



NSHBA NEWS

August 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 17th, 11:00 AM.
NSHBA Board of Directors Meeting, Norfolk, NE
Northeast Community College
- December 4th, 11:00 AM.
NSHBA Board of Directors Meeting, Lincoln, NE
LOCATION TBD
- IBS Design & Construction Week – January 19-21st, 2016
Las Vegas, NV
Headquarter Hotel – MIRAGE

Did You Take Action Yet? Expose EPA's Blatant Disregard for the Rule of the Law.

See page 2 for Details

September is Associate Member Appreciation Month. Don't forget to say Thank You to all of our Associate Members that support our Local & State associations.

IBS Registration opens Sept. 1st with reduced registration.

Looking for educational programs and designations to set you apart from the competition? [Click Here](#)

OSHA Training CPR Classes

NSHBA is holding two CPR classes in August to get all of our members certified as required. The cost is just \$35.00 per person. We can take up to 40 people per class. We do need you to RSVP so that we have materials for all of those attending.



August 18th - Norfolk, Nebraska

Location: Northeast Community College
801 Benjamin Avenue
Norfolk, NE

Price: \$35.00 - per person
Time: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

RSVP to: Jane Christiansen at 402-992-5114 to reserve your spot!

August 19th - Kearney, Nebraska

Location: Kearney Concrete
315 S. Railroad Street
Kearney, NE

Price: \$35.00 - per person
Time: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

RSVP to: Diane Jorgensen - 308-236-5151 to reserve your spot!
Checks Payable to: Nebraska State Home Builders Association
Send to: 1327 H Street, Suite 309, Lincoln, NE 68508

Invest in your employees with Safety Training!

**NSHBA Supports Veterans Day Celebration.
Members march with Congressman Fortenberry.**





2015 NSHBA Golf Tournament - Great Success!

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THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU

FOR MAKING OUR TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS!!!

Email sent by NAHB - MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2015

TO: All Members

FROM: NAHB Federal Government Affairs

RE: Don't Wait! Write Today!

On Tuesday, we asked you to please contact your members of Congress during this month's recess and urge them to call for the immediate withdrawal of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) final "waters of the U.S." rule.

We told you about recently unveiled documents that expose how the EPA dismissed [legal and regulatory objections](#) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and shed light on an EPA that is acting with little regard for the impact of the rule on home builders and home owners.

This is very important to our industry. If you haven't contacted your elected representatives yet, please do so today. Ask them to call or write EPA to seek the rule's withdrawal. Now, more than ever, **we need your help** in forcing the EPA to withdraw this flawed rule.

The EPA has not been an honest broker and has made a mockery of the regulatory process. The recently unveiled documents confirm the long-held belief that the EPA forcefully advanced this rule without the requisite input and oversight of the Corps. This is particularly disturbing because this new rule has always been presented as a joint effort between the two agencies – not just the EPA.

These internal Corps memos outline the specific areas of concern that the Corps raised and how EPA ignored them. The documents state that the regulation was arbitrarily written, is legally indefensible and would be extremely difficult to implement.

They also reveal that many aspects of the rule are not rooted in science and that EPA grossly misrepresented Corps data. The Corps disagreed so strongly with the final rule that it requested all references to the Corps be removed from the economic analysis and all supporting documents.

We need your help today!

Your Call to Action - - - - [Write your member of Congress](#)

Background Information

- [Talking Points](#)
- [What the Corps Documents Say](#)

[Want to stay on the front lines? Register as a member of NAHB's BuilderLink program!](#)

<http://www.nahb.org/en/news-and-publications/Press-Releases/2015/july/nahb-calls-on-epa-to-terminate-water-rule.aspx>

**MEMBERSHIP – Have you
brought in a member this year?**

"WE WANT YOU"



International Builders Show 2016 – Las Vegas, Nevada

The International Builders Show Design and Construction continues to get bigger and better. Space sales are up and this is our final year in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Registration opens September 1st at nahb.org. There is an Early Bird Rate if you register early. Information regarding the show will be available online. The dates are January 19th through the 21st.

Jay Leno will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Ceremonies and the Spike Party will feature Hall and Oates this year. So get those members in and get your free tickets to the concert.

I have secured a block of 20 rooms at the Mirage Hotel again this year and the rates are very reasonable. Make your hotel reservations early and stay at the Nebraska Hotel "MIRAGE". Call 702-791-7111 for reservations.

For all information bookmark - <http://www.buildersshow.com/Home/>

'Labor Law Seminar Set For Sept. 10'

Attention all employers: On Sept. 10, 2015, the Nebraska Chamber will host a workshop to review various state and federal employment laws and regulations. This workshop will focus on the many aspects of employer-employee relationships before, during and after employment, with explanations of key responsibilities, forms, reports, records, administrative procedures, and penalties. Speakers will include top labor attorneys, including Jerry Pigsley of Woods & Aiken, LLP, as well as Kevin McManaman of Knudsen Law Firm, LLP. Also speaking will be Tom Champoux, a highly respected account executive with UNICO Group. This workshop is perfect for anyone responsible for employee benefits or compliance, including senior executives, managers, business owners, HR managers, payroll staff and supervisors. The event will be held Sept. 10, from 1 p.m. until 4:15 p.m., at The Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln. Registration fee is \$129 for State Chamber members (\$149 for non-members). To register, click here or call the Nebraska Chamber at 402-474-4422 or e-mail cvolnek@nechamber.com.

The Value of NAHB Membership

NAHB Advocacy Issues - 2015

At our recent national meeting, advocacy issues were discussed and prioritized. I thought that it might be of interest to you as a member of NSHBA and NAHB to see the issues that the Washington Staff works on a daily basis.

- Accessibility and visibility (compliance with ADA and Fair Housing requirements)
- Acquisition, Development & Construction (AD&C) financing
- Affordable housing
- Appraisals
- Building Codes and Standards Development
- Building Materials
- Clean Air Act (impacts on local government land use decisions & how it limits where and how you can build)
- Climate change
- Construction defects
- Down payment assistance programs
- Endangered Species Act
- Energy Efficiency Requirements
- Indoor Air Quality
- Federal appropriations
- Federal Housing Tax Incentives
- FHA
- Government Grant and Loan Programs
- Green Building
- GSEs
- Immigration
- Inclusionary zoning
- Infrastructure Financing
- Insurance (coverage for builders for liability, property, casualty, and flood insurance)
- Lead-based Paint
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- National Flood Insurance Program
- OSHA Safety Compliance
- Patents
- Private Property Rights
- Permitting and Zoning
- Smart Growth/Sustainable Development
- Storm Water and Effluent Limitation Guidelines
- Unions
- Water Supply/conservation
- Wetlands

For more detailed information log on to www.nahb.org

YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AT WORK FOR YOU!!

WASHINGTON UPDATE:

News from The Hill

Obama rolls out historic climate rule: 'We only get one planet'

By Jordan Fabian

President Obama on Monday rolled out a historic rule that imposes the first-ever federal limits on greenhouse gas pollution from power plants.

An emotional Obama argued climate change already affects the “reality we’re living with every day,” adding that it would be “shameful” if the U.S. waited any longer to address its causes.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Obama doubles down on climate rule

By Timothy Cama

The Obama administration on Sunday unveiled a tougher climate change rule for power plants, demanding that generators cut their carbon dioxide output 32 percent in the first ever limits on the pollutant.

The historic regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the main pillar of President Obama’s climate agenda. It is the biggest piece of his drive to create a legacy and go down in history as the first United States president to take comprehensive action against climate change by cutting emissions of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide.

[Read the full story here.](#)

House Panel OKs Bill to Delay Action on Mortgage Lending Rules

Lenders, others would not be subject to penalties through Feb. 1, 2016.

http://nahbnow.com/2015/07/house-panel-approves-measure-to-delay-enforcement-of-new-mortgage-rules/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mmb0803

Home Owners Spared Rate Hike; Fight Continues

NAHB gains an important tactical victory on g-fee increases.

http://nahbnow.com/2015/07/home-owners-spared-rate-hike-fight-continues/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mmb0803

Bloomberg

Sales of existing U.S. homes climb to highest level in 8 years

Sales of previously owned U.S. homes climbed to an eight-year high in June as momentum in the residential real estate market accelerated.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-07-22/sales-of-existing-u-s-homes-climb-to-highest-level-in-8-years>

Eye on the Economy - Housing Construction Trends Heat Up in June -

[Click here for graph & more details](#)

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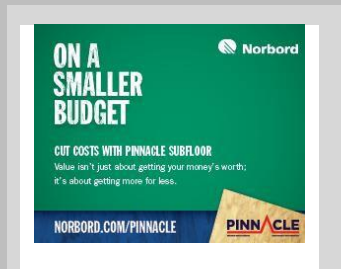
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Education: NAHB – Webinar Wednesdays

Are We Ready for Renewables?

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2-3 p.m. ET
Design and Technology series

This session will explore the design considerations for solar when trying to get to "zero," HERs modeling and how it considers solar inputs compared to other enclosure and electrical elements, and how to make being solar-ready easy, including roof details and planning for the electrical requirements. In addition, learn about control and monitoring options to make best use of the renewables.

Presented by NAHB Sustainability & Green Building Group

Building Your Brand Inside the HBA

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2-3 p.m. ET
Business Improvement series

Association membership is what you make of it. Finding value requires you to go beyond making an annual dues payment and attending a few social events. Members who have built successful businesses at HBAs truly understand that it is the best place to build a brand and create a robust referral program.

Presented by NAHB Associates Council

http://www.nahbclassic.org/conference_details.aspx?conferenceID=2957&selectedTab=Schedule&_ga=1.252675401.1562147279.1439327254

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NSHBA Mission Statement

The Nebraska State Home Builders Association represents the residential and light commercial building industry at the state level and assists local associations and individual members by pursuing a suitable environment to ensure the vitality of the building industry for the benefit of its members, and to promote quality & affordable housing for the people of Nebraska.

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