



Environmental Fact Sheet

Ideas To Reduce Reporting Requirements at Hazardous Waste Facilities

Background

The Paperwork Reduction Act establishes a 40 percent reduction goal for federal agencies to reduce their reporting and recordkeeping burdens on the regulated community, states, and the public by September 2001. "Burden" is the time that the regulated community, states, and private citizens spend submitting information to federal agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), keeping records on file and/or developing the information they report. To meet the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act, EPA aims to reduce the regulatory burden associated with the hazardous waste management regulations while protecting human health and the environment.

Action

EPA is publishing a Notice of Data Availability in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Agency reviewed its hazardous waste reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and developed ideas for streamlining them. After obtaining input from a small number of state experts, EPA developed the following burden reduction ideas:

- ! Allowing electronic reporting and recordkeeping for all information that is kept by facilities and sent to EPA;
- ! Reducing reporting requirements for generators and treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDFs);
- ! Lengthening the periods between facility self-inspections;
- ! Streamlining personnel training in hazardous waste requirements;
- ! Streamlining the land disposal restrictions notification, determination, and certification requirements, and;

- ! Reducing the amount of information collected in the Agency's Biennial Report.

The Agency is requesting comment on these ideas. Comments may be submitted electronically to rcra-docket@epa.gov, or by post mail to: RCRA Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5305G, Washington, DC 20460. All comments must include reference number F-1999-IBRA-FFFFF.

For More Information

This fact sheet, the notice, and related background documents are available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/data/burdenreduction> . Documents include a summary of burden estimates; other burden reduction ideas not included in the NODA; a list of hazardous waste reporting requirements; and a list of nonregulatory burden ideas. For additional information or to order paper copies of any documents, call the RCRA Hotline. Callers within the Washington Metropolitan Area must dial 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323 (hearing impaired). Long-distance callers may call 1-800-424-9346 or TDD 1-800-553-7672. The RCRA Hotline operates weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Send written requests to: RCRA Information Center (5305W), US EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.