Announcement of e-Manifest May 31, 2017 2:00 EST Webinar

On May 31, 2017 at 2:00 PM EST, EPA's e-Manifest team will conduct a public webinar to display the latest e-Manifest system updates. This webinar will feature system updates resulting from recent user testings and feedback. The team also will provide the latest information concerning other aspects of the program, including the e-Manifest user fee rule and the Agency's stakeholder outreach efforts. The webinar will conclude with a brief question and answer session for attendees. All webinar attendees must be pre-registered for this event. To register, please visit:

https://events-na1.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/41854534/en/events/event/shared/2313336710/event_landing.html?sco-id=2313290564&_charset_=utf-8

e-Manifest System Development

The Agency continues to conduct user testing on the February 2017 Phase I public release of the e-Manifest system. As a result of user feedback, the Agency has made several improvements to the system, including enabling generators and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs) to create, update, view, and share their manifests throughout every manifest processing stage. In June 2017, the Agency will release the refined version of Phase I for further user feedback and testing. To learn how to participate in the Phase I release user feedback and testing, please visit https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/how-participate-testing-e-manifest-system-e-manifest.

In addition to the June release, the Agency will be conducting "one-on-one usability" testing of the system. If you are interested in volunteering for this testing, please send an email message to eManifest@epa.gov. The Agency relies on the results of these tests to maximize the efficiency of e-Manifest.

e-Manifest User Fee Rule

The Agency is developing a final rule for determining and revising e-Manifest System user fees, which includes responding to public comments received on its July 2016 proposed rule. In developing the rulemaking, EPA staff are also consulting with the Department of Homeland Security on chemical security issues that were raised during the public comment period. The Agency is expecting to complete its internal rulemaking process in June 2017, and will then forward the rule to the Office of Management and Budget to begin EO 12866 and interagency review. The Agency expects to issue a final rule in December 2017.

e-Manifest Advisory Board

The Agency is currently reviewing the final meeting minutes of the e-Manifest Advisory Board's first public meeting, which was held on January 10-12, 2017, in Arlington VA. The purpose of

the January meeting was for the Board to advise the Agency on e-Manifest system development matters, such as critical functionality needed on Day 1 of e-Manifest, and mechanisms that may encourage early adoption of e-Manifest by the user community. The final meeting minutes, published on April 12, 2017, are comprised of the advice and recommendations that the Board provided during the public meeting. The Agency anticipates publishing its response to the e-Manifest Advisory Board's recommendations during the summer of 2017.

e-Manifest Implementation

EPA has developed and shared initial "checklists" for EPA Regions and states to begin preparing for the transition to e-Manifest. These checklists are the beginning of the Agency's ramping up of communications and tools to prepare key stakeholder groups for system launch.

e-Manifest Stakeholder Meetings

On April 5, 2017, e-Manifest team representatives participated in an Environmental Council of States (ECOS) "Engagement Forum on E-Enterprise for the Environment" in Washington, DC. EPA conducted a demonstration of the e-Manifest System for the forum participants. This event was widely attended by representatives from states, tribes, trade organizations, and members of the press.

During the week of April 24, 2017, in Cleveland, Ohio, EPA's e-Manifest team presented e-Manifest project updates to EPA Regional senior managers and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO). Materials and discussions focused on what regions and states need to do to successfully implement the system, and what the e-Manifest team can do to facilitate the transition to e-Manifest.

On May 16, 2017, EPA e-Manifest team representatives participated in the "The Efficiencies in Regulatory Programs Panel Discussion" at the National Exchange Network in Philadelphia, PA. During the discussion, EPA provided an update on its work with the states, industry, and other stakeholders to design and develop the e-Manifest system to meet the needs of its user community.

During the Fall of 2017, EPA plans to conduct regional visits to provide training sessions to prepare the regions and states for the anticipated June 2018 implementation of e-Manifest.