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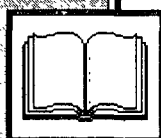
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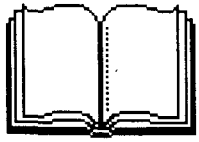
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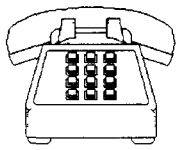
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HOTLINE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RCRA

1. Frequently Asked Questions about RCRA Enforcement

What types of enforcement actions can EPA use to address violations of RCRA?

EPA has various enforcement options, including administrative, civil, and criminal actions. The decision to pursue any one of these options is based in part on the nature and severity of the violation. The purpose of all these actions, however, is the same: to return the facility to compliance, to deter noncompliance in others, and to eliminate the economic benefit of noncompliance. An administrative action is a non-judicial enforcement action that can be either informal or formal. Examples of informal actions are phone calls or warning letters. Formal actions involve the assessment of monetary penalties and/or the issuance of an order to comply with RCRA. Civil actions are formal lawsuits, filed in court in conjunction with the Department of Justice, that are generally employed for repeated or significant violations or in complex or precedent-setting cases. Criminal actions, reserved for the most serious violations, are judicial actions that can result in the imposition of fines or imprisonment.

How does EPA assess penalty amounts?

Penalty amounts are assessed based on case-specific facts. The penalty calculation process consists of: (1) determining a base penalty amount based on the gravity or

seriousness of the violation; (2) adding a multi-day component, as appropriate, to account for the duration of the violation; (3) adjusting the sum of the gravity-based and multi-day components, up or down, for case-specific circumstances (e.g., upward adjustments if the facility has a history of noncompliance or downward adjustments if the facility shows a willingness to correct the violation); and (4) adding the economic benefit gained through noncompliance (RCRA Civil Penalty Policy, October 1990).

If a facility voluntarily discloses a violation, will EPA reduce or waive any associated penalties?

Under certain conditions, as part of an administrative action settlement, EPA may reduce or waive gravity-based (i.e., non-economic benefit) penalties for violations that are voluntarily discovered and that are promptly disclosed and corrected. EPA has issued guidelines for this policy in its final Incentives for Self-Policing: Discovery, Disclosure, Correction and Prevention of Violations, also known as the Audit Policy (60 FR 66707; December 22, 1995).

EPCRA

2. EPCRA Section 313: Motor Vehicle Maintenance Exemption

Under EPCRA §313, toxic chemicals that are used at a covered facility for the purpose of maintaining motor vehicles operated by the facility need not be considered when making

the threshold determinations, or release and other waste management calculations (40 CFR §372.38(c)(4)). A single company owns many facilities that are required to report under §313. The company stores gasoline at one of the facilities. The gasoline is used by trucks from all of the facilities, which come to the off-site central location for fuel and then leave. Is the gasoline in the storage tank exempt because it is used to maintain motor vehicles even though the vehicles are operated by different facilities?

The motor vehicle exemption only applies to the otherwise use of toxic chemicals in motor vehicles that are stationed at the facility that holds the gasoline. Since the facility with the gasoline storage unit is incorporating toxic chemicals into trucks, which are then sent back to another facility, the facility storing the gasoline is processing the toxic chemicals. Therefore, the gasoline used to fuel off-site trucks would not be exempt from reporting pursuant to §372.38(c)(4). Instead, the facility should consider the toxic chemicals in the gasoline towards its processing threshold. The facilities that have their trucks fueled at another station may be eligible for the motor vehicle exemption for the toxic chemicals in the gasoline otherwise used on site.

3. Frequently Asked Questions: Laboratory Activities Exemption under EPCRA Section 313

Does EPCRA §313 reporting include laboratory chemicals?

Yes. However, the quantity of a listed toxic chemical manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in a laboratory under the supervision of a technically qualified person is exempt from threshold determinations and release and other waste management calculations. This exemption includes

laboratories performing quality control activities including those located in covered facilities (40 CFR §372.38(d)).

Must the threshold activity or release and other waste management activities take place in a laboratory or laboratory setting in order to be eligible for the laboratory activity exemption?

For toxic chemicals to be exempted from reporting under the laboratory activities exemption, the activities must take place inside the laboratory (40 CFR §372.38(d)(3)).

Does a pilot plant within a covered standard industrial classification (SIC) code have to report or is it covered by the laboratory activities exemption?

A pilot plant within the appropriate SIC codes is a covered facility if it meets the employee and chemical threshold criteria. Pilot plants are not covered by the laboratory activities exemption.

Does the exemption for laboratory activities also cover quality control labs?

There is no specific "quality control lab" exemption. Rather, the exemption applies to activities in a laboratory in which a listed toxic chemical is manufactured, processed, or otherwise used under the supervision of a "technically qualified individual." This exemption can cover activities in quality control labs.

A facility sends materials that are sampled from processing operations to a laboratory off site for quality control purposes. Are these quantities exempted under the laboratory activity exemption, provided that they are handled by a technically qualified individual (40 CFR §372.38(d))?

No. The laboratory exemption applies to toxic chemicals that are manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in an on-site laboratory under the direction of a technically qualified individual. Amounts of toxic chemicals used in laboratories are not eligible for this exemption and these amounts must be considered toward the facility's threshold determination.

Are the following marine engine testing operations that use listed §313 toxic chemicals exempt under the laboratory activities exemption: (a) testing of production engines intended for sale in specialized engine test cells; (b) testing engines for research and development purposes in specialized engine test cells; (c) testing for research and development purposes in open water bodies?

While all of the noted operations are considered "product testing" and as such are potential candidates for the laboratory exemption, only those listed toxic chemicals that are manufactured, processed, or otherwise used in a laboratory at a covered facility under the supervision of a technically qualified individual are exempt (40 CFR §372.38(d)). Therefore, if these conditions are met, the testing of production engines intended for sale in specialized engine test cells and testing engines for research and development purposes in specialized engine test cells would be eligible for the exemption. However, the testing and research in open water bodies would not qualify because these activities are not being performed in a laboratory.

A covered facility produces copper panels (e.g., circuit boards). A high percentage of these copper panels are produced as prototypes for facility research and development. The remainder of the copper panels are incorporated into products distributed in commerce. During production,

all the copper panels are produced identically, in the same process, in the same facility, under the direct supervision of technically qualified individuals. Is the quantity of copper compounds manufactured and otherwise used for research and development eligible for the laboratory activity exemption and therefore excluded from threshold determinations?

All copper compounds and any other toxic chemicals created or otherwise used during the production of the copper panels are considered towards the manufacturing or otherwise use thresholds. At this point in the panel production, the toxic chemicals manufactured or otherwise used in the entire panel production process are not eligible for the laboratory activities exemption. Those toxic chemicals in the panels distributed in commerce should also be considered towards the processing threshold. The toxic chemicals in the panels tested for research and development purposes become eligible for the laboratory activities exemption while the panels are being tested on site under the supervision of a technically qualified individual in a laboratory setting.



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RCRA

TITLE: A Catalog of Hazardous and Solid Waste Publications, Eleventh Edition

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-B-98-001

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/catalog.htm>

This catalog is a directory of EPA documents relevant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The catalog is divided into sections, which organize the documents by subject, title, and document order number. Summaries of the documents and their publication dates are also included for documents published as of June 15, 1998.

TITLE: Reusable News, Fall 1998

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-N-98-008

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/recycle/reuse.htm>

This edition highlights the success of EPA's Jobs Through Recycling Program and the second annual America Recycles Day. The newsletter also lists solid waste management resources for Native American tribes, announces the continuation of the Washington, DC recycling program, and provides a WasteWise update.

TITLE: WasteWise Update—Extended Product Responsibility

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-N-98-007

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/wastewise/pub1.htm#extended>

This edition of the WasteWise Update newsletter highlights the extended product responsibility (EPR) strategies. EPR shifts the focus from what individual manufacturers may do to reduce waste production to all of the players in the product chain, including product designers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and consumers. The update reviews the Design for the Environment program, WasteWise partnerships, and take-back programs.

TITLE: Environmental Fact Sheet: Post-Closure Permit Amendment Addresses Corrective Action

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-F-98-031

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/closure/index.htm>

This fact sheet provides background information, and briefly reviews the applicability and benefits of the October 22, 1998, final rule, Standards Applicable to Owners and Operators of Closed and Closing Hazardous Waste Management Facilities; Post-Closure Permit Requirements and Closure Process (63 FR 56710). The new standards for post-closure permits and closure of regulated units provide flexibility to regulators and the regulated community.

TITLE: Environmental Fact Sheet: Procedures for Approving State Subtitle D Landfill Permitting Programs

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-F-98-024

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/municipal/landfill/implementation/index.htm>

This fact sheet summarizes the October 23, 1998, State Implementation Rule (63 FR 57026). The rule provides a flexible framework for the modification of approved state programs, establishes procedures for withdrawals of approvals and confirms the process for future program approvals.

TITLE: Fourth Year WasteWise Progress Report

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA530-R-98-016

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/wastewise/pub.htm#fourth>

This document opens up into a poster and presents the WasteWise program results. The poster includes graphs displaying WasteWise partner growth from 1994 through 1998, the amount of waste the program prevented from 1994 through 1997, and the overall WasteWise partner recycling levels from 1994 through 1997. The progress report also highlights the success of individual WasteWise partners.

CERCLA

TITLE: Compendium of Federal Facilities Cleanup Management Information

AVAILABILITY: NTIS/Internet

NTIS ORDER NO.: PB98-963 301

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/compend/index.htm>

This guidance outlines hazardous substance and waste remedy publications, guidance,

databases, CD-ROMs, and Internet homepages for federal facility remedial managers to use as key references to guide their supervision of the remediation of hazardous waste sites. These resources assist the remedial manager to plan, implement, and oversee both immediate and long-term remedial actions and a focus on the selection of remedies.

TITLE: Ensuring Potentially Responsible Party Compliance with CERCLA Obligations

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: N/A

This memorandum requests each EPA Region to conduct a two-phased assessment of potentially responsible party (PRP) compliance with CERCLA orders and consent decrees and prepare an action plan for responding to instances of "substantial non-compliance." The compliance assessment, which will be conducted by each EPA Region, should include the following: information identification of all PRP-lead sites with active enforcement orders, consent decrees, or agreements; agreements identifying any substantial noncompliance; and plans for addressing every instance of "substantial non-compliance" (for those sites with a "substantial non-compliance" status, an indication of which sites are located in potential environmental justice communities, Indian country, or tribal areas in Alaska).

TITLE: Inclusion of Contribution Waiver by Private Parties in CERCLA Administrative and Judicial Settlements

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: N/A

URL: <http://es.epa.gov/oeca/osre/newdoc.html>

This guidance addresses EPA's intent to insulate municipal solid waste (MSW), municipal sewage sludge (MSS), or de micromis waste contributor parties from

contribution actions by other PRPs. The memo lists several revisions to the 1995 Model Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) language concerning the de micromis contribution waiver and provides the new model de micromis waiver language for all agreements.

EPCRA

TITLE: Lead-Acid Batteries Are Not Considered Articles Under OSHA—EPCRA §§311/312 Memo

AVAILABILITY: Hotline

EPA ORDER NO.: N/A

This memo clarifies that lead-acid batteries are not considered articles under OSHA. According to an OSHA directive, lead-acid batteries have the potential to leak, spill or break during normal conditions of use, including foreseeable emergencies. In addition, lead-acid batteries have the potential to emit hydrogen, which may result in a fire or explosion upon ignition. For this reason, all forms of lead-acid batteries are not considered articles under OSHA.

CAA §112(r)

TITLE: EPA Chemical Accident Investigation Report: Tosco Avon Refinery Martinez, California

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA550-R-98-009

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-his.html>

This document presents information gathered during a chemical accident investigation, which was conducted as a result of an explosion and fire that occurred at the Hydrocracker Unit of the Tosco Refinery in

Martinez, California, on January 21, 1997. The accident, which resulted in one death, 46 worker injuries, and sheltering-in-place for a surrounding community, was caused by the release and auto-ignition of a mixture of flammables containing hydrocarbons and hydrogen under high temperature and pressure.

TITLE: Risk Management Program Guidance for Ammonia Refrigeration (40 CFR Part 68)

AVAILABILITY: Hotline/Internet

EPA ORDER NO.: EPA560/B-98-014

URL: <http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/acc-pre.html>

This guidance is intended for food processors, food distributors, and refrigerated warehouses that use ammonia as a refrigerant, as well as for any other facility that has an ammonia refrigeration system. Information contained in this document pertains to ammonia refrigeration only.



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For selected EPCRA Federal Registers, choose: **Federal Register (FR) - Toxic Release Inventory.**

FINAL RULES

RCRA

"Hazardous Waste Management System: Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste, Solvents" November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64371)

EPA issued a final decision not to list wastes generated from the use of 14 solvent chemicals. The solvent wastes include: acetonitrile, 2-methoxyethanol, methyl chloride, phenol, 2-ethoxyethanol acetate, furfural, cumene, cyclohexanol, isophorone, 2-methoxyethanol acetate, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, benzyl chloride, epichlorohydrin, and ethylene dibromide. This rule is a determination that these solvent chemicals are not listed hazardous wastes, but does not designate them as nonhazardous. The final decision is effective December 21, 1998.

"Hazardous Remediation Waste Management Requirements (HWIR-Media)" November 30, 1998 (63 FR 65873)

EPA issued the HWIR-Media final rule and promulgated the following five changes: a faster and easier process to obtain permits for treating, storing, and disposing remediation wastes; the removal of the requirement for facility-wide corrective action when individuals obtain such permits; the creation of a new unit, the staging pile, to allow more flexibility in storing remediation waste during cleanups; an exclusion of dredged materials from RCRA Subtitle C if the waste is managed under Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) or Clean Water Act (CWA) permits; and a streamlined state authorization process. EPA has chosen not to pursue the comprehensive approach proposed on April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18779). The Agency has determined that the fundamental

disagreements between stakeholders prevent the finalization of the entire proposal. Therefore, EPA will not finalize the "Bright-Line" option or the Unitary Approach, the Category 2 proposal for streamlined authorization, or the elimination of corrective action management units (CAMUs). This rule is written in the readable regulations format, and is effective on June 1, 1999.

PROPOSED RULES

CERCLA

"National Priorities List; Cedartown Municipal Landfill Superfund Site"
November 23, 1998 (63 FR 64668)

Notice of Intent to Delete

"National Priorities List; Williams Pipe Line Disposal Pit Superfund Site"
November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65161)

Notice of Intent to Delete

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RCRA

"Extension of the Policy on Enforcement of RCRA §3004(j) Storage Prohibition at Facilities Generating Mixed Radioactive/Hazardous Waste; Policy Statement"
November 6, 1998 (63 FR 59989)

EPA announced the three-year extension of the August 1991 civil enforcement policy regarding the §3004(j) storage prohibition at facilities that generate mixed waste regulated under the RCRA Subtitle C hazardous waste program and the Atomic Energy Act (AEA) of

1954, as amended (56 FR 42730; August 29, 1991). The policy pertains only to mixed wastes that are prohibited from land disposal under the land disposal restrictions (LDR) and for which there are no available options for treatment or disposal. The Agency will treat violations of §3004(j) as reduced priorities among EPA's potential civil enforcement actions. The limited policy extension is effective October 31, 1998.

"Notice of Availability of Draft RCRA Waste Minimization Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Chemical List"
November 9, 1998 (63 FR 60332)

EPA announced the availability of the Draft RCRA Waste Minimization Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Chemical List. The final list will serve as a voluntary guide for identifying national waste minimization priorities and measuring national reduction progress. The notice elaborates on how the Agency will meet the 1994 National Waste Minimization Plan goals, contains the draft list, and explains how EPA developed the list. EPA welcomes public comment on both the list and the methodology used to develop the list, but does not expect feedback on the Waste Minimization Prioritization Tool, which has been previously publicly reviewed. Comments are due by January 8, 1999. The Agency intends to finalize the list in 1999.

NOTICES**“Tennessee; Final Approval of State Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Program; Notice of Final Determination on the State of Tennessee’s Application for Final Approval”
November 17, 1998 (63 FR 63793)**

EPA granted final approval of Tennessee’s underground storage tank (UST) program for petroleum under RCRA Subtitle I. The approval does not include USTs containing hazardous substances, and is effective at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on January 15, 1999.

**“Cost Accounting Standards Board; Notice of Open Public Meeting”
November 17, 1998 (63 FR 63947)**

The Office of Federal Procurement Policy announced a meeting for all interested parties with the Cost Accounting Standards Board. Meeting participants are invited to express their views concerning topics on the Board’s current agenda of regulatory issues and the potential future agenda as impacted by recent changes in cost-based federal contracting/accounting.

CERCLA**“Availability of Final Toxicological Profiles”
November 4, 1998 (63 FR 59567)**

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announced the availability of five new final toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances. CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)

of 1986, directed ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances.

**“Availability of Draft Toxicological Profile”
November 4, 1998 (63 FR 59568)**

ATSDR announced the availability of one new toxicological profile of priority hazardous substances. CERCLA, as amended by SARA, directed ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances.

**“Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket”
November 23, 1998 (63 FR 64806)**

EPA announced the publication of the eleventh update to the Federal Agency Hazardous Waste Compliance Docket. The docket, published pursuant to CERCLA §120(c), contains certain information about federal facilities that manage hazardous waste or from which hazardous waste has been or may be released. CERCLA requires that the docket be updated every six months, as new facilities are reported to EPA by federal agencies.

EPCRA**“Multimedia Strategy for Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Pollutants; Notice of Availability and Solicitation of Public Comments”
November 17, 1998 (63 FR 63926)**

EPA announced the availability of and requested comments on the draft Multimedia Strategy for Priority PBT Pollutants. The primary objective of the strategy is to establish

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and implement national action plans on the 12 priority PBT pollutants included in the Canada-U.S. Binational Toxics Strategy Level 1 List. The strategy also calls for the development of a process for identifying additional pollutants of concern. Comments must be received by February 16, 1999.

ALL PROGRAMS**"EPA Semiannual Regulatory Agenda"
November 9, 1998 (63 FR 62347)**

EPA's Semiannual Regulatory Agenda describes the Agency's ongoing and long-term plans for policy and regulation development, revision, and review.

Consent Decrees

"Consent Decree; *United States v. FMC Corporation, Inc.*"
November 2, 1998 (63 FR 58770)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., et al.*"
November 3, 1998 (63 FR 59329)

"Purchaser Agreement; North Penn Area 12 Superfund Site"
November 4, 1998 (63 FR 59558)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. Alpine Aromatics International, Inc., et al.*"
November 6, 1998 (63 FR 60021)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, et al.*"
November 6, 1998 (63 FR 60022)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. Sadeane Lang, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Donald R. Lang*"
November 6, 1998 (63 FR 60022)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. Midwest Metalics, L.P., et al.*"
November 6, 1998 (63 FR 60023)

"Administrative Settlement; Old ATC Refinery Superfund Site"
November 10, 1998 (63 FR 63052)

"Administrative Settlement; Lake Salvage Superfund Site"
November 12, 1998 (63 FR 63314)

"Administrative Order on Consent; Carbographics Industries Corporation Superfund Site"
November 13, 1998 (63 FR 63473)

"Consent Decree; *United States v. ANRFS Holdings, Inc., et al.*"
November 13, 1998 (63 FR 63494)

"Settlement; Talisman Sugar Corporation Site"
November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64084)

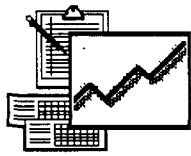
"Administrative Settlement; Conservation Chemical Company of Illinois, Inc. Superfund Site"
November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64256)

"Amended Settlement Agreement; Petoskey Manufacturing Company Site"
November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64278)

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- "Consent Decree; *United States v. City of Portsmouth, et al. and State of New Hampshire v. City of Portsmouth, et al.*"
November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64279)
- "Consent Decree; *United State, et al v. City of Rockford, Illinois*"
November 19, 1998 (63 FR 64280)
- "Consent Decree; *United States v. Allied Signal Inc. and Amphenol Corporation*"
November 20, 1998 (63 FR 64521)
- "Consent Decree; *United States v. Chrysler Corporation, Allied Waste Systems, Inc., Allied Services, LLC, and Clarence J. and Evelyn K. Chott*"
November 20, 1998 (63 FR 64522)
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- "Consent Decree; *United States v. United Technologies Automotive Systems, Inc., et al.*"
November 20, 1998 (63 FR 64523)
- "Consent Decree; *United States v. USX Corp., et al.*"
November 20, 1998 (63 FR 64524)
- "Administrative De Minimis Settlement; Operating Industries, Inc. Landfill Superfund Site"
November 24, 1998 (63 FR 64963)
- "De Minimis Administrative Order on Consent ; Osage Metals Superfund Site"
November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65207)
- "De Minimis Administrative Order on Consent ; Osage Metals Superfund Site"
November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65208)
- "Consent Decree; *United States v. Excel Corp.*"
November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65222)
- "Agreement; Freelove Valley Home Meth Lab Superfund Site"
November 30, 1998 (63 FR 65785)
- "Settlement; Southern Wood Piedmont Superfund Site"
November 30, 1998 (63 FR 65785)
- "Consent Decree; *United States v. General Motors Corporation, et al.*"
November 30, 1998 (63 FR 65812)





CALL ANALYSES

This month, the Hotline responded to a total of 15,713 questions and document requests.

CALLER PROFILE

RCRA/UST Hotline

Regulated Community	3,020
Citizens	313
State & Local Government	151
Native Americans	7
Federal Agencies	65
Educational Institutions	135
EPA	105
Media	10
Interest Groups	35
Congress	3
International	2
Other	0
Referrals*	338
Transfers to EPCRA/Superfund Hotline*	57
Document Retrieval Line*	105
Message Retrieval Line*	322
Mailed Document Requests*	51
TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLERS	4,668

* No caller profile data available.

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

Manufacturers

Food/Tobacco	7	Consultants/Engineers	1,462
Textiles	7	Attorneys	82
Apparel	1	Citizens	126
Lumber & Wood	1	Public Interest Groups	13
Furniture	3	Educational Institutions	45
Paper	4	EPA	38
Printing & Publishing	1	Federal Agencies	21
Chemicals	61	GOCOs	0
Petroleum & Coal	34	Congress	2
Rubber and Plastics	6	State Officials/SERC	31
Leather	0	Local Officials/LEPCs	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	0	Fire Departments	14
Primary Metals	8	Hospitals/Laboratories	6
Fabricated Metals	18	Trade Associations	2
Machinery (Excluding Electrical)	5	Union/Labor	1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	0	Farmers	0
Transportation Equipment	1	Distributors	7
Instruments	2	Insurance Companies	0
Misc. Manufacturing	61	Media/Press	5
Metal Mining	5	Native Americans	0
Coal Mining	1	International	0
Electricity Generating	7	Other	65
RCRA Subtitle C	4	Referrals*	96
Solvent Recovery	3	Transfers to RCRA/UST Hotline*	178
Petroleum Bulk Storage	18	Document Retrieval Line*	10
Chemical Distributor	19	Message Retrieval Line*	169
Propane Retailer	38		
POTW	26		
		TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLERS	2,714
Subtotal	341		

* No caller profile data available.

HOTLINE TOPICS

RCRA

RCRA GENERAL	869
SUBTITLE C	
Hazardous Waste Id. - General	806
Characteristics	400¹
Listings	388
Mixture Rule	74
Derived-From	64
Contained-In Policy	165¹
Sampling	33
Solid and Hazardous Waste Exclusions	310¹
Radioactive Mixed Waste	6
Delisting Petitions	4
Definition of Solid Waste/Hazardous Waste Recycling	384
Large Quantity Generators	436¹
Small Quantity Generators	120
CESQGs	81
Transporters	86
Exports/Imports	37
TSDFs	
General Facility Standards	143
Unit Standards	169
Air Emissions	75
Combustion - General	82
BIFs	57
Incinerators	43
Draft Strategy	12
Waste Minimization	59
LDR	
Applicability	247¹
Notifications/Certification	70
Treatment Standards	274
Permits and Permitting	112
State Programs	78
Financial Assurance	24
Closure/Post-Closure	85
Corrective Action	198¹
Enforcement	107
Hazardous Waste Data	137
Test Methods	62
Indian Lands	20
Used Oil Standards	180
Military Munitions	5
OTHER WASTES	
Ash	2
Bevill Amendment (Mining Waste)	14
Medical Wastes	112
Oil and Gas	14

SUBTITLE D

Household Hazardous Wastes	88
Subtitle D - General	94
Technical Standards	7
Industrial Wastes	10
Municipal Wastes	67
Indian Lands	7
Financial Assurance	5
Solid Waste Recycling/Markets -	
General	286
Aluminum	6
Batteries	15
Glass	0
Paper	13
Plastics	4
Tires	6
Used Oil	20
Composting	30
Procurement	40
Source Reduction/Pollution Prevention	42
Grants and Financing	3

TOTAL QUESTIONS

7,387*

* Includes 2,157 RCRA document requests.

UST

General/Misc.	222
Applicability/Definitions	290¹
Regulated Substances	54
Closure	72
1998 Deadline	249¹
Standards for New Tank Systems	46¹
Tank Standards and Upgrading	96
Replacing/Closing	61
Release Detection	107¹
Reporting Requirements	22
Operating Requirements	9
Corrective Action for USTs	32
Financial Responsibility	38
Enforcement	35¹
State Programs	19
Private Sector	0
Indian Lands	4
MTBE	4
LUST General/Miscellaneous	16¹
RBCA	2
Technologies	4
Solvency/Cost Controls	1

TOTAL QUESTIONS

1,383*

* Includes 445 UST document requests.

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EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW

General:

General Title III Questions	351
Trade Secrets	5
Enforcement	166¹
Liability/Citizen Suits	9
Training	1
Chemical-Specific Information	45
Federal Facilities Executive Order	3

Emergency Planning (§§301-303):

General	76
Notification Requirements	33
SERC/LEPC Issues	47
EHSs/TPQs	38
Risk Communication/ Hazards Analysis	10
Exemptions	4

Emergency Release Notification (§304):

General	44
Notification Requirements	79
Reportable Quantities	79
CERCLA §103 vs. SARA §304	82
ARIP/AHEDB/ERNS	8
Exemptions	15

Hazardous Chemical Reporting (§§311-312):

General	136
MSDS Reporting Requirements	87
Tier I/II Requirements	116
Thresholds	53¹
Hazard Categories	6
Mixtures Reporting	0
Exemptions	27

Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (§313):

General	289
AFR	13
Reporting Requirements	380¹
Thresholds	141¹
Form R Completion	257¹
Supplier Notification	20
NOTEs/NOSEs/NONs	124¹
Voluntary Revisions	28
Pollution Prevention 33/50	12
Public Access to Data	43
TRI Database	20
Petitions	1
TRI Expansion	45
Exemptions	107

CAA (§112(r)):

General Duty	66
RMP General	627¹
Regulated Substances/Thresholds	258¹
Exemptions	63
Process Identification	111¹
Program Levels	29
Offsite Consequence Analysis	185¹
Accident History	13
Prevention Program	25
Emergency Response Program	8
Management Program	9
RMP Submission	65¹
Access to RMP Data	22
Risk Communication	4
State Implementation	4
RMP Enforcement	78

TOTAL QUESTIONS

4,567

*Includes 804 Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know document requests.

SUPERFUND

General/Misc.	254
Access & Information Gathering	152
Administrative Improvements	
General	21
Environmental Justice/Brownfields	105¹
SACM/Presumptive Remedies	0
Soil Screening Levels	18
Administrative Record	8
ARARs	59
CERCLIS	95
Citizen Suits	6
Claims Against Fund	22
Clean-Up Costs	45
Clean-Up Standards	58
Community Involvement	21
Contract Lab Program (CLP)	8
Contractor Indemnification	8
Contracts	7
Definitions	25
Enforcement	95¹
Federal Facilities	23
Hazardous Substances	89¹
HRS	18
Liability	77
Local Gov't Reimbursement	0

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Natural Resource Damages	0
NCP	28
Notification	86
NPL	131
Off Site Rule	35
OSHA	7
PA/SI	13
PRPs	38
RD/RA	11
Reauthorization	10
Remedial	66
Removal	10
RI/FS	11
Risk Assess./Health Effects	46
ROD	35
RQ	107¹
Settlements	52
SITE Program	3
State Participation	7
State Program	10
TAGs	12
Taxes	6
Special Topics	
Oil Pollution Act	70
SPCC Regulations	368¹

TOTAL QUESTIONS 2,376*

*Includes 524 Superfund document requests.

TOTAL HOTLINE QUESTIONS AND DOCUMENT REQUESTS: 15,713
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