

# How to Register for the eSIPS Program Service as a Preparer

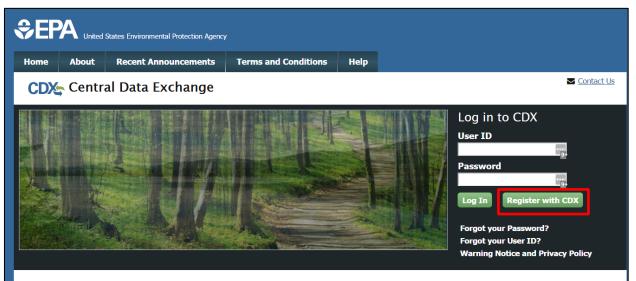
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### **CDX Homepage**

- 1. Access the CDX home page directly by selecting this URL: <a href="https://cdx.epa.gov/">https://cdx.epa.gov/</a>. This screen provides you with the following features:
  - a. **Log in:** If you already have an existing CDX account, you may log into the system by entering your User ID and Password, and clicking the 'Log In' button. You will still need to add the eSIPS program service to your account.
  - b. **Registration:** If you do not have an account with CDX, click the 'Register with CDX' button to begin the registration process outlined later in this section.



Figure 1: CDX Web Home Page



#### Welcome

Welcome to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Central Data Exchange (CDX) - the Agency's electronic reporting site. The Central Data Exchange concept has been defined as a central point which supplements EPA reporting systems by performing new and existing functions for receiving legally acceptable data in various formats, including consolidated and integrated data.

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## Adding the eSIPS Program Service to an Existing CDX Account

- 1. If you are an existing CDX user, you may log in using your existing account. Enter your CDX User ID and Password in the respective fields on the CDX homepage and select the 'Log In' button (see Figure 1).
- 2. On the MyCDX page, select the 'Add Program Service' button to add the eSIPS data flow to your CDX Program Services (see Figure 2).

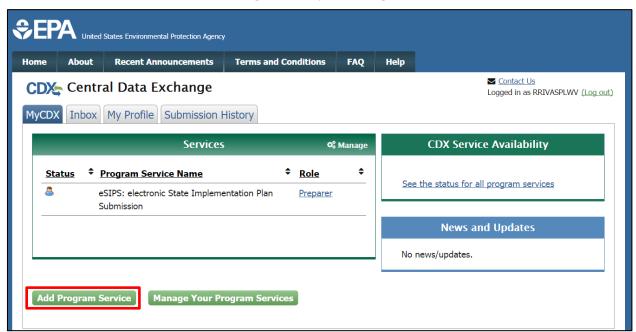
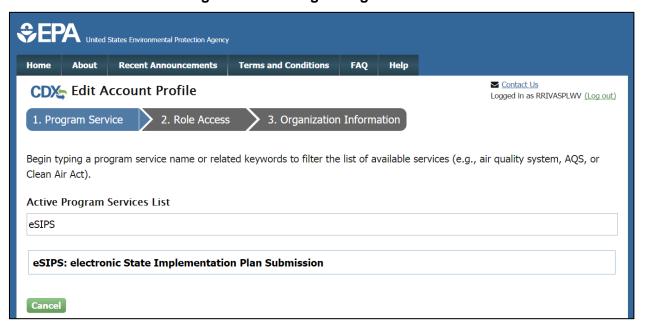


Figure 2: MyCDX Page

3. Search for the eSIPS program service in the Program Service page by entering the program service name in the 'Active Program Services List' text box (see Figure 3).



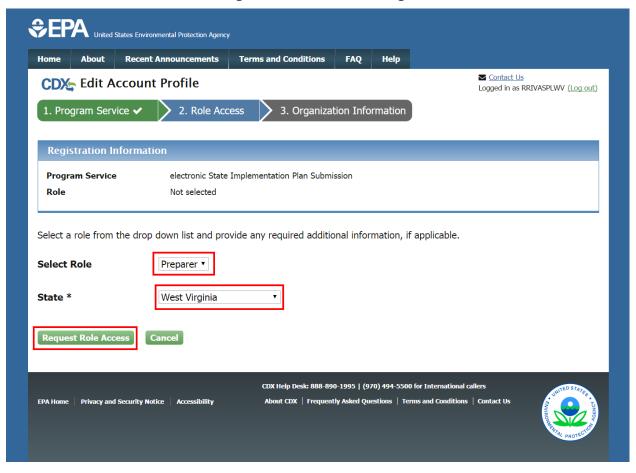
Figure 3: Selecting a Program Service



- 4. Select the 'eSIPS' program service once it appears on the list. You will be automatically redirected to the Role Access page.
- 5. Select the 'Preparer' role from the drop down list on the Role Access page (see Figure 4).
- 6. The 'State' field will appear after selecting the 'Preparer' role. From the dropdown field, select the state you are affiliated with.
- 7. Select the 'Request Role Access' button to complete adding the role to your account.



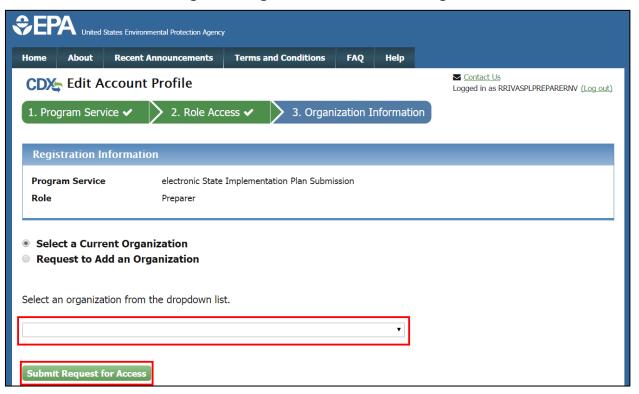
Figure 4: Role Access Page



- 8. On the Organization Information page, choose one option from the following:
  - a. Select an existing organization associated with your account to associate with the eSIPS role from the dropdown list (see Figure 5).
  - b. Request to add an existing organization to your account by searching for the organization
    - i. If the simple search returns too many results, you may use the advanced search option or choose to search again.
  - c. Request to add a new organization if the organization has not been added to CDX
    - i. If you cannot locate your organization in the search results, you may create a new organization by clicking the 'request that we add your organization' link. Clicking the link will add the organization or take you back to the Organization Information page where you can enter required organization details.



**Figure 5: Organization Information Page** 

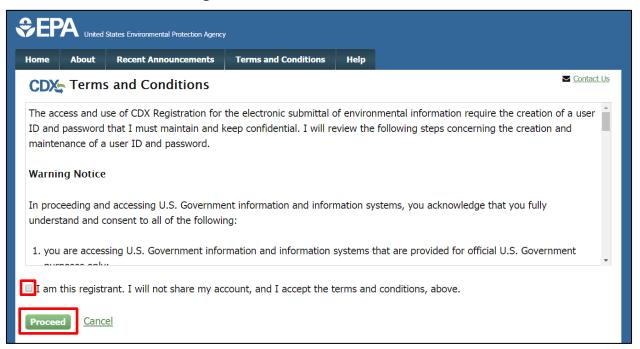


# Creating a New CDX Account

- 1. Register by clicking the 'Register with CDX' button.
  - a. The CDX 'Terms and Conditions' screen is displayed documenting the terms and conditions.
- 2. Accept the terms and conditions by selecting the 'I am this registrant. I will not share my account, and I accept the terms and conditions, above.' checkbox and the 'Proceed' button (see Figure 6).
  - a. You may cancel the registration process by selecting the 'Cancel' hyperlink. Note that if you decline the terms and conditions, you will not be able to proceed with the registration.
  - b. Once you have accepted the registration agreement, you are redirected to proceed with the registration process.



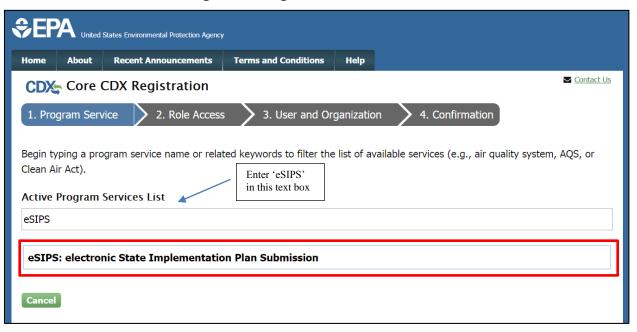
Figure 6: CDX Terms and Conditions



- 3. The 'Request Program Service' screen displays a list of active program services with open registration from which you can choose to register (see Figure 7).
  - a. You may filter the active program service list by typing the program service name or other related program metadata in the text bar.
- 4. Select 'eSIPS: electronic State Implementation Plan Submission' from the Active Program Service List by clicking on the list item.



Figure 7: Program Service Selection

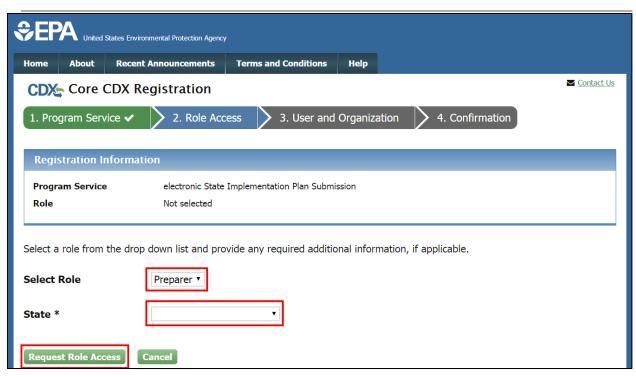


- 5. The 'Request Role Access' screen appears and allows you to select either the Preparer or Certifier role (see Figure 8). The distinction between roles is as follows:
  - a. **Preparer**: The Preparer is the person within a given state organization that is responsible for preparing a form for signature and subsequent submission by an authorized representative of the organization.
  - b. **Certifier**: The Certifier is the authorized representative of the state organization responsible for modifying (if necessary), signing, and submitting the form to CDX. Certifiers may also create forms if necessary.
- 6. After selecting the 'Preparer' role, select a state from the 'State' dropdown menu.
- 7. Select the 'Request Role Access' button to continue.
  - a. After clicking 'Request Role Access' you are taken to the third step of the registration process. In this step user and organization information is collected.

Figure 8: Role Access Page







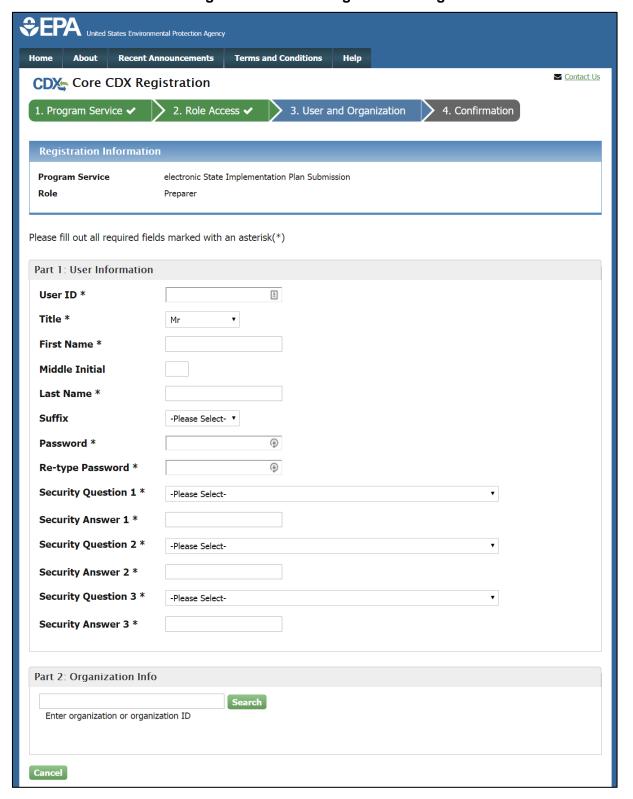
### Organization Information

- 1. On the 'Part 1: User Information' section of the 'User and Organization' page, enter your user information on all of the required fields marked with an asterisk (see Figure 9).
  - a. The 'Security Question' and 'Security Answer' selections are of your choosing and are for authentication in the event you forget your password and need to reset it. The answers you provide to the security questions are case insensitive.

**Note:** It is important that you carefully note your input for the 'User ID' and 'Password' fields, as you are prompted for this information during the eSIPS submission process and will need to provide an exact match for authentication.



Figure 9: User and Organization Page





2. On the 'Part 2: Organization Info' section of the 'User and Organization' page, search for an existing organization (see Figure 10).

Figure 10: Organization Search



a. If the simple search returns too many results, you may use the advanced search option or choose to search again.

**Warning:** Search results only include "verified" organizations (i.e. organizations that have been verified electronically or has an approved paper Electronic Signature Agreement) unless the search is specifically conducted using the 'Organization Id'.

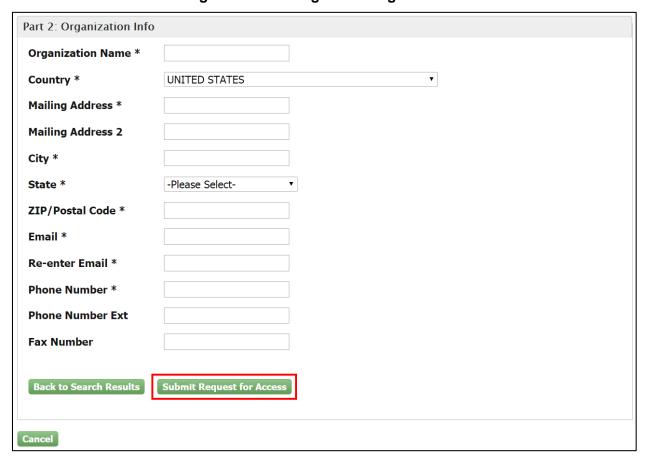
This means that organizations created by Certifiers with approved ESAs are returned in search results if the search is conducted by organization name. Organizations created by Preparers will not be returned in the identical search since Preparers are not required to have an ESA.

Preparers creating an organization unique to your facility should record the 'Organization Id' and provide this ID to other users wishing to be associated with the organization.

b. If you cannot locate your organization in the search results, you may create a new organization by clicking the 'request that we add your organization' link. Clicking the link will add the organization or take you back to the Organization Information page where you can enter required organization details (see Figure 11).



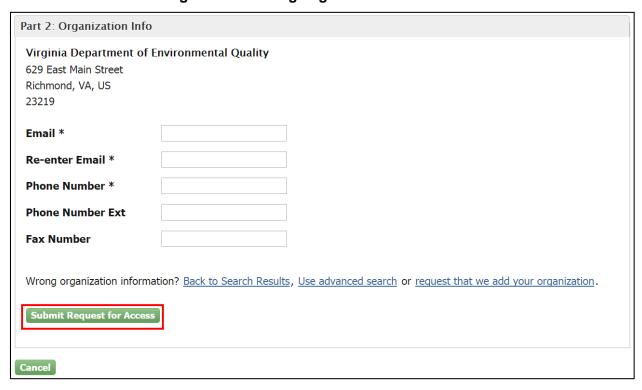
Figure 11: Creating a New Organization



3. Once an organization has been selected or created, you are required to enter an email and phone number with the option of entering a phone number extension or fax number (see Figure 12).

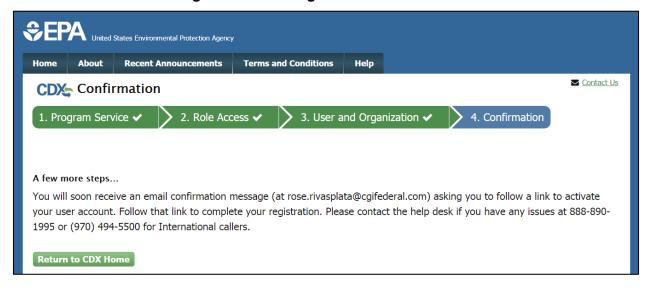


Figure 12: Existing Organization Information



- 4. Select the 'Submit Request for Access' button to proceed with registration.
  - a. A confirmation page will appear, detailing that you will receive an email from CDX to activate your account shortly (see Figure 13).

**Figure 13: CDX Registration Confirmation** 

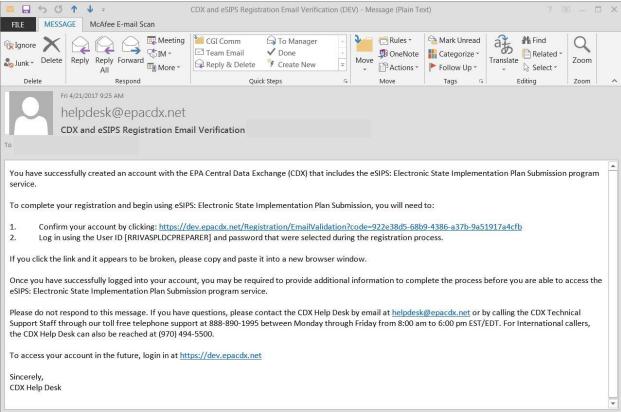




# Confirming your Account Registration

- 1. Access your email and open an email from CDX with the subject of 'Core Registration Email Verification Request' (see Figure 14).
- 2. Select the hyperlink within the email, which will direct you to CDX. From the CDX homepage, log in to activate your account.



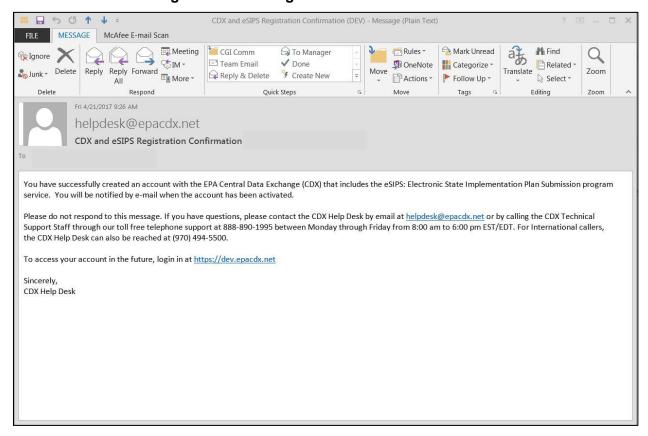


### Registration Notifications

1. After completing the registration process, you are provided confirmation of successful account creation (see Figure 15) and activation (see Figure 16).

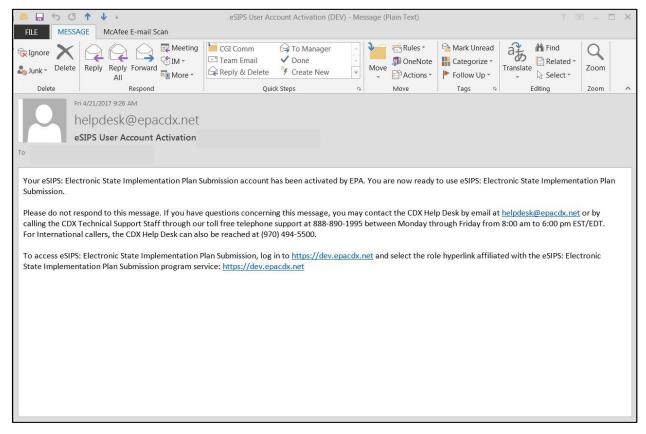


# Figure 15: CDX Registration Confirmation Email





# **Figure 16: CDX Account Activation**



- 2. Upon logging in to CDX or navigating to the 'MyCDX' screen, the Preparer role is listed under the 'Services' section of the screen.
  - a. All 'eSIPS: electronic State Implementation Plan Submission' roles should have an active hyperlink and the sicon next to them, signifying that the role is active.

# **Support**

If you have any questions related to submission development, please contact your EPA Regional Contact on your state landing page.

If you have any questions related to CDX or the eSIPS program service, please contact the CDX Help Desk at helpdesk@epacdx.net or by telephone at 888-890-1995.