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CLEAN AIR ACT (CAA)

Statutory Authority

The Clean Air Act (CAA) was first passed in 1955 as the Air Pollution Control Act. The Act was significantly strengthened under the 1990 CAA Amendments, protecting human health and the environment from emissions that pollute ambient, or outdoor, air. The Act requires states to implement specified air pollution controls and addresses mobile sources, air toxics, and acid rain, along with ozone depleting substances, enforcement, clean air research, disadvantaged business concerns, and employment transition and assistance. The Act is codified as 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

EPA Information Sources

Air Docket

The Air Docket is open to the public for inspection and photocopying of all rulemaking and other decisions under the Clean Air Act.

phone:	(202) 260-7548
fax:	(202) 260-7883

Stratospheric Ozone Information Hotline

The Hotline provides consultation on ozone protection regulations and requirements under title VI of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990, all published rules, Federal Register notices, science and policy reports, and Fact Sheets on stratospheric ozone depletion and protection.

phone:	(800) 296-1996
fax:	(202) 783-1106

Emission Factor Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is a means of exchanging information on air pollution control matters, addressing criteria pollutants from stationary, area sources, and mobile sources, between and among federal, state and local pollution control agencies, and private citizens. An electronic bulletin board is also available.

phone:	(919) 541-5285	CHIEF Hotline
fax:	(919) 541-0684	
modem:	(919) 541-5742	CHIEF Bulletin Board

EPA Databases

Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS)

AIRS is the national repository for information about airborne pollution in the United States. AIRS is comprised of four subsystems: the Air Quality Subsystem (AQS), the AIRS Facility Subsystem (AFS), the AIRS Area/Mobile Source Subsystem (AMS), and the Geo-Common Subsystem (GCS). AIRS is available on EPA's mainframe and is accessible for EPA, state and local governments.

phone:	(919) 541-5549
fax:	(919) 541-2357

CHIEF Bulletin Board

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modem:	(919) 541-5742
CHIEF Hotline:	(919) 541-5285

EPA Listservs

Federal Register Notices

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with the message in the text field:

SUBSCRIBE EPA-AIR FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

EPA Aerometric Information Retrieval System Listserv

A listserv dedicated to AIRS information. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to:

listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov

with the message in the text field:

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CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA)

Statutory Authority

Originally enacted as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1948, since 1977, the law has been known as the Clean Water Act. It is codified as 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq. The 104th Congress is currently working on reauthorizing the CWA.

The Clean Water Act's objective is the restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. Two goals were established in the 1972 legislation: zero discharge of pollutants by 1985, with an interim goal, where possible, for water quality that is both "fishable" and "swimmable" by mid-1983. While those dates have passed, the goals remain, and efforts to attain the goals continue.

EPA Information Sources

Water Docket

The Water Docket contains background materials used to create water regulations for both the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, including Federal Register notices, public comments, and supporting EPA documents.

phone: (202) 260-3027

Water Resources Center

The Water Resources Center answers water-related questions and provides EPA publications produced by the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW), the Office of Science and Technology (OST), and the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM).

phone: (202) 260-7786
fax: (202) 260-0386
e-mail: Waterpubs@epamail.epa.gov

Water Librarian

The Water Librarian maintains the Water Collection within the EPA Headquarters Library and provides water-related reference and information assistance to EPA and the public. A weekly electronic newsletter distributed via listserver on the reauthorization status of the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts can be requested via e-mail. A monthly newsletter, the Water Cycle, available electronically or in print, focuses on current water-related issues.

phone: (202) 260-8670
fax: (202) 260-5153
e-mail: Library-HQ@epamail.epa.gov

EPA Databases

Permit Compliance System (PCS)

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phone: (202) 260-8313
fax: (202) 260-5282

Storage and Retrieval of US Waterways Parametric Data (STORET)

STORET is a repository of waterway parametric data, including information on ambient, intensive survey, effluent, and biological water quality of the waterways within and contiguous to the United States. STORET is used by EPA programs, regions, states (especially those in water programs), other federal agencies, contractors, and universities. To obtain access to STORET, contact the STORET user assistance group at (800) 429-9067 to request a user ID. To access STORET through a public account to the EPA mainframe, contact the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) at (703) 487-4807.

phone: (202) 260-7050
fax: (202) 260-7024

Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS)

ERNS is used to store information on notifications of releases of oil and hazardous substances into the environment and supports the release notification of section 311 of the Clean Water Act. Additionally, ERNS serves as a mechanism to document and verify incident-location information as initially reported, and is utilized as a direct source of easily accessible data needed for analyzing oil and hazardous substance spills. ERNS information is used for the following purposes: guidance and regulatory development; Congressional inquiries; response preparedness; compliance and enforcement support; statistical and trend analyses; program planning and management; and responses to requests for information from the public. Online access to ERNS is restricted to EPA and other authorized federal governmental personnel. ERNS information may be obtained through the ERNS information line or through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

phone: (703) 603-8735 or (202) 260-2342
fax: (703) 603-9116

Environmental Monitoring Methods Index (EMMI)

. EMMI is a computerized database of more than 2,600 EPA-regulated substances. The information for each substance includes published regulatory limits, method detection limits, method abstracts, and EPA contact information. The regulatory information was extracted from 50 regulatory lists in current environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EMMI is available on diskettes which may be installed on a PC. Members of the public are charged for the diskettes.

phone: (703) 519-1222

National Catalog on the Online Library System (OLS)

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The Headquarters Library has a Water Collection maintained by the Office of Water Librarian. When searching for items available in the Headquarters Water Collection, look for a special collection designation as "WAT" in the holdings field i.e.: EJBM WAT EPA/ 810-B-94-006.

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At the third menu, select "N" for the National Catalog.
user support: (800) 334-2405
HQ Library: (202) 260-5921/5922
Water Librarian: (202) 260-8670

EPA Listservs

CWA/SDWA Reauthorization Newsbrief

The Clean Water Act-Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization Newsbrief is a weekly electronic update of the status of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act as reauthorization is sought in Congress. Produced by the Office of Water Librarian, this service also includes water-related citations to articles of interest. Available to any interested party with an internet address. To subscribe, send an e-mail address to:

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with the message in the text field:

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Federal Register Notices

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listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov

with the message in the text field:

SUBSCRIBE EPA-WATER FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

Non-Point Source Information Exchange

An electronic discussion list on non-point source pollution. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to:

listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov

With the message in the text field:

SUBSCRIBE NPSINFO FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

Other Sources of CWA-related information

EPA Headquarters Library

EPA Headquarters Library has a number of CD-ROM databases available providing citations/abstracts of articles that cover clean water issues, including:

Water Resources Abstracts
Environment Abstracts
Agricola
ASFA (Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts)
NTIS (National Technical Information Service)

COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA)

Statutory Authority

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), P.L. 96-510 was reauthorized by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), P.L. 99-499, and is codified as 42 U.S.C. 9601-9675.

The Act authorizes the federal government to respond to spills and other releases of hazardous substances identified under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act, designated by EPA. Commonly known as "Superfund", the law's taxing authority was to expire on December 31, 1991. However, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-508) extended the taxes without modification for four years through December 31, 1995. The 104th Congress is currently working on the reauthorization of Superfund.

EPA Information Sources

Superfund Docket

The Superfund Docket is the public viewing location for rulemaking materials which support the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Superfund program. Rulemaking materials include: Federal Register notices, public comments, EPA's response to comments, and background reference materials. The Superfund docket contains the 9200 and 9300 series of OSWER directives.

phone: (703) 603-8917

Superfund Hotline

The RCRA/SF/UST (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/Superfund/ Underground Storage Tanks) Hotline's primary function is to provide assistance to the public in understanding EPA's regulations pursuant to RCRA, UST, CERCLA, and Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention documents. The Hotline also provides information on the availability of documents related to RCRA, UST, and CERCLA/SUPERFUND.

phone: (800) 424-9346 or (703) 412-9810
fax: (703) 412-3333

Solid Waste Assistance Program (SWAP)

SWAP is a technical information service designed to collect and distribute materials

upon individual request and to help increase the availability of information in the field of municipal solid waste management. All aspects of solid waste management are available, including: source reduction, recycling, composting, planning, education and training, public participation, legislation and regulation, waste combustion, collection, transfer, disposal, landfill gas, and special wastes.

phone: (800) 677-9424
fax: (301) 585-0297

Methods of Information Communications Exchange (MICE)

MICE provides the analytical text methods (SW-846) for the characterization of hazardous waste in support of RCRA. Questions regarding the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), organic analyses, inorganic analyses, miscellaneous tests, and quality control are answered by chemists, ground water specialists, sampling experts and other professionals who are experienced and knowledgeable in SW-846 testing procedures.

phone: (703) 821-4789
fax: (703) 821-4719

EPA Databases

CERCLIS

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information Systems (CERCLIS) is the Superfund database that contains information on all aspects of hazardous waste sites from initial discovery to listing on the National Priorities List.

phone: (703) 603-8881
fax: (703) 603-9133

Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS)

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through the ERNS information line or through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process.

phone: (703) 603-8735 or (202) 260-2342
fax: (703) 603-9116

EPA Listservs

Federal Register

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RCRA/UST, *Superfund & EPCRA Hotline*

To receive updates to the Hotline, send an e-mail message to:

listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov

with the message in the text field:

SUBSCRIBE HOTLINE_OSWER FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

Other Sources of CERCLIS Information

Environmental Factor CD-ROM

The Environmental Factor CD-ROM is available through the EPA Headquarters Library CD-ROM tower and contains a searchable version of the RCRIS and CERCLIS databases. To access the Headquarters Library CD-ROM tower, EPA employees and contractors should contact their LAN administrators. All other interested parties can access the Environmental Factor CD-ROM at the Headquarters Library, 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, or contact the Headquarters Library at (202) 260-5922 for more information.

EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT (EPCRA)

Statutory Authority

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) was enacted as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (P.L. 99-499) in 1986. EPCRA is codified as 42 U.S.C. 11001-11050.

EPCRA requires local emergency planning to cope with chemical emergencies and ensures that responsible officials are provided with relevant information from local businesses about their activities involving hazardous chemicals. The Act also mandated the development of a national inventory of releases of toxic chemicals from manufacturing facilities. The purpose of the inventory is to provide information to the general public about potential exposure to chemicals.

EPA Information Sources

EPCRA Information Hotline

The EPCRA Information Hotline's primary function is to provide regulatory, policy, and technical assistance to federal agencies, local and state governments, and the public in response to questions related to EPCRA. The Hotline provides information on the availability of EPCRA documents and distributes documents on a limited basis.

phone: (800) 535-0202 or (703) 412-9877
fax: (703) 412-3333

Federal Facilities Docket

The Federal Facilities Docket identifies and resolves environmental problems at federal facilities that engage in hazardous waste activity or have the potential to release hazardous substances into the environment.

phone: (800) 548-1016

OPPT Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC)

The Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC) houses the official copies of all OPPT administrative records supporting regulatory decisions promulgated under TSCA, EPCRA, and SARA.

phone: (202) 260-7099

Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Library (OPPT)

The OPPT Library collection contains publications in chemistry and toxicology, carcinogenesis and mutagenesis, and environmental health and safety, and is sponsored by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances.

phone:	(202) 260-3944
fax:	(202) 260-4659

EPA Databases

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI)

TRI contains information from facilities on the amounts of toxic chemicals that the facilities release directly to air, water, or land, or that are transported off-site. The purpose of TRI is to encourage planning for response to chemical accidents and to provide the public and government with information about possible chemical hazards in communities. TRI is available on EPA's mainframe, the National Library of Medicine's Toxicology Network (TOXNET), magnetic tape, CD-ROM, dBase, and Lotus diskettes (by state).

phone:	(202) 260-3757
fax:	(202) 260-4655
TRI User Support:	(202) 260-1531

Emergency Response Notification System (ERNS)

ERNS is used to store information on notification of releases of oil and hazardous substances into the environment. ERNS provides fact sheets, hard copies, diskettes, or tapes of requested information. ERNS is available on the Department of Transportation's VAX minicomputer in Cambridge, MA. ERNS is used by emergency response personnel, enforcement personnel, and others within EPA interested in release notification and response as well as other federal agencies. Online access is restricted to EPA and other authorized federal governmental personnel. The ERNS Information Line will provide additional information.

phone:	(703) 603-8735
fax:	(703) 603-9116
ERNS Info Line:	(202) 260-2342

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specific EPA libraries, or are available through NTIS. NTIS documents are identified by a NTIS Number, i.e.: PB95-123456. The EPA OPPT Library OCLC code is EJE. OLS can be accessed via the internet or through modem.

To access OLS:

modem: (919) 549-0729
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telnet: EPAIBM.RTPNC.EPA.GOV
At the first menu, select "Public Access." at the second, select "OLS."
At the third menu, select "N" for the National Catalog.
user support: (800) 334-2405
OPPT Library: (202) 260-3944

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Federal Register Notices

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SUBSCRIBE EPA-TRI FIRSTNAME LASTNAME

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEMONSTRATION ACT (ERDDA)

Statutory Authority

Enacted by Congress in 1976, ERDDA, P.L. 94-475, was last amended in 1980. It is currently known as the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1981, P.L. 96-569, codified as 42 U.S.C. 4361-4370.

ERDDA is EPA's statutory mandate for research and development (R&D). ERDDA, along with twelve other environmental protection laws, gives EPA the authority to conduct basic and applied research, to develop and demonstrate new technologies, to monitor the ambient environment--air, water, land, plants, and animals--and to conduct diverse special studies.

EPA Information Sources

National Environmental Supercomputing Center (NESC)

The NESC provides scientists with computing support for many critical environmental models through a sophisticated telecommunications network. Environmental models include:

- Predicting ozone levels in the atmosphere and projecting radiation levels and the effectiveness of possible solutions;
- Studying the causes of acid rain and its short-term and long-term impacts on the environment;
- Predicting the transport of toxic substances such as pesticides, and hazardous wastes through air, ground water, surface water, and soil;
- Simulating the impact of landfill runoff on ecosystems based on changing environmental conditions, chemical interaction within the landfill, and natural phenomena such as floods;
- Studying water pollution in the Great Lakes region including the impact of water circulation changing levels of pollutants, and environmental and man-made conditions.

phone: (517) 894-7600
fax: (517) 894-7676

FEDERAL INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE AND RODENTICIDE ACT (FIFRA)

Statutory Authority

Originally enacted in 1947 (P.L. 80-104), a complete revision of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, including the requirement of registration of previously approved pesticides, was enacted in 1972 and forms the basis of current Federal policy codified as 7 U.S.C. 136-136y.

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (FIFRA), gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the statutory authority to regulate pesticides. Before a pesticide can be marketed in the United States, it must first be granted a "registration". The registration decision is based on a determination that there are no unreasonable adverse effects on human health or the environment, within the constraints of approved uses. All pesticides must be labeled, and the label must specify approved uses and restrictions.

EPA Information Sources

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Docket (Pesticides Docket)

The FIFRA Docket houses background documents and public comments on proposed actions announced by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) in the Federal Register. The Special Review and Registration Standard Docket include all Position Documents, Registration Standards, Science Chapters, public comments, references, letters, other pesticide documents received by OPP under Special Review, and minutes of meetings between EPA and outside parties concerning pesticides under Special Review and those evaluated in the Registration Standard process.

phone: (703) 305-5805
fax: (703) 305-5884

EPA Databases

Pesticide Information Network (PIN)

PIN provides a contacts directory, pesticide applicator training bibliography, pesticide monitoring inventory, pesticide environmental fate and effects data summaries, and current regulatory information on pesticides in special review, cancelled or suspended pesticides, and restricted use product information. Information is provided by EPA, other federal and state agencies, universities, and anyone involved with pesticide manufacture, use, regulation, enforcement, and research. PIN currently contains three information files: Chemical Index, Pesticide Monitoring Inventory, and Restricted Use Products. In 1996,

four other information files are expected to be added: Pesticide Applicator Training, Environmental Fate and Effects Data Summaries, Regulatory Information and a Contacts Directory.

modem: (703) 305-5919
Format Setting: half duplex, seven databits, even parity, one stop bit
phone: (703) 305-7499
fax: (703) 305-6309

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OLS user support: (800) 334-2405
HQ Library: (202) 260-5922/5921

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Other Sources of FIFRA-related information

EPA Headquarters Library

EPA Headquarters Library has a number of CD-ROM databases providing citations/ abstracts of articles that cover pesticide products and their use, including:

CHEM-BANK
POLTOX
TOXLINE
ASFA (Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts)
NTIS (National Technical Information Service)
Agricola
Environment Abstracts
MEDLINE

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

Statutory Authority

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was enacted as P.L. 91-190 on January 1, 1970, and codified as 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347.

The National Environmental Policy Act provides permanent authorizations for annual appropriations. Although primarily administered by the Executive Office of the President's Council on Environmental Quality, several NEPA responsibilities have been assigned to the Environmental Protection Agency. The basic purposes of NEPA are: to declare a national policy to encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality.

EPA has responsibility in four programs or activities: construction grants, new source National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, research and development programs, and facility support activities. As part of the 1974 Policy on NEPA compliance, EPA is committed to preparing environmental impact statements on selected significant regulatory actions.

EPA Information Sources

Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

An EIS is a document required of federal agencies by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for major projects or legislative proposals significantly affecting the environment. It describes the positive and negative effects of the undertaking and lists alternative actions. EPA reports all filed environmental impact statements in the Federal Register. For each EIS listed, a public contact is given, along with the filing agency name and phone number.

phone: (202) 260-5083
fax: (202) 260-0129

Council on Environmental Quality Annual Report

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), part of the Executive Office of the President, produces an annual report to Congress on the state of the environment. This report details environmental issues and trends. Information relating to EPA is in the report.

phone: (202) 395-5750
fax: (202) 395-3744

EPA Databases

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fax:	(202) 260-5282

OCEAN DUMPING ACT

Statutory Authority

Enacted as the first two titles of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972, P.L. 92-532, codified as 33 U.S.C. 1401-1445.

The Ocean Dumping Act has two basic aims which have remained virtually unchanged since 1972: to regulate intentional ocean disposal of materials, and to authorize related research. Other agencies, in addition to EPA, that have responsibilities under the Ocean Dumping Act are the US Army Corps of Engineers, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Coast Guard. EPA has primary authority for regulating ocean disposal of all substances except dredged spoils, which fall under the Corps of Engineers authority. NOAA is responsible for long-range research on the effects of human-induced changes to the marine environment, while EPA is authorized to carry out research related to phasing out sewage sludge and industrial waste dumping. The Coast Guard is charged with maintaining surveillance of ocean dumping.

EPA Information Sources

Water Librarian

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fax:	(202) 260-5153
e-mail:	Library-HQ@epamail.epa.gov

EPA Databases

Ocean Data Evaluation System (ODES)

ODES maintains marine water quality and biological data, and is used by publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) and their supporting contractors, federal agencies, state agencies, EPA programs, and universities. ODES was initially developed to provide managers and analysts with marine monitoring data to assist in meeting the 301(h) sewage discharge statutes. The system, which was expanded to house monitoring data for both marine and fresh water supplies, now contains information associated with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), ocean dumping, the National Estuary Program, 403c industrial discharge, the Great Lakes Remedial Action Program, and the National Coastal Waters Programs. ODES is available to EPA and its partners (states, contractors, and grantees) by obtaining a user ID through the National Data

Processing Division to access the EPA mainframe. To obtain an ID for ODES, contact (202) 260-7028.

phone: (202) 260-7028
fax: (202) 260-7024

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Other Sources of MPRSA-related information

EPA Headquarters Library

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Water Resources Abstracts
Environment Abstracts
ASFA (Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts)
NTIS (National Technical Information Service)

POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT (PRA)

Statutory Authority

Enacted as title VI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, P.L. 101-508, codified as 42 U.S.C. 13101-13109.

The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 requires EPA to establish the Office of Pollution Prevention, create and organize a pollution prevention strategy, and develop source reduction models. The Act authorizes the collection of data on pollution prevention and requires owners and operators of manufacturing facilities to report annually on source reduction and recycling activities.

EPA Information Sources

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC)

PPIC provides information on pollution prevention, source reduction, and recycling, and distributes factsheets and related EPA documents.

phone:	(202) 260-1023
fax:	(202) 260-5153
e-mail:	ppic@epamail.epa.gov

EPA Databases

Enviro$ense

Enviro$ense is an electronic environmental communications network promoting efficient pollution prevention, innovative technology, and compliance assistance. Enviro$ense is accessible through modem or through the internet.

modem:	(703) 908-2092
BBS:	(703) 908-2007
WWW:	http://wastenot.inel.gov/envirosense/

Online Library System (OLS)

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Within the Headquarters library is a special collection of Pollution Prevention

materials. The special collection is identified in the holdings field as "PPC"; i.e.: EJBM PPC EPA/600/R-95/070.

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telnet: EPAIBM.RTPNC.EPA.GOV
At the first menu, select "Public Access" at the second, select "OLS."
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user support: (800) 334-2405
HQ Library: (202) 260-5921/5922
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SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SWDA)

Statutory Authority

The Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L. 93-523, was enacted on December 16, 1974, and codified as 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq. The Act was last reauthorized in June 1986 (P.L. 99-339), and was authorized through FY91. The 104th Congress is working toward the reauthorization of the SWDA.

The Safe Drinking Water Act is the basis for protecting public drinking water systems from harmful contaminants. The major part of the Act is title XIV of the Public Health Service Act--Safety of Public Water Systems. Basically, the Act directs the EPA Administrator to develop: (1) national primary drinking water regulations that incorporate maximum contaminant levels or treatment techniques; (2) underground injection control regulations to protect underground sources of drinking water; and (3) groundwater protection grant programs for the administration of sole-source aquifer demonstration projects and for wellhead protection area programs. The Act authorizes these activities to be implemented by the States.

EPA Information Sources

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (SDW Hotline)

The Safe Drinking Water (SDW) Hotline assists both the regulated community (public water systems) and the public with their understanding of the regulations and programs developed in response to the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1986. Drinking Water publications (fact sheets, pamphlets, health advisories, etc.) may be requested through the SDW Hotline.

phone: (800) 426-4791

Water Docket

The Water Docket contains background materials used to create water regulations for both the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, including Federal Register notices, public comments, and supporting EPA documents.

phone: (202) 260-3027

Water Resources Center

The Water Resources Center answers water-related questions and provides EPA publications produced by the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW), the

Office of Science and Technology (OST), and the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM).

phone: (202) 260-7786
fax: (202) 260-0386
e-mail: Waterpubs@epamail.epa.gov

Water Librarian

The Water Librarian maintains the Water Collection within the EPA Headquarters Library and provides water-related reference and information assistance to EPA and the public. A weekly electronic newsletter distributed via listserver on the reauthorization status of the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Acts can be requested via e-mail. A monthly newsletter, the Water Cycle, available electronically or in print, focuses on current water-related issues.

phone: (202) 260-8670
fax: (202) 260-5153
e-mail: Library-HQ@epamail.epa.gov

EPA Databases

Federal Reporting Data System (FRDS)

FRDS is a repository of information about Public Water Supplies (PWS) and their compliance with monitoring requirements, maximum contaminant level regulations, and other requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1986. FRDS is used by EPA Headquarters and Regions, states, and industry. To obtain access to FRDS, a public account to EPA's mainframe can be obtained through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) by contacting NTIS at (703) 487-4807. EPA and its partners (states, contractors, and grantees) must obtain a user ID through the National Data Processing Division (NDPD) by contacting the FRDS User Support at (703) 339-0137.

phone: (202) 260-2804
fax: (202) 260-3464

Environmental Monitoring Methods Index (EMMI)

EMMI is a computerized database of more than 2,600 EPA-regulated substances. The information for each substance includes published regulatory limits, method detection limits, method abstracts, and EPA contact information. The regulatory information was extracted from 50 regulatory lists in current environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EMMI is available on diskettes which may be installed on a PC. Members of the public are charged for the diskettes.

phone: (703) 519-1222

National Catalog on the Online Library System (OLS)

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The Headquarters Library has a Water Collection maintained by the Office of Water Librarian. When searching for items available in the Headquarters Water Collection, look for a special collection designation as "WAT" in the holdings field i.e.: EJBM WAT EPA/ 810-B-94-006.

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Water Librarian: (202) 260-8670

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CWA/SDWA Reauthorization Newsbrief

The CWA/SWDA Reauthorization Newsbrief is a weekly electronic update on the status of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act as reauthorization is sought in Congress. Produced by the Office of Water Librarian, this service also includes water-related citations to articles of interest. Available to any interested party with an internet address. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to:

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Other Sources of SDWA-related information

EPA Headquarters Library

EPA Headquarters Library has a number of CD-ROM databases available providing citations/abstracts of articles that cover clean water issues, including:

Water Resources Abstracts
Environment Abstracts
Agricola
TOXLINE
MEDLINE
NTIS (National Technical Information Service)

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ACT/
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)

Statutory Authority

The Solid Waste Disposal Act was first enacted in 1965. In 1976, it was amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), establishing federal regulation of solid and hazardous waste management. The Act is codified as 42 U.S.C. 6901-6991k.

RCRA defines solid and hazardous waste, authorizes EPA to set standards for facilities that generate or manage hazardous waste, and establishes a permit program for hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities.

EPA Information Sources

Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Docket and RCRA Information Center (RIC)

The RCRA Information Center (RIC) provides public access to all regulatory materials supporting EPA's actions under RCRA, and disseminates current technical and nontechnical Office of Solid Waste publications. The 9400 and 9500 series of OSWER Directives are also available from the RIC.

phone:	(202) 260-9327
fax:	(202) 260-9327

RCRA Hotline

The RCRA/SF/UST (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/Superfund/ Underground Storage Tanks) Hotline's primary function is to provide assistance to the public in understanding EPA's regulations pursuant to RCRA, UST, CERCLA, and Waste Minimization/Pollution Prevention documents. The Hotline also provides information on the availability of documents related to RCRA, UST, and CERCLA/SUPERFUND.

phone:	(800) 424-9346 or (703) 412-9810
fax:	(703) 412-3333
hotline:	(800) 424-9346 or (703) 412-9810

Underground Storage Tank (UST) Docket

The UST Docket provides public access to regulatory information supporting EPA's regulatory actions on underground storage tanks. There are eight docket: UST Notification; Technical Standards for UST; Financial Responsibility for UST containing Petroleum Products; State Program Approval; Report to Congress on Exempt Tanks;

Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and Revocation and Suspension of Permits; Financial Responsibility for USTs Containing Hazardous Materials; and Issuance of an Administrative Hearing on RCRA Section 9003(h). The UST Docket also contains the 9600 and 9700 series of OSWER directives.

phone: (202) 260-9720

Methods of Information and Exchange (MICE)

MICE provides the analytical text methods (SW-846) for the characterization of hazardous waste in support of RCRA. Questions regarding the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP), organic analyses, inorganic analyses, miscellaneous tests, and quality control are answered by chemists, ground water specialists, sampling experts and other professionals who are experienced and knowledgeable in SW-846 testing procedures.

phone: (703) 821-4769
fax: (703) 821-4719

Hazardous Waste Ombudsman Program

The hazardous waste management program established under RCRA assists the public in resolving problems concerning any program or requirement under the Hazardous Waste Program. The Ombudsman Program handles complaints, obtains facts, sorts information, and substantiates policy. They can also provide fliers, brochures, and a handbook on request.

phone: (202) 260-9361 or (800) 262-7937
fax: (202) 260-8929

EPA Databases

Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS)

RCRIS is a national system which supports the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program through the tracking of events and activities related to facilities which generate, transport, and treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste. RCRIS allows RCRA program staff to track the notification, permit, compliance, and corrective action activities required under RCRA. EPA and states, contractors, and grantees must obtain a use ID through the National Data Processing Division to access RCRIS on the EPA mainframe. Magnetic tapes are also available through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

phone: (202) 260-4697
fax: (202) 260-0284

user support:	(800) 767-7274
NTIS:	(703) 487-4650 or (800) 553-NTIS

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RCRA/UST, Superfund & EPCRA Hotline Update

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Other Sources of RCRA Information

Environmental Factor CD-ROM

The Environmental Factor CD-ROM is available through the EPA Headquarters Library CD-ROM tower and contains a searchable version of the RCRIS and CERCLIS databases. To access the Headquarters Library CD-ROM tower, EPA employees and contractors should contact their LAN administrators. All other interested parties can access the Environmental Factor CD-ROM at the Headquarters Library, 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, or contact the Headquarters Library at (202) 260-5922 for more information.

TOXIC SUBSTANCE CONTROL ACT (TSCA)

Statutory Authority

The Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) was signed into law in 1976 as P.L. 94-469. TSCA authorizes EPA to screen existing and new chemicals used in manufacturing and commerce to identify potentially dangerous products or uses that should be subject to federal control. TSCA is codified as 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.

Under TSCA, EPA may require manufacturers and processors of chemicals to conduct and report the results of tests to determine the effects of potentially dangerous chemicals on living beings. Based on test results and other information, EPA may regulate the manufacture, importation, processing, distribution, use, and/or disposal of any chemical that presents an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment. A variety of regulatory tools is available to EPA under TSCA ranging in severity from a warning label to total ban. TSCA directs EPA to use the least burdensome option that can reduce risk to a level that is reasonable given the benefits provided by the chemical product or process. As enacted, TSCA included a provision requiring EPA to take specific measures to control the risks from polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) [section 6(e)]. Subsequently, three titles have been added to address concerns about other specific toxic substances such as, asbestos in 1986 (Title II P.L. 99-519), radon in 1988 (Title III, P.L. 100-551), and lead in 1992 (Title IV, P.L. 102-550).

EPA Information Sources

TSCA Assistance

The TSCA Assistance Information Service provides information on TSCA regulations. Publications such as Federal Register notices and other documents which provide information on TSCA regulatory activities are available.

phone: (202) 554-1404
fax: (202) 554-5603

OPPT Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC)

The Office of Pollution, Prevention, and Toxics (OPPT) Non-Confidential Information Center (NCIC) houses the official copies of all OPPT administrative records supporting regulatory decisions promulgated under TSCA, EPCRA, and SARA.

phone: (202) 260-7099

Asbestos Ombudsman Clearinghouse/Hotline

The mission of the Asbestos Ombudsman Clearinghouse/Hotline is to provide information to the public on handling abatement and management of asbestos in schools, the work place, and the home. Interpretation of the asbestos in schools requirements is provided. Publications to explain recent legislation are also available.

phone: (703) 305-5938 or (800) 368-5888
fax: (703) 305-6462

National Radon Hotline

The National Radon Hotline provides information on radon health effects and home testing for radon. along with brochure and a coupon for a discount on a Radon test kit.

phone: (800) SOS-RADON
fax: (202) 293-0032

National Lead Information Center Hotline

The mission of the National Lead Information Center Hotline is to provide information to parents on how to protect children from lead poisoning. Callers will hear a recording in either English or Spanish requesting their name and address to send an information package containing a brochure on how to protect children from lead poisoning, three related fact sheets, and a list of state and local contacts who can provide additional information.

phone: (800) LEAD-FYI or (800) 532-3394

EPA Databases

TSCATS

The Toxic Substances Control Act Test Submissions Online Database (TSCATS) contains unpublished, non-Confidential Business Information (non-CBI) data used to monitor health, ecological, and safety effects of the toxic chemicals used within industries. The database contains citations and abstracts of studies of chemicals regulated under TSCA. Industries also submit FYI (for your information) studies which contain information on human exposure, toxicity test results, environmental fate, epidemiology, and other information that may be pertinent to risk assessment. The database is updated quarterly and is available to EPA staff and the public through a variety of sources including, the National Library of Medicine's TOXLINE, NTIS (National Technical Information Service) magnetic tape and microfiche versions, Chemical Information Systems, Inc. (CIS) TSCATS file, SilverPlatter's CD-ROM TOXLINE, and online through Knight-Ridder's Dialog Toxline

file. The TOXLINE CD-ROM is available on the Headquarters Library CD-ROM tower.

phone: (202) 260-2320
fax: (202) 260-4659

Chemicals on Reporting Rules (CORR)

The CORR database contains information available to the public on chemical substances, categories, and mixtures regulated under TSCA and EPCRA. All CORR entries have been the subject of proposed or final rules issued by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in the Federal Register (FR). The purpose of CORR is to link information about TSCA and EPCRA regulated chemicals with their respective FR citations and/or Premanufacture Notice (PMN) information.

phone: (202) 554-1404
fax: (202) 554-5603

Chemicals In Commerce Information system (CICIS)

CICIS contains a comprehensive inventory of over 70,000 chemicals manufactured in commerce or imported for TSCA regulated commercial purposes. The database can be accessed by EPA, state and local governments, and the public.

phone: (202) 260-1444
fax: (202) 260-1657

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