

e-Manifest Fact Sheet: Tribes

EPA is establishing a national system for tracking hazardous waste shipments electronically. This system known as “e-Manifest,” will modernize the nation’s cradle-to-grave hazardous waste tracking process while saving valuable time, resources, and dollars for industry and states. EPA is establishing e-Manifest per the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act, which Congress enacted into law on October 5, 2012. e-Manifest is a multi-faceted program that includes system development; regulation and policy; implementation and communication; and consultation with the e-Manifest federal advisory committee.

What Tribes Need to Know

- e-Manifest launches nationwide on June 30, 2018.
- Once the system launches, e-Manifest data will be generally available to the public 90 days post-receipt of the manifest.
- Once available, tribes can access e-Manifest data here:
<https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoweb/action/main-menu/view>.
- e-Manifest includes information about which sites ship hazardous waste off-site, the types of hazardous waste generated and shipped, and where the hazardous wastes are ultimately received for final management. Although e-Manifest will show origination and destination points for individual hazardous waste shipments, the system does not include information about specific transportation routes.
- All receiving facilities, e.g., facilities that receive waste that must be manifested under federal law or receive state-only hazardous waste that must be manifested as required by either the state in which the waste was generated or received, must submit those manifests to EPA either via paper or electronically. EPA will charge receiving facilities an associated fee for each manifest.
- Many tribes are also generators of hazardous waste. As generators, tribes have the option to create and submit manifests electronically in e-Manifest. If your tribe generates hazardous waste, you may only use

electronic manifests if/when both the transporter and receiving facility are also using electronic manifests.

- If generators would like to submit electronically, they must register for e-Manifest and will need an EPA Identification Number (EPA ID).
- Generators may continue to use paper manifests after June 30, 2018; however, EPA encourages the use of electronic manifests.
- The existing 6-copy manifest form is being replaced with a new 5-copy form. The new form will be effective starting on June 30, 2018.

Scope of e-Manifest

e-Manifest will facilitate the electronic transmission of the uniform manifest form, which accompanies shipments of hazardous waste. e-Manifest affects any regulated waste shipped on a manifest, including:

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) federal hazardous waste,
- Regulated PCB waste shipped on a manifest,
- State-regulated hazardous waste (if manifest is required by origination or destination state),
- Very Small Quantity Generator waste (if manifest required),
- Imported hazardous waste.

EPA will implement the e-Manifest regulations until Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) authorized states adopt and become authorized for the e-Manifest regulations. (Note: some parts of the e-Manifest regulations, such as collection of user fees, will only be implemented by EPA.)

Obtain/Update EPA ID Number

Generators located on tribal land may submit EPA form 8700-12 to obtain an EPA ID number from their EPA Region. The form can be found on RCRAInfo Web at <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoweb>. For generators who already have an EPA ID number, previously submitted information (e.g., contact information) on the RCRAInfo website needs to be up-to-date.

Register with e-Manifest

e-Manifest will be linked to EPA's existing RCRA Information System (RCRAInfo). e-Manifest registration and instructions are available at: www.epa.gov/e-Manifest. Generators can register with e-Manifest at any point; registering with e-Manifest allows generators to view, create, and/or sign manifests electronically or make corrections to manifests. Generators may only use electronic manifests if transporters and receiving facilities listed on the manifest are also registered for e-Manifest. (See also the Generator Fact Sheet.)

Benefits of e-Manifest

e-Manifest will improve access to higher quality and timely data while saving time and resources for industry and other stakeholders. Benefits include:

- Cost savings,
- Accurate and more timely information on waste handling,

- Rapid notification of discrepancies or other problems related to a shipment,
- One-stop reporting of data to EPA and the states through a single hub,
- Increased effectiveness of monitoring of waste shipments by regulators, and
- Potential for integrating manifest reporting with other federal and state information systems.

Federal Links

- EPA Tribal Waste Management <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands>
- For information on how to register for e-Manifest and to view frequently asked questions on e-Manifest, go to <http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest>
- Submit input/questions to eManifest@epa.gov
- To subscribe to the general program Listserv send a blank message to: eManifest-subscribe@lists.epa.gov

E-MANIFEST CONCEPTUAL MODEL

