

Public Meetings on Hazardous Waste Generator Program

EPA's Office of Solid Waste is holding a series of public meetings in May 2004 to obtain input from its many stakeholders on the effectiveness of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act's (RCRA's) hazardous waste generator regulatory program, as well as to identify areas for improvement. There are over 130,000 hazardous waste large and small quantity generators in this country. These generators are the everyday stewards of hazardous waste management responsible for ensuring that their hazardous waste is managed safely from "cradle to grave." With the information collected, we will evaluate and determine whether changes to the hazardous waste generator program are appropriate, and if so, develop and implement a hazardous waste generator program strategy with the goals of fostering improved program effectiveness, fostering a pollution prevention stewardship philosophy, and reducing compliance cost, where practicable.

The meetings are scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but EPA may adjust the schedule based on actual registration data. EPA strongly encourages participants to register as each meeting location has associated capacity limits. Participants are requested to register at least seven days in advance of a meeting. Speakers may register on-line at: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/init/index.htm

Following are details on the meetings.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CAPACITY</u>
May 4, 2004	Boston, MA	200
May 13,2004	Washington, D.C.	136
May 17, 2004	Chicago, IL	300
May 24, 2004	Seattle, WA	250

Interested parties are encouraged to participate since these meetings are public opportunities to provide information to the Agency that can ultimately improve EPA's hazardous waste generator regulatory program. Oral comments will be limited to 2 minutes each. Any member of the public may file a written statement in addition to presenting oral comments.

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