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**APPROPRIATION: Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund
Resource Summary Table**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Final Actuals	FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2026 President's Budget v. FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan
Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund				
Budget Authority	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Workyears	11.6	15.0	15.0	0.0

The Agency notes that FY 2025 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Bill Language: E- Manifest

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is authorized to collect and obligate fees in accordance with section 3024 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6939g) for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until expended.

Program Projects in e-Manifest

(Dollars in Thousands)

Program Project	FY 2024 Final Actuals	FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2026 President's Budget v. FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan
Operations and Administration				
Central Planning, Budgeting, and Finance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)				
RCRA: Waste Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL e-Manifest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Agency notes that FY 2025 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

RCRA: Waste Management

Program Area: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Final Actuals	FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan	FY 2026 President's Budget	FY 2026 President's Budget v. FY 2025 Enacted Operating Plan
Environmental Programs & Management	\$74,277	\$71,879	\$40,399	-\$31,480
<i>Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Total Budget Authority	\$74,277	\$71,879	\$40,399	-\$31,480
Total Workyears	289.6	284.4	203.2	-81.2

The Agency notes that FY 2025 levels are estimates and subject to refinement based on Administration priorities. Total workyears in FY 2026 include 15.0 FTE funded by e-Manifest fees.

Program Project Description:

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) requires companies that ship hazardous waste to track and report the estimated two million shipments each year. EPA maintains the national system for tracking hazardous waste shipments electronically, known as “e-Manifest,” as required by the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act (e-Manifest Act, Public Law 112-195). e-Manifest modernizes the Nation’s cradle-to-grave hazardous waste tracking process while saving valuable time, resources, and dollars for industry and states and energizing the greatness of the American economy.

Since the 2018 system launch through September 2024, EPA has received approximately 11.6 million manifests shipped from over 575 thousand sites generating federal- or state-regulated hazardous waste and has collected over \$101 million in user fees. EPA estimates the e-Manifest system will reduce the burden associated with paper manifests by between 175 thousand and 425 thousand hours, saving state and industry users more than \$50 million annually, once electronic manifests are widely adopted.¹ Since the 2018 launch, e-Manifest has saved state programs \$118 million dollars in processing, data entry, and storage costs. The e-Manifest system will provide better knowledge of waste generation and final disposition; enhanced access to manifest information; and greater transparency for the public about hazardous waste shipments.

In FY 2014, Congress established the “Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund” to implement the e-Manifest Program, including system development, fee collection authority, rulemaking, and advisory committee establishment. In FY 2025, e-Manifest will continue to be fully supported by user fees, which includes support for continuing the development and operation of the system and Agency personnel that support its use and further its implementation. EPA will be considering whether to request authority in FY 2027 to use e-Manifest funds to award, administer, manage, and oversee grants to states for operating, maintaining, and upgrading the hazardous waste electronic manifest system. The grants would support activities designed to meet

¹ For more information, please refer to: <https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/learn-about-hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-system-e-manifest>.

the needs of the user community, attract effective user participation, reduce administrative burden associated with the system, and other related activities. Such grants would not result in any changes to the fees established under section 3024(c) of RCRA, would not be subject to section 3011(b) of RCRA, and would total approximately \$7.5 million per annum for a period of one year. EPA may request this authority in future years.

FY 2026 Activities and Performance Plan:

In FY 2026, EPA will operate the e-Manifest system and will collect and deposit user fees into the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Fund (approximately \$20.0 million is anticipated). The authority to collect and spend fees requires authorization from Congress in annual appropriations bills.

In FY 2026, EPA plans to perform the following key activities:

- Continue to implement, develop, and enhance system functionality and program policies to ease the logistical burdens of adopting greater use of fully electronic manifests;
- Work with individual generators and generator-associated groups to meet the regulatory requirement to register and to support their increased use of the e-Manifest system, which will allow for greater fully electronic adoption;
- Continue regular outreach with users and stakeholders to identify new ways to improve the e-Manifest system. This includes regular webinars and targeted demonstrations on how to use the e-Manifest system;
- Operate appropriate accounting and financial reporting interfaces needed to collect and manage user fees, adjust fees as appropriate, and comply with the auditing requirements of the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act;
- Hold the annual meeting of the e-Manifest Advisory Board, consisting of state and industry stakeholders and Information Technology experts, to provide input on system operation and implementation of the user fee regulation; and
- Develop regulations to sunset the options for using paper manifests and require the use of electronic manifests.

Performance Measure Targets:

A list of FY 2026 performance measures and targets is located in the FY 2026 Performance Measures tab.

FY 2026 Change from FY 2025 Enacted Budget (Dollars in Thousands):

- There is no change in program funding.

Statutory Authority:

Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act.