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### e-Manifest Bulletin

EPA's e-Manifest program remains committed to robust and engaging communication with stakeholders.

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide a digest of e-Manifest news, including newly released and upcoming functionality. This bulletin is designed to complement monthly public webinars, the e-Manifest website, and listserv communications.

#### Highlights

- e-Manifest published a proposed rulemaking in April. EPA is accepting comments on the proposed rule until May 31, 2022.
- EPA is currently considering e-Manifest Advisory Board nominations and planning for an upcoming Advisory

Board meeting this year. Stay tuned!

- Data Quality Corner: the 5 W's of e-Manifest Corrections (Who? What? When? Where? Why?)

Please visit our website for more information:  
[www.epa.gov/e-manifest.gov](http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest.gov)

### Open Public Comment Period for e-Manifest's Proposed Rule

The EPA Administrator signed e-Manifest's proposed "Third Rule" on March 1, 2022, and it was published in the Federal Register on April 1, 2022. The 60-day public comment period for this proposed rule will end on May 31, 2022.

This rule proposes to amend certain aspects of the hazardous waste manifest regulations under RCRA, specifically concerning the e-Manifest system, and addresses the following:

- Incorporating hazardous waste export manifests into the e-Manifest system, which includes designating the exporter as the entity responsible for submitting the manifest and paying the requisite user fee.
- Expanding the required international shipment data elements on the manifest form.
- Revising the movement document requirements

to improve manifest tracking, as well as to assist with integration of EPA's Waste Import Export Tracking System (WIETS) into RCRAInfo.

- Revising aspects of the manifest form to improve compliance with import and export consents and tracking requirements.
- Regulatory changes regarding Exception Reports, Discrepancy Reports, and Unmanifested Waste Reports, which includes using the system to identify when reports may be required, allowing electronic submittal of required reports in e-Manifest, and adjusting timeframes to account for EPA's Paper Processing Center.
- Conforming changes to PCB manifest regulations under the Toxic Substances Control Act

(TSCA), and other technical corrections to remove obsolete requirements, correct typographical errors, establish definitions, and/or improve alignment with the e-Manifest program.

- Discussion regarding potential future integration of the e-Manifest system with Biennial Reporting requirements.

For more information, please visit our new Rulemakings webpage: [www.epa.gov/e-manifest/e-manifest-rulemakings](http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/e-manifest-rulemakings)

To submit comments on the proposed rule, please visit Docket No. EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0609 at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

### EPA Planning for Upcoming e-Manifest Advisory Board Meeting

EPA accepted nominations for the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board from December 14, 2021, to January 13, 2022.

EPA anticipates selecting new members to serve on the Advisory Board by spring/summer 2022.

A major goal of the e-Manifest program is to increase electronic manifest adoption. EPA hosted two public meetings on October 27 and November 3, 2021, to solicit feedback from

stakeholders on how to increase electronic adoption. The meetings covered current electronic manifest functionality and the feasibility of several potential policy options.

As a next step in this effort, EPA expects to convene its next public meeting of the e-Manifest System Advisory Board in the fall of 2022. The meeting will include discussion of the comments EPA received from the public meetings, as well as related policy and technical

changes EPA is considering for the e-Manifest system in view of the comments received. The purpose of this meeting is for the Board to advise the Agency on these potential changes with the aim of increasing the use of electronic manifests.

To keep up to date on upcoming Advisory Board announcements, please visit: [www.epa.gov/e-manifest/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest-advisory-board](http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest-advisory-board)

### Data Quality Corner: the Five W's of e-Manifest Corrections

A useful and empowering feature of the e-Manifest system is the ability it provides to all hazardous waste handlers to make post-receipt manifest corrections. To help convey the value of this feature, we can break down the e-Manifest corrections process into the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, and why!):

1. *Why should I make corrections?* Accidents will happen, and the digitization of the paper manifest when submitted to the e-Manifest system is no exception. A fat-thumbed waste quantity or EPA ID number entry, uploading the wrong pdf, or forgetting to include information in the digital copy can prove a headache for you and others later down the road. Whether it's

an accident or not, the data affiliated with your sites matter and are used for numerous purposes by regulators and industry. Ensuring that your sites remain in compliance is time well spent.

2. *Where can I make corrections?* Online in RCRAInfo at <https://rcrainfo.epa.gov>! Just navigate to the manifest in question and click to make corrections.

3. *When can I make corrections?* Anytime after the manifest has been submitted to the e-Manifest system by the designated receiving facility. If the receiving facility submitted the manifest as a scanned image only, it will need to be processed by the EPA Paper Processing Center

first.

4. *Who can make corrections?* Any RCRAInfo registered user that is affiliated with one of the EPA ID numbers listed on the manifest and with at least "Certifier" level access to the e-Manifest module for that site. RCRA-authorized state programs where the handlers are located can make corrections as well.

5. *What fields can be corrected?* e-Manifest only prevents corrections on two fields of the manifests once submitted: Field 8, The Designated Receiving Facility information (for billing purposes) and field 4, the Manifest Tracking Number (MTN). All other fields can accept corrections.

### For More Information

For information on how to register for e-Manifest and to view frequently asked questions on e-Manifest, go to: [www.epa.gov/e-manifest](http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest)

To subscribe to the general program Listserv, send a blank message to: [eManifest-subscribe@lists.epa.gov](mailto:eManifest-subscribe@lists.epa.gov)

Attend e-Manifest monthly webinars, typically occurring at **2 PM ET**, the last Wednesday of every month.

