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What are we doing?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Solid Waste and Office of Environmental Information have joined together to bring e-government to the RCRA program. At the start of June 2002, we will be launching a web-enabled site for the collection of RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Forms (Federal Form 8700-12). Using the Internet, facilities that require a RCRA EPA ID Number to be issued or who want to update their facility information will be able to do so electronically.

Note: Only States, Territories, Tribes, and Regions that use the Federal Form will be able to participate initially.

Who are the players?

The OEI's Central Data Exchange (CDX) serves as the EPA's Internet portal to the National Environmental Information Exchange Network, an all- encompassing effort to provide an e-government solution to collecting data from States, Territories, Tribes, Regions, and the Regulated Community.

As the managers of EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act data, OSW's Information Management Branch is building a comprehensive web-enabled application to improve data submission and data quality of the RCRA Subtitle C Site Identification Form.

EPA Region 3 (Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia) will be largely responsible for vetting the application and contributing to its functionality and design in a month long "pilot" program beginning in February 2002.

The RCRA Regulated Community is, of course, the key piece in the overall success of the OSW and CDX Site Identification Project. They will be the facilities and preparers who choose to file the Subtitle C forms for new facilities that require an RCRA EPA ID Number or who wish to update the information provided to EPA and its partners.

When are we doing it?

Again, the anticipated launch date is June 10, 2002. Needless to say, there is much to accomplish before then. We will be undergoing extensive in-house testing with Region 3's "pilot" program before introducing the application to all other EPA partners.

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What are the next steps?

We are striving to stay at the forefront of e-government, and we will be working to implement digital signature functionality to this “e-form” when the EPA finalizes Agency policy.

Additionally, we will be working on a expansion of this project to develop web-enabled, State-specific RCRA Site Identification Forms. The State of Ohio has graciously volunteered to assist us in this endeavor.

Who can I contact for more information?

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