleases/880.html>

Businesses for the Bay Seek 2006 Environmental Excellence Award Nominees

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Chesapeake Bay Program and the Maryland Department of the Environment are seeking to reward businesses that use voluntary environmental protection measures that contribute to protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. Nominations will be accepted until July 15, 2005. Businesses for the Bay is a coalition of 718 business who strive to support the environmental sustainability of

the Chesapeake Bay. For more information on the organization and to download a nomination application, see <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/b4bay.htm>

VIRGINIA

Joint Subcommittee on Telework Opportunities to Meet

The Joint Subcommittee Studying Telework Opportunities for State and Private Sector Employees will meet at 1:00 pm on July 12, 2006 in Richmond. For more information, visit <http://del.state.va.us/Dela/ComOpsStudy.nsf/82965f555b18a72185256c330058a983/9258e82526acba6c8525718d0050310d?OpenDocument>.

Northern Virginia Regional Commission Launches KnowToxics Campaign

In its commitment to protect the environment, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), and its member governments, launched the KnowToxics campaign to publicize the risk of improper disposal and to provide information about the safe disposal of fluorescent lighting and rechargeable batteries. For more information, visit <http://www.novaregion.org/>.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Report Identifies DC's Use of Renewable Energy Sources

In June 2006, The Pew Center on Global Climate Change issued a report on the expanding role of "Renewable Portfolio Standards" (RPS) among U.S. states and the District of Columbia. RPSs are used to ensure a reliable, diversified supply of electricity utilizing renewable energy sources, while reducing greenhouse gas and other emissions. DC' RPS, initially established in 2005, now aims to derive 11 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2022. For more information, visit <http://www.pewclimate.org/docUploads/RPSReportFinal%2Epdf>