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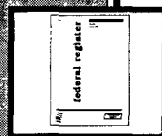
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HOTLINE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RCRA

1. State Authorization and the Regulation of Mixed Waste

Mixed wastes are wastes which contain a hazardous waste component, regulated under RCRA, and a radioactive waste component, regulated under the Atomic Energy Act. In the July 3, 1986, Federal Register (51 FR 24504), EPA gave notice that authorized states should seek to modify their regulatory programs and become authorized to regulate the hazardous waste component of mixed waste under their RCRA Subtitle C programs. How is the hazardous waste component of mixed waste regulated in states that have not become authorized to regulate it?

If a state has received base RCRA authorization, but has not been specifically authorized to regulate mixed waste, the hazardous waste component of mixed waste is not regulated in that state under the federal RCRA program. If a state never received base RCRA authorization, the hazardous waste component of mixed waste is regulated in that state under the federal RCRA program, implemented by the appropriate EPA Region. In either case, the radioactive component of mixed waste may be regulated by the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission(NRC), and/or NRC Agreement state authority.

Currently, of the 49 base-authorized states and territories, 39 states, the District of

Columbia, and the territory of Guam are authorized to regulate the hazardous waste component of mixed waste as part of their RCRA Subtitle C program. The other eight RCRA base-authorized states (MA, MD, ME, NJ, PA, RI, VA, WV) are not currently authorized to regulate mixed waste. In these states, the hazardous waste component of mixed waste is not regulated under the federal RCRA program, although it may be regulated under state law. Three states (AK, HI, IA) and four territories do not have base authorization for RCRA; in these states and territories, the hazardous waste component of mixed waste is regulated by the EPA Region. A list of mixed waste-authorized states was published in the Federal Register on April 26, 1996 (61 FR 18588). For more information and an up-to-date list of mixed waste state authorizations, visit the Mixed Waste Team homepage (<http://www.epa.gov/radiation/mixed-waste>).

2. Definition of "Annually" for Interim Status Tank Inspections

Owners and operators of hazardous waste storage tanks which do not have secondary containment must conduct periodic leak assessments to ensure the tank poses no threat to human health and the environment. An existing, unenterable, underground storage tank becomes subject to hazardous waste regulation due to a new hazardous waste listing. Since the tank does not yet have secondary containment, the owner/operator must conduct an initial leak assessment within 12 months after the date the tank became

subject to Subtitle C hazardous waste regulation (i.e., the effective date of the listing) (§265.191(c)). Subsequently, leak tests must be conducted "at least annually" until secondary containment is installed (40 CFR §265.193(i)(1)). How is the phrase "at least annually" defined for purposes of this requirement?

In terms of leak assessments for tanks, annual means once every 12 months, not just once every calendar year. Therefore, the initial leak assessment must be conducted within the 12-month period of the anniversary date of when the tank became subject to the Subtitle C standards. Subsequent leak tests must continue to be conducted within 12-month intervals of the most recent test until secondary containment that complies with §§264 and 265.193 has been installed or the tank is closed. For example, if the owner or operator became subject to the tank standards on August 1, 1995, the owner/operator would be required to conduct the initial leak test by August 1, 1996. If the tank owner/operator opted to conduct the test on July 1, 1996, rather than August 1, 1996, the next test would need to be performed on or before July 1, 1997.

UST

3. UST Deferrals and Financial Responsibility

RCRA defers certain types of underground storage tanks (UST) from portions of the UST regulations (40 CFR §280.10(c)). Specifically, owners and operators of wastewater treatment tanks, tanks containing radioactive material, emergency generators at nuclear power generation facilities, airport hydrant systems, and field-constructed tanks are deferred from Part 280, Subparts B, C, D, E, and G, provided they meet the conditions of the deferral. Are

owners and operators of USTs that meet one of the five deferrals in §280.10(c) required to maintain financial responsibility in accordance with Subpart H?

While §280.10(c) identifies only Subparts B, C, D, E, and G as the provisions from which specified tanks are deferred, §280.90(d) exempts owners and operators of deferred tanks from the Subpart H financial responsibility requirements. Therefore, owners and operators of tanks deferred under §280.10(c) are also not required to demonstrate financial responsibility. Deferred tanks are, however, still subject to the requirements of Subparts A and F.

CERCLA

4. Frequently Asked Questions on Presumptive Remedies

What are presumptive remedies?

Presumptive remedies are preferred technologies for the cleanup of sites that share common characteristics. They are identified by evaluating historical patterns of remedy selection for specific types of sites and are consistent with the remedy selection criteria set out in the National Contingency Plan (NCP). The presumptive remedy process essentially renders the technology selection more efficient by screening out unlikely technologies, while ensuring that the presumptive remedies are technologically sound and appropriate. Once presumptive remedies are identified, data collection and feasibility studies can be more focused, and significant amounts of time and money can be saved.

Use of presumptive remedies is one of the tools introduced by EPA to increase consistency and timeliness of remedy selection

at Superfund sites. Presumptive remedies complement the Superfund Accelerated Cleanup Model (SACM) as an alternative to the traditional response process. SACM attempts to streamline remedy selection and implementation while still providing the same high level of protection to human health and the environment, thereby reducing costs and time spent at the site.

What guidance exists on the use of presumptive remedies?

In September 1993, EPA produced the first general guidelines for use of presumptive remedies at Superfund sites, and went on to publish presumptive remedies for municipal landfills, sites with VOCs in soil, and, in 1996, for wood-treater sites.

The presumptive remedies developed attempt to address a large number of National Priorities List (NPL) sites that can be characterized and evaluated based on a more focused set of options. Though narrower in focus than the traditional remedy selection process, the presumptive remedies often include multiple technologies in a hierarchy. For example, the guidance for sites with VOCs in soil describes three presumptive remedies: soil vapor extraction, thermal desorption, and incineration. Note that within soil vapor extraction there are several choices, depending on the characteristics of the site. In this way, presumptive remedies accommodate a wide variety of sites and can be used as a partial remedy at more complex sites.

What additional presumptive remedies are expected in the future?

Only the metals in soils presumptive remedy remains to be completed. EPA considered developing additional presumptive remedies, including one for sites with PCB

contamination, but found that ARARs for those other categories of sites so restrict the choice of remedy that the analysis that would be contained in a presumptive remedy is not needed, and no new presumptive remedies are planned. The current focus for this initiative is on appropriately using existing presumptive remedies, and on broadening the impact of EPA's site remediation experience to all stages of the response process. EPA hopes to integrate site characterization, early actions, remedy selection, performance monitoring, remedial design, and remedial action into a "comprehensive response strategy," so that all response actions, from preliminary assessment through operation and maintenance, will be streamlined or compressed. A presumptive response strategy has been developed for sites with groundwater contamination and EPA's Technology Innovation Office is currently developing another for manufactured gas plant sites.

EPCRA

5. Condensation of Acid Aerosols Under EPCRA §313

A chemical manufacturing facility subject to EPCRA §313 generates aerosol sulfuric acid in excess of 25,000 pounds in a calendar year. The aerosol sulfuric acid passes through a scrubber which removes and condenses the aerosol sulfuric acid. The resulting liquid sulfuric acid then undergoes chemical conversion in an on-site treatment facility. How must the owner or operator account for these activities in Sections 7 and 8 of the Form R?

When a scrubber is used to remove sulfuric acid aerosols prior to or in a stack, the acid aerosols are usually converted to the non-aerosol form. The non-aerosol forms of

sulfuric are not reportable under EPCRA §313 because the qualifier to the sulfuric acid listing includes only acid aerosol forms (40 CFR §372.65). Sulfuric acid as a discreet chemical is not actually being destroyed by the scrubber, but the form of sulfuric acid that is reportable under EPCRA §313 is being destroyed. Therefore, since sulfuric acid aerosols removed by scrubbers are converted to a non-reportable form, the quantity removed by the scrubber can be reported as having been treated for destruction under Section 7 and should be included in Section 8.6, Quantity Treated On-Site. Since the condensed sulfuric acid (i.e., the liquid sulfuric acid) is a non-aerosol form, it is not reportable under EPCRA §313 and no reporting of other waste management activities for these non-aerosol forms is required.



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RCRA

TITLE: Construction Products Containing Recovered Materials

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EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-014

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products listed include building insulation, plastic rigid foam insulation, structural fiberboard and laminated paperboard, cement and concrete, carpet, floor tiles, patio blocks, shower and restroom dividers, and reprocessed and consolidated latex paint. Addresses, phone numbers, and contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Transportation Products Containing Recovered Materials

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-013

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products included are traffic barricades, traffic cones, parking stops, and traffic control devices. Addresses, phone numbers, and contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Landscaping Products Containing Recovered Materials

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-012

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products included in this list are hydraulic mulch, yard trimmings compost, hose (garden and soaker), and lawn and garden edging. Addresses, phone numbers, and

contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Non-Paper Office Products
Containing Recovered Materials

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-011

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products featured in this document include office recycling containers, plastic desktop accessories, toner cartridges, binders, plastic trash bags, printer ribbons, and plastic envelopes. Addresses, phone numbers, and contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Mills Which Produce Newsprint
Containing At Least 40 Percent Postconsumer
Recovered Paper

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-010

This document lists mills that produce newsprint containing at least 40 percent postconsumer recovered paper. Arranged alphabetically by corporate name, listings provide main address, contact name, description of the mill/company, and a list of recycled content brands including brand name, grade, and total and postconsumer recovered paper content. Includes list of definitions. Listings are based on information provided by the manufacturer and do not represent an endorsement by EPA.

TITLE: Tissue Mills Which Use
Postconsumer Recovered Paper

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-009

Lists tissue mills that use postconsumer recovered paper. Arranged alphabetically by corporate name, listings include main address,

contact name, description of the mill/company and a list of recycled content brands including brand name, grade, and total and postconsumer recovered paper content. Includes list of definitions. Listings are based on information provided by the manufacturer and do not represent an endorsement by EPA.

TITLE: Mills which Manufacture Printing and
Writing Paper, Computer Paper, Office Paper,
Envelopes, Bristols, and Coated Printing and
Writing Papers Using Recovered Paper

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-008

Lists mills that use recovered paper to manufacture printing and writing paper, computer paper, office paper, envelopes, bristols, and coated printing and writing papers. Arranged alphabetically by corporate name, listings feature main address, contact name, description of the mill/company, and list of recycled content brands including paper grade, and total and postconsumer recovered paper content. Includes list of definitions and index by grade. Listings are based on information provided by the manufacturer and do not represent an endorsement by EPA.

TITLE: Park and Recreation Products
Containing Recovered Materials

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-006

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products featured in this document are playground surfaces, running tracks, and plastic fencing. Addresses, phone numbers, and contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Vehicular Products Containing Recovered Materials

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-97-005

This document contains a list of manufacturers and suppliers of items containing recovered materials. Products included in this document are re-refined lubricating oils, retread tires, and engine coolants. Addresses, phone numbers, and contact names are provided for each manufacturer or supplier.

TITLE: Environmental Fact Sheet: Waste Derived Fertilizers

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-F-97-053

This fact sheet discusses the concerns that have been raised regarding the use of certain wastes in the manufacture of agricultural fertilizers and soil amendments, and the potential for ecological or human health risks. This fact sheet also describes various types of waste which are used in common fertilizers, the regulations governing certain wastes, and what actions are being taken by the EPA to determine the nature and magnitude of the problem, if any.

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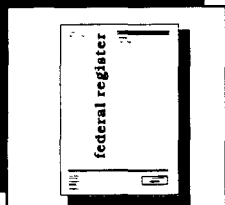
TITLE: Final FY 1998 Superfund Reform Strategy

AVAILABILITY: NTIS

NTIS ORDER NO.: PB97-963 255

In its ongoing effort to improve the Superfund program, EPA has issued its fiscal year 1998 strategy for continuing and expanding Superfund administrative reforms. The strategy highlights progress made in implementation of the program, and lists numerous goals for fiscal year 1998. Specific

goals include the following: commitment to the reforms; refining reforms; communicating more effectively the scope, goal, and success of each reform; evaluating each reform to determine which efforts should be incorporated into the program; and measuring the progress of each specific reform.



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FINAL RULES

RCRA

"Hazardous Waste Management System Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Removal of Final Rule"

December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63458)

EPA removed the December 30, 1991, final rule (56 FR 67197), which delisted K088 waste treatment residues generated by Reynolds Metals Company, Gum Springs, Arkansas. The exclusion is being repealed based on data indicating the delisted treatment residues now contain levels of hazardous constituents significantly higher than the initial delisting levels, and that the waste exhibits the characteristic of corrosivity. The removal is effective December 1, 1997.

"Clarification of Standards for Hazardous Waste Land Disposal Restriction Treatment Variances; Final Rule"

December 5, 1997 (62 FR 64504)

EPA clarified the applicability and use of treatment variances under the LDR program. The clarifying changes adopt EPA's long-standing interpretation that a treatment variance may be granted when treatment of any given waste to the numerical level or using the method specified in the regulations is not appropriate, whether or not it is technically possible to treat that waste to the numerical level or using that treatment method. EPA indicates the circumstances when application of the treatment standard could be found inappropriate. The rule also clarifies that site-specific treatment variances can be granted without using rulemaking procedures, and announces that EPA is withdrawing the treatment variance it granted

Citgo Petroleum on October 28, 1996. This rule is effective December 5, 1997.

**“Hazardous Waste Treatment Storage and Disposal Facilities and Hazardous Waste Generators; Organic Air Emissions Standards for Tanks, Surface Impoundments, and Containers Final Rule”
December 8, 1997 (62 FR 64636)**

EPA clarified and made technical amendments to the 40 CFR Parts 264/265, Subpart CC, standards which control organic air emissions from certain tanks, surface impoundments, and containers. Changes were made in response to comments received regarding the final standards published December 6, 1994, (59 FR 62896) and subsequent revisions. The effective date for this rule is December 8, 1997.

**“Louisiana; Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions”
December 29, 1997 (62 FR 67572)**

EPA approved, subject to review and comment, Louisiana’s revision to its hazardous waste program to include regulations which govern boilers and industrial furnaces burning hazardous waste. This authorization will become effective March 16, 1998, unless EPA publishes a withdrawal in the Federal Register. EPA must receive written comments on or before January 28, 1998.

**“Louisiana; Final Authorization and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program”
December 29, 1997 (62 FR 67578)**

EPA incorporated by reference in Part 272 Louisiana’s base hazardous waste program and revisions to that program. Final authorization of revisions will become final March 16, 1998, unless EPA publishes a withdrawal in the Federal Register. Incorporation is approved by the Director as of March 16, 1998. EPA must receive comments on or before February 12, 1998.

**“Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule for Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for Molex, Inc., 700 Kingbird Road Facility, Lincoln, Nebraska”
December 30, 1998 (62 FR 67736)**

EPA withdrew the direct final rule for the Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for Molex, Inc., 700 Kingbird Road Facility, Lincoln, Nebraska (62 FR 59287; November 3, 1997); this withdrawal is a result of adverse comments, and is effective December 30, 1997.

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**“Notice of Partial Deletion; Para-Chem Southern, Inc., Superfund Site”
December 11, 1997 (62 FR 65225)**

Notice of partial deletion.

PROPOSED RULES**RCRA****“Hazardous Waste Management Program; Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for Louisiana”
December 29, 1997 (62 FR 67601)**

EPA proposed to approve Louisiana's RCRA Cluster IV hazardous waste program, which consists of regulations for the burning of hazardous waste in BIFs. EPA must receive written comments on or before January 28, 1998. See concurrent final rule (62 FR 67572; December 29, 1997).

**“Hazardous Waste Management Program; Authorization and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for Louisiana”
December 29, 1997 (62 FR 67601)**

EPA proposed to incorporate by reference its approval of Louisiana's base hazardous waste program and revisions. EPA must receive written comments on or before January 28, 1998. See concurrent final rule (62 FR 67578; December 29, 1997).

**“Total Mercury and Particulate Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (PM CEMS); Notice of Data Availability and Request for Comments”
December 30, 1997 (62 FR 67788)**

EPA announced and invited comment on the following reports pertaining to total mercury and particulate continuous emissions monitoring systems: DRAFT: Total Mercury CEMS Demonstration, Summary Table,

December 1997; and DRAFT: Particulate Matter CEMS Demonstration, Volume I, December 1997. EPA produced these documents in support of the proposed revised standards for hazardous waste combustors, which may require the use of PM CEMS (61 FR 17358; April 19, 1996).

OPA**“Oil Pollution Prevention and Response; Non-Transportation Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities”
December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63812)**

EPA is proposing to revise the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan requirements, found at 40 CFR Part 112. The proposed revisions seek to reduce the information collection burden on owners or operators of covered facilities.

NOTICES**RCRA****“Notice of Revised Draft Request for Proposals for Waste Acceptance and Transportation Services”
December 2, 1997 (62 FR 63700)**

The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management sought comment on a Revised Draft Request for Proposals for the acceptance and transportation of spent nuclear fuel from commercial nuclear reactor sites to federal facilities for storage or disposal. DOE must receive comments on or before February 13, 1998.

NOTICES**"Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting"
December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63969)**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the agenda and location of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste.

**"Opportunity to Present Oral Testimony on EPA's Proposed Rule, 40 CFR Part 194, Criteria for Certification and Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's (WIPP) Compliance with the 40 CFR Part 191 Disposal Regulations; Certification Decision; Notice of Public Hearings"
December 5, 1997 (62 FR 64334)**

EPA announced public hearings regarding the proposed certification decision for WIPP (62 FR 58791; October 30, 1997). Notice is given pursuant to the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act of 1992, which required EPA to certify WIPP compliance with EPA's radioactive waste disposal standards before radioactive waste could be disposed at the site.

**"Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement, Richland Washington; Public Scoping Period Extension"
December 11, 1997 (62 FR 65254)**

DOE extended the public scoping period on the Hanford site solid (radioactive and hazardous) waste program environmental impact statement. DOE must receive written comments on or before January 30, 1998, to ensure consideration.

**"Agency Information Collection Activities; Hazardous Waste Generator Standards"
December 22, 1997 (62 FR 66862)**

EPA announced that it has forwarded the following information collection request (ICR) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Hazardous Waste Generator Standards, OMB Control Number 2050-0035, expiring February 28, 1998. The information collection relates to large- and small- quantity generator pre-transport, air emissions, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Comments must be received on or before January 21, 1998.

**"Notice of Stakeholder Meeting on Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Injection Wells"
December 23, 1997 (62 FR 67035)**

EPA announced that it will hold public meetings on January 20, 1998, in Washington, D.C., and January 27, 1998, in Chicago, Illinois, for stakeholders affected by proposed revisions to the Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations for Class V injection wells, (Parts 144 and 146). Revisions address Class V motor vehicle waste disposal wells, cesspools, and industrial waste disposal wells which present a high risk of groundwater contamination.

**"Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board"
December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67417)**

Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board announced the location and agenda for a January 20 and 21, 1998, meeting of the Board. The Board expects discuss, among

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other things, activities at Yucca Mountain, Utah.

Cross Program**“Models 2000 Workshop; Meeting”
December 4, 1997 (62 FR 64223)**

EPA's Ecosystems Research Division of the National Exposure Research Laboratory announced the date and location of a meeting regarding the development and use of computer models in risk assessment. The goal of the meeting is to recommend a models implementation and improvement plan.

**“Use of Monitored Natural Attenuation at Superfund, RCRA Corrective Action, and Underground Storage Tank Sites; OSWER Directive 9200.4-17; Interim Final”
December 8, 1997 (62 FR 64588)**

EPA announced the availability of “Use of Monitored Natural Attenuation at Superfund, RCRA Corrective Action, and Underground Storage Tank Sites; OSWER Directive 9200.4-17; Interim Final,” guidance designed to promote consistency in how monitored natural attenuation remedies are proposed, evaluated, and approved. The guidance may be used immediately.

**“Notice of Availability of Scope of Statement for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement: Treatment of Non-Stockpile Chemical Warfare Materiel”
December 11, 1997 (62 FR 65253)**

Department of Defense (DOD) announced the availability of the Scope of Statement for the Programmatic Environmental Impact

Statement for the treatment of non-stockpile chemical warfare materiel.

**“Science Advisory Board; Notice of Public Meetings”
December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67363)**

The Science Advisory Board announced meetings of its executive committee and Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis; items on the executive committee agenda include a review of the pollution prevention research plan, review of the surface impoundments survey and an update on the Integrated Risk Project.

ATSDR**“Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Availability of Final Toxicological Profiles”
December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67377)**

ATSDR announced the availability of three new and eight updated final toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances that comprise part of the ninth set of profiles.

CERCLA**“Agency Information Collection Activities; National Oil and Hazardous Contingency Plan”
December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63542)**

EPA announced that it is planning to submit a continuing ICR to OMB for approval. The ICR addresses the record keeping and reporting requirements of the NCP that affect community involvement in the remedial phase of the Superfund process.

NOTICES**EPCRA****“Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know; Availability of
Guidance Documents”
December 1, 1997 (62 FR 63548)**

EPA announced the availability of a revision to the EPCRA §313 Questions and Answer document, which provides guidance on commonly asked interpretive questions. EPA also announced the availability of several industry-specific guidance documents that have been developed to aid facilities in industry groups recently added to §313 reporting requirements.

“Consent Decree; *United States v. Exeter Properties, Inc., et al.*”

December 22, 1997 (62 FR 66882)

“Consent Decree; *United States v. Haviland Properties, et al.*”

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Settlements and Consent Decrees

“Consent Decree; *United States, et al. v. Alcan Aluminum Inc., et al.*”

December 3, 1997 (62 FR 63959)

“Consent Decree; *United States v. Boise Cascade Co., et al.*”

December 12, 1997 (62 FR 65443)

“Proposed Administrative Settlement;
Industri-Plex Superfund Site”

December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66095)

“Proposed Administrative Settlement;
Norwood PCB Disposal Site”

December 17, 1997 (62 FR 66095)

“Proposed Administrative Settlement;
Lindsley Lumber Site”

December 19, 1997 (62 FR 66626)



CALL ANALYSES

This month, the Hotline responded to a total of 17,433 questions and document requests.

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Referrals*	235
Transfers to EPCRA/Superfund Hotline*	57
Document Retrieval Line*	155
Message Retrieval Line*	257
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLERS	4,393

* No caller profile data available.

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/ Superfund Hotline

Manufacturers		Consultants/Engineers	1,785
		Attorneys	358
Food/Tobacco	25	Citizens	298
Textiles	9	Public Interest Groups	29
Apparel	8	Educational Institutions	58
Lumber & Wood	2	EPA	84
Furniture	5	Federal Agencies	58
Paper	9	GOCOs	0
Printing & Publishing	14	Congress	0
Chemicals	102	State Officials/SERC	96
Petroleum & Coal	51	Local Officials/LEPCs	27
Rubber and Plastics	4	Fire Departments	2
Leather	9	Hospitals/Laboratories	15
Stone, Clay & Glass	9	Trade Associations	14
Primary Metals	26	Union/Labor	1
Fabricated Metals	27	Farmers	11
Machinery (Excluding Electrical)	5	Distributors	10
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	0	Insurance Companies	5
Transportation Equipment	21	Media/Press	11
Instruments	3	Native Americans	0
Misc. Manufacturing	97	International	0
		Other	83
		Referrals*	111
Subtotal	426	Transfers to RCRA/UST Hotline*	0
		Document Retrieval Line*	0
		Message Retrieval Line*	0

TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLERS 3,482

* No caller profile data available.

HOTLINE TOPICS

RCRA

RCRA GENERAL 962¹

SUBTITLE C

Hazardous Waste Id. - General 596¹

Characteristics 562¹

Listings 512¹

Mixture Rule 87

Derived-From 65

Contained-In Policy 198¹

Sampling 62

Solid and Hazardous Waste Exclusions 268¹

Radioactive Mixed Waste 31

Delisting Petitions 33

Definition of Solid Waste/Hazardous

Waste Recycling 258¹

Large Quantity Generators 541¹

Small Quantity Generators 194¹

CESQGs 95

Transporters 108

Exports/Imports 42

TSDFs

General Facility Standards 283¹

Unit Standards 222¹

Air Emissions 248

Combustion - General 37

BIFs 35

Incinerators 22

Draft Strategy 6

Waste Minimization 45

LDR

Applicability 245¹

Notifications/Certification 92

Treatment Standards 240¹

Permits and Permitting 147¹

State Programs 187

Financial Assurance 51

Closure/Post-Closure 104

Corrective Action 358

Enforcement 103

Hazardous Waste Data 69

Test Methods 147

Indian Lands 19

Used Oil Standards 220

Military Munitions 24

OTHER WASTES

Ash 11

Bevill Amendment (Mining Waste) 45

Medical Wastes 211

Oil and Gas 5

SUBTITLE D

Household Hazardous Wastes 74

Subtitle D - General 96

Technical Standards 36

Industrial Wastes 6

Municipal Wastes 78

Indian Lands 21

Financial Assurance 5

Solid Waste Recycling/Markets -

General 223¹

Aluminum 1

Batteries 6

Glass 0

Paper 2

Plastics 9

Tires 24

Used Oil 24

Composting 9

Procurement 87

Source Reduction/Pollution Prevention 138

Grants and Financing 15

TOTAL QUESTIONS 8,644*

* Includes 2,168 RCRA document requests.

UST

General/Misc. 241

Applicability/Definitions 125¹

Regulated Substances 34

Closure 25

1998 Deadline 163¹

Standards for New Tank Systems 70

Tank Standards and Upgrading 74¹

Replacing/Closing 39

Release Detection 106¹

Reporting Requirements 12

Operating Requirements 13¹

Corrective Action for USTs 60

Financial Responsibility 60

Enforcement 15

State Programs 15

Private Sector 0

Indian Lands 0

LUST General/Miscellaneous 11

RBCA 1

Technologies 3

Solvency/Cost Controls 1

TOTAL QUESTIONS 1,068*

* Includes 261 UST document requests.

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**EMERGENCY PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW****General:**

General Title III Questions	258¹
Trade Secrets	8
Enforcement	84
Liability/Citizen Suits	1
Training	8¹
Chemical-Specific Information	76¹

Emergency Planning (§§301-303):

General	74¹
Notification Requirements	29
SERC/LEPC Issues	42
EHSs/TPQs	31¹
Risk Communication/ Hazards Analysis	38
Exemptions	0

Emergency Release Notification (§304):

General	71
Notification Requirements	98
Reportable Quantities	127
CERCLA §103 vs. SARA §304	38
ARIP/AHEDB/ERNS	0
Exemptions	10

**Hazardous Chemical Reporting
(§§311-312):**

General	189
MSDS Reporting Requirements	104
Tier I/II Requirements	233
Thresholds	102¹
Hazard Categories	5
Mixtures Reporting	18
Exemptions	58

Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (§313):

General	481¹
AFR	47¹
Reporting Requirements	334¹
Thresholds	104¹
Form R Completion	327¹
Supplier Notification	29
NOTEs/NOSEs/NONs	93
Voluntary Revisions	106
Pollution Prevention 33/50	5
Public Access to Data	114
TRI Database	107
Petitions	10
TRI Expansion	187

Exemptions 45¹**Special Topics:**

CAA §112 General	168¹
RMPs	201
List of Regulated Substances	102
Federal Facilities Executive Order	7

TOTAL QUESTIONS 4,169

*Includes 890 Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know document requests

SUPERFUND

General/Misc.	309
Access & Information Gathering	114
Administrative Improvements	
General	39
Environmental Justice/Brownfields	178
SACM/Presumptive Remedies	39
Soil Screening Levels	14
Administrative Record	7
ARARs	49
CERCLIS	189¹
Citizen Suits	25
Claims Against Fund	9
Clean-Up Costs	20
Clean-Up Standards	42
Community Involvement	21
Contract Lab Program (CLP)	5
Contractor Indemnification	9
Contracts	58
Definitions	58¹
Enforcement	151
Federal Facilities	54
Hazardous Substances	298¹
HRS	9
Liability	94
Local Gov't Reimbursement	0
Natural Resource Damages	8
NCP	18
Notification	78
NPL	198¹
Off Site Rule	13
OSHA	28
PA/SI	78
PRPs	99
RD/RA	41
Reauthorization	2

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Remedial	108
Removal	41
RI/FS	44
Risk Assess./Health Effects	78
ROD	62
RQ	221¹
Settlements	59
SITE Program	5
State Participation	11
State Program	29
TAGs	1
Taxes	8

Special Topics	
Oil Pollution Act	108 ¹
SPCC Regulations	422 ¹
Lead Contamination	1

TOTAL QUESTIONS 3,552*

*Includes 773 Superfund document requests.

TOTAL HOTLINE QUESTIONS AND DOCUMENT REQUESTS: 17,433
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