# **Registering with CDX**

ODS and HFC Reporting Instructions
November 2024

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This document provides information for reporting entities on how to register with the Central Data Exchange (CDX) for the purposes of submitting data to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on ozone depleting substances (ODS) and/or hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), as required by CFR 40, Part 82, and Part 84, respectively. All individuals that report ODS and/or select HFC data electronically on behalf of a reporting entity must register with the ODS Program within CDX.

For information on completing and submitting ODS reports and other relevant ODS and HFC documents to EPA using CDX, see EPA's other helpful documents available for download online at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/ods-phaseout/ozone-depleting-substances-ods-recordkeeping-and-reporting">https://www.epa.gov/ods-phaseout/ozone-depleting-substances-ods-recordkeeping-and-reporting</a>.

The remainder of this document is organized as follows:

- **Section II**: Register with CDX (First-Time Users)
- Section III: Add ODS to your Program Services (Existing Users)
- Section IV: Register Under a New Organization (Existing Users)
- Appendix A: Update your Account Information
- Appendix B: Deactivating Accounts

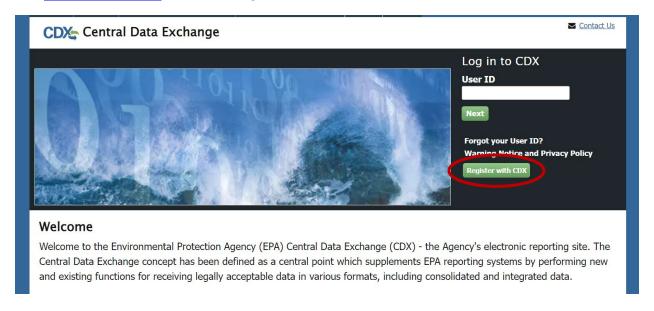
#### **Questions?**

For questions about ODS reporting and HFC reporting, contact <a href="https://example.com/HFCallocation@epa.gov">HFCallocation@epa.gov</a>.
For questions about CDX, contact the CDX Helpdesk at **(888) 890-1995** or <a href="https://epaches.com/helpdesk@epacdx.net">helpdesk@epacdx.net</a>.

# II. REGISTER WITH CDX (FIRST-TIME USERS)

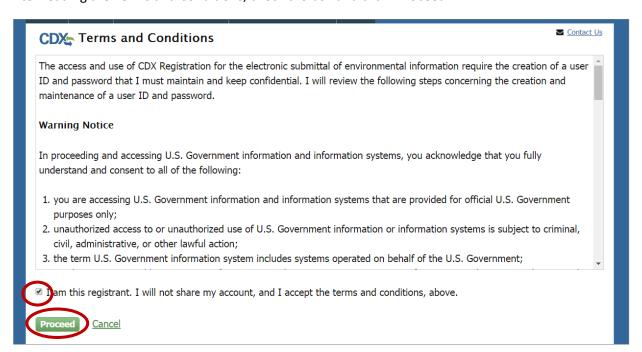
#### **Step 1: Initiate the Registration Process**

Visit https://cdx.epa.gov and select "Register with CDX."



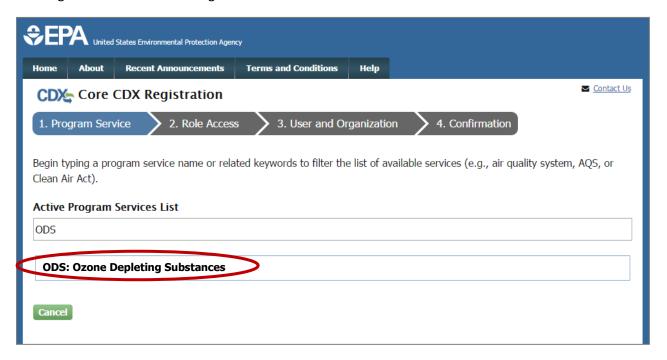
## Step 2: Read and Accept the Terms and Conditions

After reading the Terms and Conditions, check the box and click "Proceed."



# Step 3: Select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the Program List

Locate and select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the list of active program services by either scrolling down the list or entering "ODS" in the search criteria box.



## Step 4: Enter User ID and Email

- Create a unique User ID, which must be more than 7 characters long.
- Enter your email address.



<u>Note:</u> It is important that you remember your username; you will need this information to access your CDX account and submit reports to EPA.

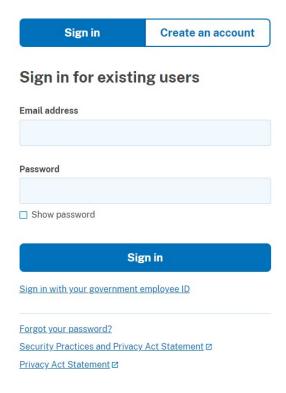
# Step 5: Proceed to Login.gov

Select "Proceed to Login.gov."



# Step 6: Log into or Create a Login.gov Account

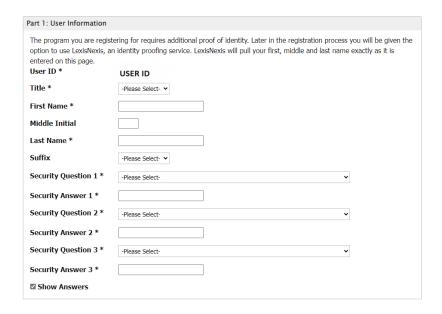
If you have an existing Login.gov account, sign in with your Login.gov credentials. If you do not have an existing Login.gov account, select "Create an account" and follow the steps to create an account for new users. Ensure the email you enter is the same email you entered under Step 4.



After logging into your new or existing Login.gov account, select "Agree and Continue" to proceed to CDX.

## **Step 7: Enter User Information**

- Select a title and enter your first and last name. Middle initial and suffix are optional.
- Select three security questions and provide an answer for each one.



Note: It is important that you remember the security question answers entered in Part 1: User Information; you will need this information to access your CDX account and submit reports to EPA.

# **Step 8: Enter Organization Information**

Search for your organization by typing the name of your organization or the organization ID (if known) in the text box and clicking "Search."



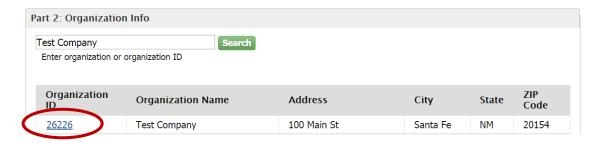
#### The Importance of your Organization ID

CDX assigns each organization in its database with a unique 5-7-digit ID. The Organization ID you register with and submit data under in CDX is used by the ODS Tracking System to identify the reporting entity of each submission. Additionally, all users registered under the same Organization ID have access to the same Submission History table in CDX (as described in EPA's guidance document on *Submitting ODS Data*). The use of a consistent Organization ID by all individuals that submit reports on behalf of your company is required by EPA.

- → If your organization appears in the search results, continue to Step 8a.
- → If your organization is not already in CDX, skip to Step 8c.

#### **Step 8a: Select Your Organization**

If your organization appears in the search results, click on the link under 'Organization ID.'

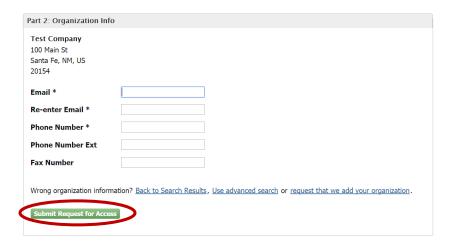


# What if my Organization's Address is different from my Address?

To ensure the accurate tracking of ODS and HFC data, EPA requires each reporting entity to use a consistent Organization ID in CDX. If your company has already begun using an Organization ID in CDX, but the address listed for that Organization ID is for a different facility/location than the address of the individual registering, you should still register under the established Organization ID. You will have the option to tailor the primary contact's address when you submit a report to EPA. If your company has not previously submitted ODS or HFC data to EPA under an existing Organization ID in CDX, you may add a new organization entry to CDX by following steps 6b-7b.

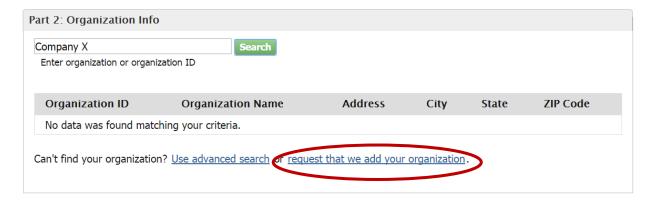
## **Step 8b: Enter Organization Information**

Enter your email, phone number, and fax number (if desired), and select "Submit Request for Access."



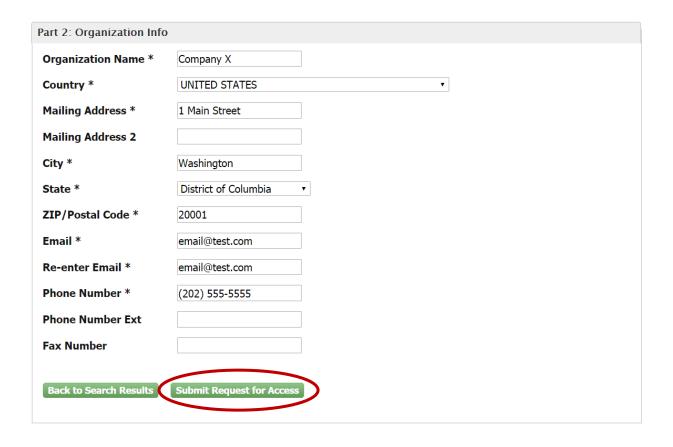
### **Step 8c: Request to Add Your Organization**

If your organization's information is not already in CDX, you may request for CDX to add your organization by clicking on the link to "request that we add your organization."



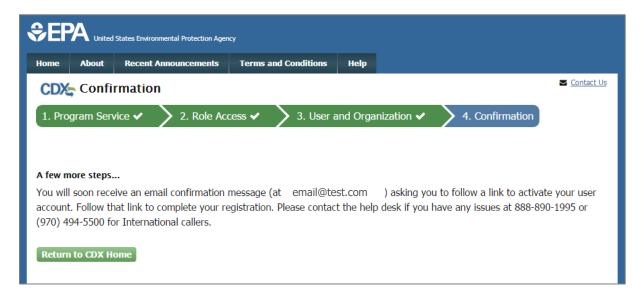
# Step 8d: Submit Request to Add an Organization

Enter your organization information and then click "Submit Request for Access."



# **Step 8e: Confirm Account with Email Validation**

Check your email inbox for an email confirmation. When you receive the message, click the link provided to confirm your account.



You have successfully created an account with the EPA Central Data Exchange (CDX).

In order to complete your registration and begin using the system, you will need to confirm your account by clicking the hyperlink below and successfully logging in. You will need to enter the UserID (JANE.DOE) and Password that were selected during the registration process.

https://dev.epacdx.net/Registration/EmailValidation?code=a10581de-d8ec-495b-b22c-9392bf22d80

If you click the link and it appears to be broken, please copy and paste it into a new browser window.

Once you have successfully logged into your account, you may be required to provide additional information. Any additional information will need to be completed before you are able to access your Program Service.

Please do not respond to this message. If you have questions concerning this request, you may contact us by email at helpdesk@epacdx.net or by calling the CDX Technical Support Staff through our toll free telephone support on 888-890-1995 between Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm EST/EDT. For International callers, the CDX Help Desk can also be reached at (970) 494-5500.

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Follow the instructions provided in the confirmation email. You may be required to enter the UserID and login credentials that were created during the registration process.

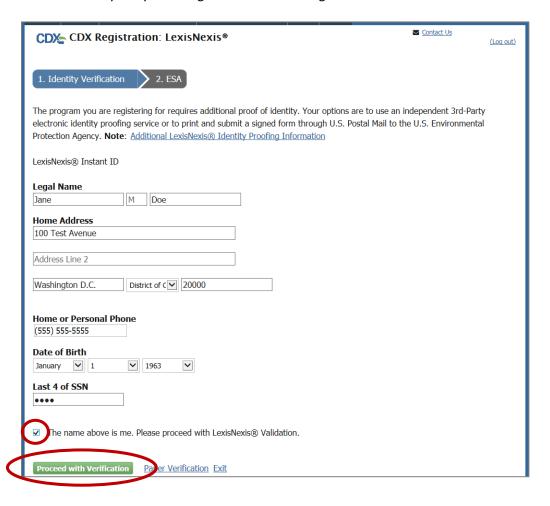
#### **Identity Proofing in CDX**

As part of the CDX registration process, EPA requires proof of your identity. You may use an independent third-party electronic identity proofing service (i.e., LexisNexis) or print and submit a signed electronic signature agreement (ESA) through U.S. Postal Mail to EPA. LexisNexis, which is only available to users located within the United States, allows users to immediately access the ODS data flow following authentication; users that submit a paper ESA are required to wait 7-10 days for EPA to receive their ESA and approve them for access.

- → If you wish to verify your identity using LexisNexis, continue to Step 9.
- → If you wish to submit a signed ESA through U.S. Postal Mail, skip to Step 10a.

# Step 9: Verify your Identity using LexisNexis

Once you submit a request for access, you will be directed to verify your identity using LexisNexis. Enter your address, date of birth, and last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). Verify that the name above is you by checking the box and clicking "Proceed with Verification."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you have concerns about providing this information, click on the link for 'Additional LexisNexis Identity Proofing Information.'

Review and sign your CDX electronic signature agreement (ESA) by selecting "Sign Electronically."



#### **Electronic CDX Electronic Signature Agreement**

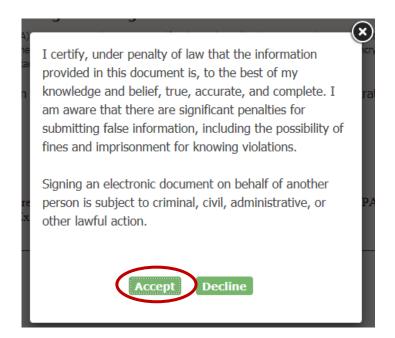
The CDX electronic signature agreement (ESA) is an agreement between yourself and CDX that will authorize your electronic signature. By signing the ESA you agree to adhere to the conditions listed on the agreement below. Once the ESA has been signed, you will be authorized to sign and/or encrypt information for your data flow. For any questions regarding the CDX ESA, please contact the CDX Help Desk.

Signing an electronic document on behalf of another person is subject to criminal, civil, administrative, or other lawful action.

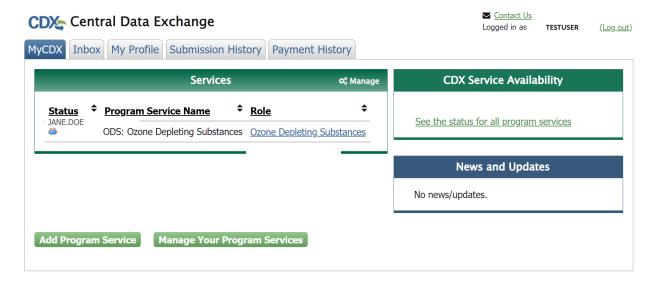




Certify that the information provided is correct by clicking "Accept."



You will then be redirected to your new CDX Account Page.



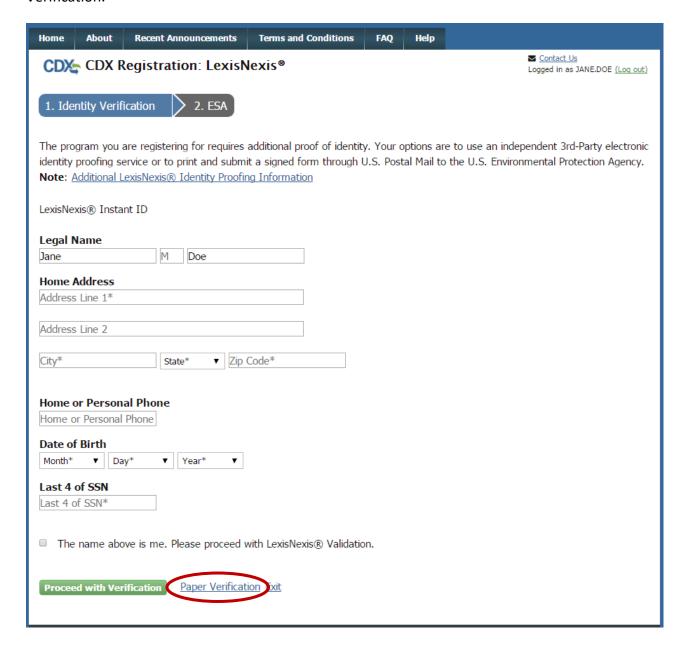
# Congratulations!

You are now registered with CDX under the ODS Program.

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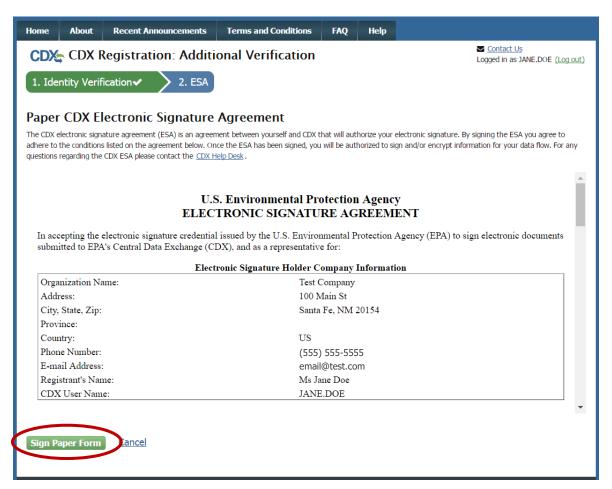
# Step 10a: Submit Signed ESA through U.S. Postal Mail

If you do not wish to or are unable to use LexisNexis for identity proofing, select "Paper Verification."



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Select "Sign Paper Form" and then "Print to Mail." Save an electronic copy of the ESA to your computer as a PDF, and then print a hard copy of the file.





#### Step 10b: Read, Sign, and Mail the Electronic Signature Agreement to EPA

Review and sign the Electronic Signature Agreement, and mail the document to EPA using one of the following addresses, which are also provided in the Electronic Signature Agreement:

#### **For Private Courier:**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Tracking System Program Manager Stratospheric Protection Division William Clinton East Building, Room 1340 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

#### For U.S. Postal Service:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Stratospheric Protection Division Office of Atmospheric Programs Mail Code: 6205T 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

#### **Notifying EPA of your Hardcopy ESA**

It is strongly encouraged that you send an email to <a href="https://example.com/HFCAllocation@epa.gov">HFCAllocation@epa.gov</a> to notify EPA that you have sent by mail a hardcopy ESA and provide a tracking number for the document. This will help EPA expedite the account activation process.

## **Step 11: Final Registration Notification**

Once EPA has received the signed ESA by mail, your account will be activated. Account activation is expected to take 7-10 days. You will be notified by email when your account has been activated.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Central Data Exchange (CDX) registration system has processed a change in registration status.

If you have questions concerning this change in registration status, you may contact us by email at <a href="https://helpotestage.net/">helpotestage.net/</a> or by calling the CDX Technical Support Staff through our toll free telephone support on 888-890-1995 between Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm EST/EDT. For callers from Puerto Rico and Guam, the CDX Help Desk can also be reached at (970) 494-5500.

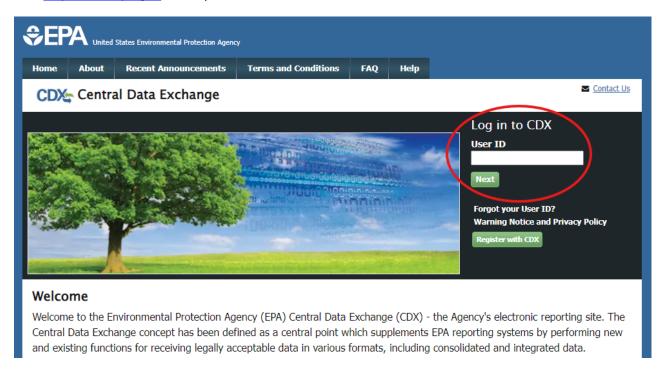
# Congratulations!

You are now registered with CDX under the ODS Program.

# III. ADD ODS TO YOUR PROGRAM SERVICES (EXISTING USERS)

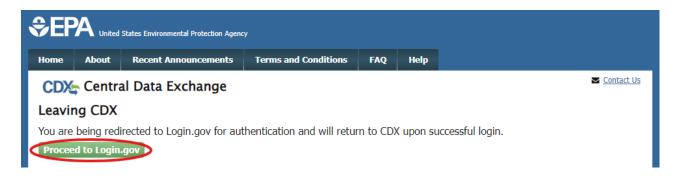
#### Step 1: Log into CDX

Visit <a href="https://cdx.epa.gov">https://cdx.epa.gov</a>, enter your User ID, and select "Next".



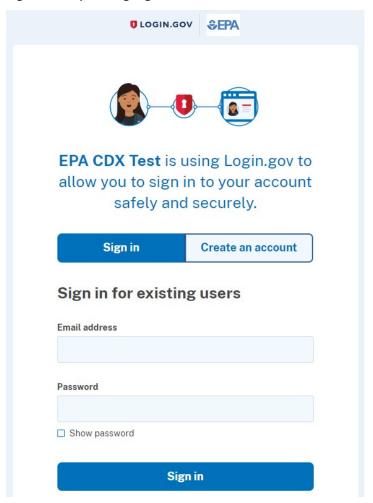
## Step 2: Proceed to Login.gov

You will be redirected to Login.gov to sign in. Select "Proceed to Login.gov".



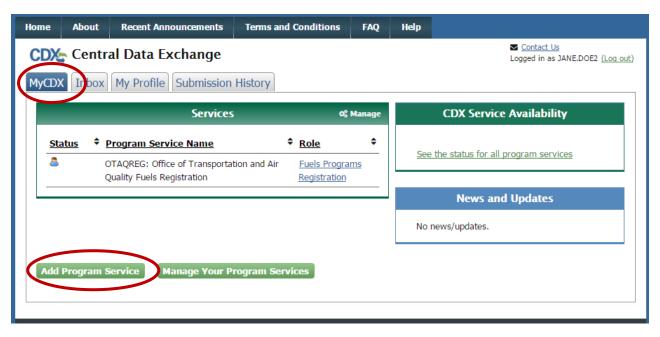
# **Step 3: Log into Login.gov**

Sign in with your Login.gov credentials.



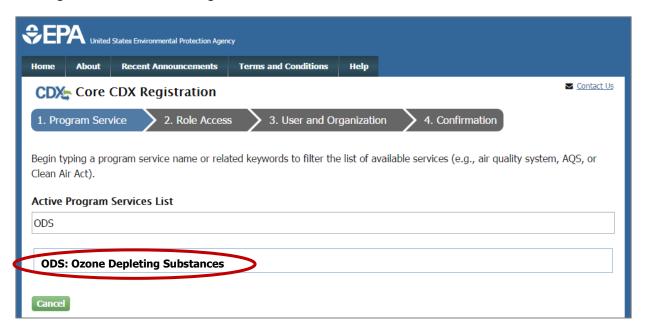
### **Step 4: Add Program Service**

From the 'MyCDX' tab, select "Add Program Service."



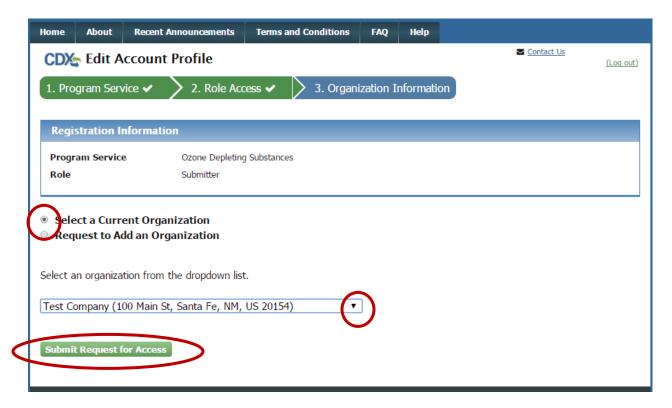
# Step 5: Select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the Program List

Locate and select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the list of active program services by either scrolling down the list or entering "ODS" in the search criteria box.



#### **Step 6: Select a Current Organization**

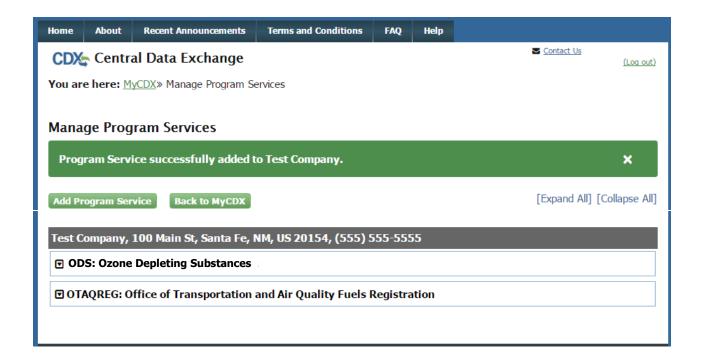
Select a current organization from the dropdown list and select "Submit Request for Access." If you want to register under a new organization, see Section IV.



## Why don't I need to sign another ESA?

The electronic signature agreement (ESA) is specific to the organization under which you register. Therefore, since you already submitted an ESA when registering for another CDX program, you are not required to sign and submit a new electronic signature agreement.

#### Add ODS to your Program Services (Existing Users)



# Congratulations!

You have successfully added ODS to your Program Services.

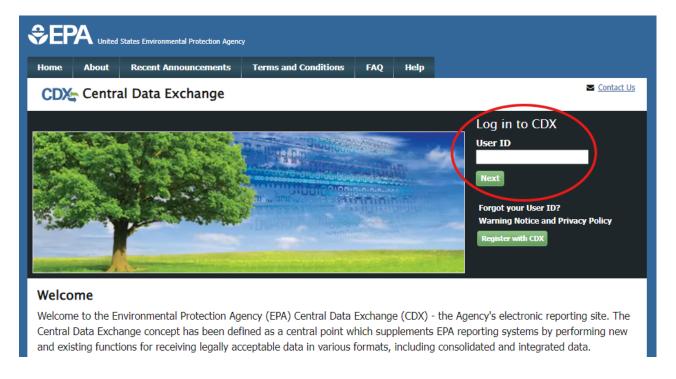
# IV. REGISTER UNDER A NEW ORGANIZATION (EXISTING USERS)

# When should I Register under a New Organization?

The organization you register with and submit data under in CDX is used by the ODS Tracking System to identify the reporting entity of each submission. CDX assigns each organization in its database with a unique 5-7-digit ID. The use of a consistent Organization ID by all individuals that submit reports on behalf of your company is required by EPA. If your company has previously submitted ODS or HFC data to EPA through CDX under an Organization ID, you should only register and submit data under a new Organization ID in CDX if the name of your organization changes (e.g., due to a merger or acquisition).

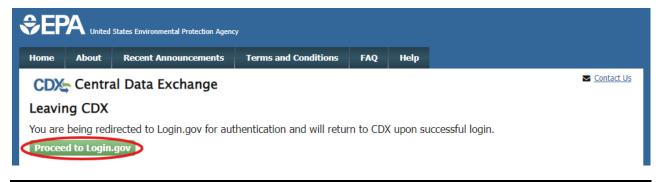
#### Step 1: Log into CDX

Visit <a href="https://cdx.epa.gov">https://cdx.epa.gov</a>, enter your User ID, and select "Next".



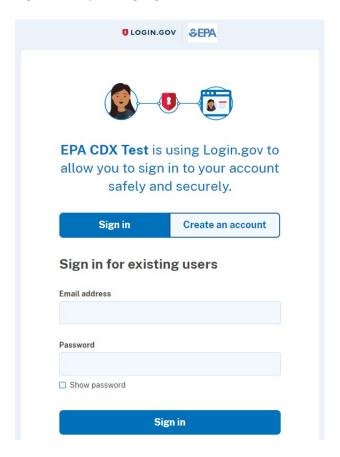
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You will be redirected to Login.gov to sign in. Select "Proceed to Login.gov".



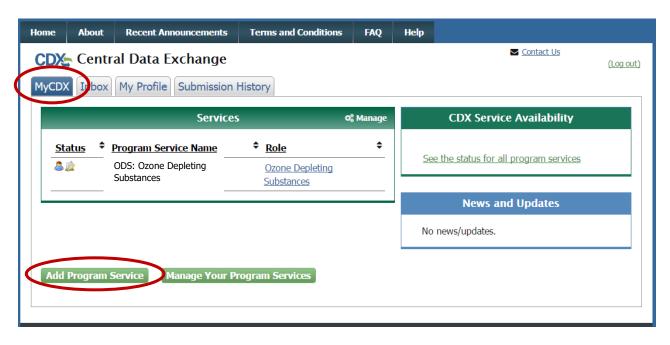
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Sign in with your Login.gov credentials.



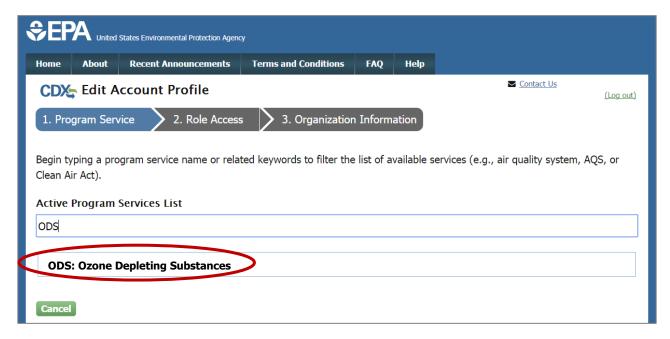
#### **Step 4: Modify Program Services**

From the 'MyCDX' tab, select "Add Program Service."



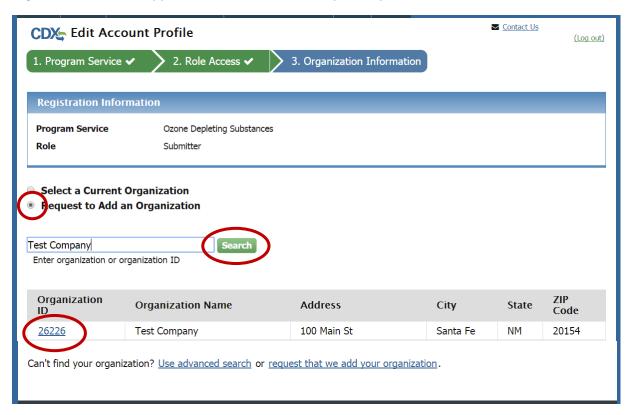
## Step 5: Select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the Program List

Locate and select "ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances" from the list of active program services by either scrolling down the list or entering "ODS" in the search criteria box.



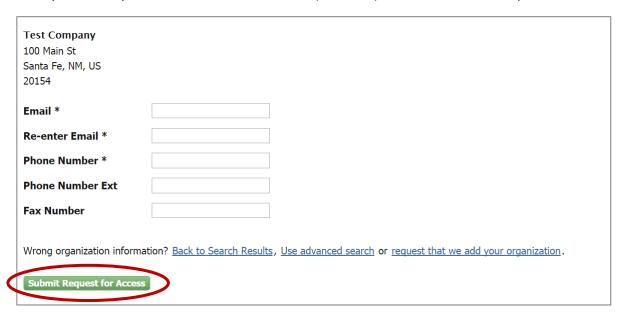
#### **Step 6: Select New Organization**

Request to add a new organization by typing the name of your organization or the CDX organization ID (if known) in the text box, clicking "Search," and clicking on the link under 'Organization ID.' If your organization does not appear in the search results, skip to Step 6.



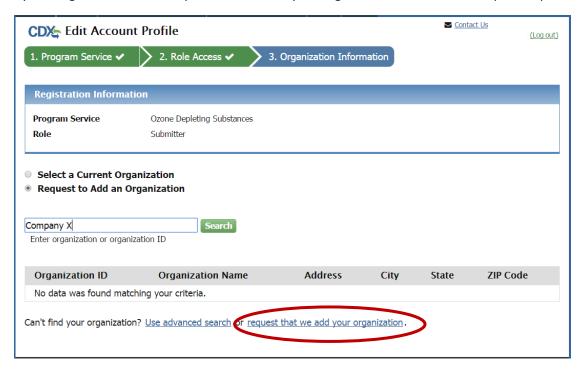
#### **Step 7: Enter Organization Information**

Enter your email, phone number, and fax number (if desired) and select "Submit Request for Access."



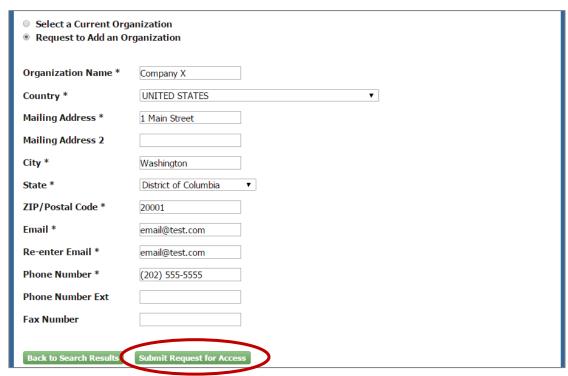
#### **Step 8: Request to Add Your Organization**

If your organization's information is not already in CDX, you may request for CDX to add your organization by clicking on the link to "request that we add your organization." Otherwise, skip to Step 8.



## Step 9: Submit Request to Add an Organization

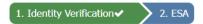
Enter your organization information and then click "Submit Request for Access."



#### Step 10: Sign the Electronic Signature Agreement

Review and sign your CDX electronic signature agreement (ESA) by selecting "Sign Electronically."

CDX CDX Registration: Additional Verification



#### **Electronic CDX Electronic Signature Agreement**

The CDX electronic signature agreement (ESA) is an agreement between yourself and CDX that will authorize your electronic signature. By signing the ESA you agree to adhere to the conditions listed on the agreement below. Once the ESA has been signed, you will be authorized to sign and/or encrypt information for your data flow. For any questions regarding the CDX ESA, please contact the CDX Help Desk.

Signing an electronic document on behalf of another person is subject to criminal, civil, administrative, or other lawful action.

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AGREEMENT

In accepting the electronic signature credential issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to sign electronic documents submitted to EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX), and as a representative for:

#### **Electronic Signature Holder Company Information**

Organization Name:	TEST COMPANY
Address:	12601 FAIRLAKES CIRCLE
City, State, Zip:	FAIRFAX, VA 22033
Province:	
Country:	US
Phone Number:	(555) 555-5555
E-mail Address:	jane.doe@test.com
Registrant's Name:	Jane Doe
CDX User Name:	JANE.DOE



# Why do I need to sign another ESA?

The electronic signature agreement (ESA) is specific to the organization under which you register. Therefore, when you register under a new organization in CDX, you are required to sign and submit a new electronic signature agreement. If you did not previously sign your ESA electronically, you may be required to provide additional verification information or, alternatively, will be required to submit a paper-copy ESA through U.S. Postal Mail.

## **Step 11: Certify the Information Provided is Accurate**

Certify that the information provided is correct by clicking "Accept."



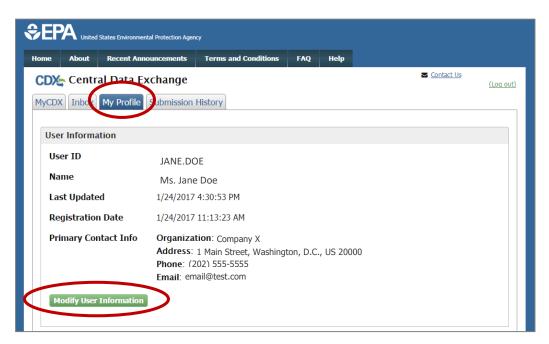
# **Congratulations!**

You are now registered under a New Organization.

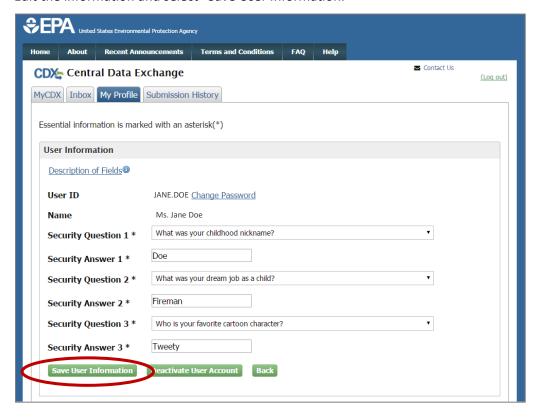
#### APPENDIX A. UPDATE YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION

# Edit your account's security questions

Select "Modify User Information" from the 'My Profile' tab.



Edit the information and select "Save User Information."

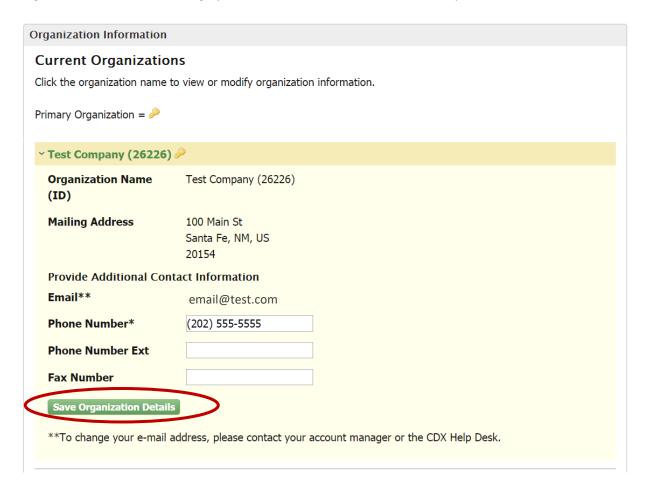


#### Edit your email address, phone number, or fax number

From the 'My Profile' tab, select "Modify Organization Information."



Select the appropriate Organization and edit your phone number or fax number. Select "Save Organization Details." To change your email address, contact the CDX Help Desk.



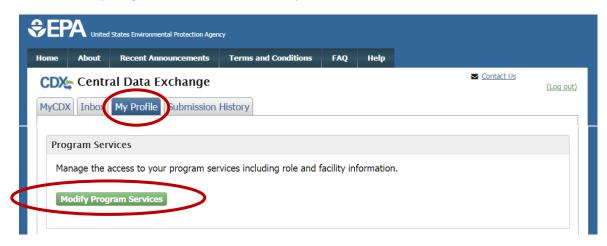
Email addresses, phone numbers, and fax numbers in CDX are tied to the organization under which you are registered. If you are registered under more than one organization in CDX, you may tailor your email address, phone number, and fax number for each organization.

#### APPENDIX B. DEACTIVATING ACCOUNTS

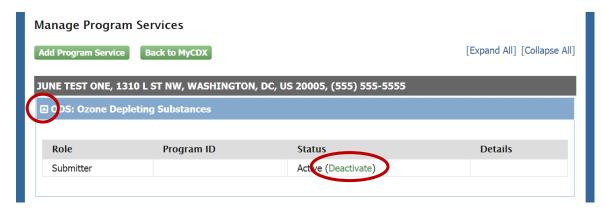
Since all users registered under the same Organization ID have access to the same Submission History table in CDX, it is important to deactivate accounts when individuals leave your organization to ensure they can no longer access your company's ODS submissions. The process for deactivating your own account or an account of a previous employee is described below.

#### Deactivate your own account

Select "Modify Program Services" from the 'My Profile' tab.



Located and expand the account you wish to deactivate and select 'Deactivate'.



#### Deactivate the account of a previous employee

Provide the following information to <a href="https://example.com/HFCAllocation@epa.gov">HFCAllocation@epa.gov</a> to request deactivation of an account:

Subject: ODS Account Deactivation Request

[Employee Name] is no longer responsible for submitting ODS and/or HFC reports on behalf of [Company Name]. Please deactivate their CDX account.