Monthly Update: The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System (e-Manifest)

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Every month, EPA publishes updated information on progress made toward the development of the e-Manifest system. The most current update is posted below. To keep up-to-date with information as EPA releases it, subscribe to our ListServ or check this page each month.

System Development

During April, the e-Manifest development team completed two full sprints. EPA's major system development highlights during this period are adding functionality so states can approve their own users. In addition, manifest data will now save to the database, allowing persons associated with a manifest to save, edit, and make changes as needed. Users continued testing and providing feedback to the web application.

Release of the e-Manifest Advisory Board Report

On April 12, 2017, the Agency published the final meeting minutes of the e-Manifest Advisory Board's first public meeting, which was held on January 10-12, 2017, in Arlington VA.
The purpose of the January meeting was to advise the Agency on e-Manifest system development matters, such as critical functionality needed on Day 1 of e-Manifest, and mechanisms that may encourage early adoption of e-Manifest once it becomes available to the manifest user community. The e-Manifest Advisory Board specifically provided the Agency with a helpful and robust set of recommendations regarding the following Day 1 e-Manifest implementation issues:

- Ways to enhance outreach and engagement of the e-Manifest user community in order to maximize user buy-in and utilization of e-Manifest.
- Processes for making data corrections in e-Manifest.
- The appropriate level of helpdesk Information Technology (IT) support during the initial launch of e-Manifest.
- Proposed e-Manifest user fee payment methods.

- EPA's hybrid manifest proposal and phased-in electronic manifesting.

  For further information, please contact Fred Jenkins, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the e-Manifest Advisory Board, by phone at (703) 308-7049 or email at Jenkins.fred@epa.gov.

Proposed User Fee Rule Update

EPA continues to develop the e-Manifest user fee final rule under the Agency's Action Development Process. The Agency expects to issue a final rule in December 2017. This rule will include a methodology for determining and revising user fees and a process for publishing fee schedules. The final rule responds to public comments to the Agency's proposed rule, which we published on July 26, 2016.

Upcoming Public Webinars

The e-Manifest team will be delivering a webinar on April 26, 2017 2:00 PM EST. The webinar will provide a system demonstration, and an update on the user fee rule and advisory board. Additionally, EPA will discuss its engagement strategy and answer frequently asked questions.

Upcoming Stakeholder Meetings

The e-Manifest team will be presenting to the American Petroleum Institute on April 26, 2017 1:00 PM EST. The presentation will provide EPA's industry stakeholders with a system demonstration, and an update on the user fee rule and advisory board.

The e-Manifest team will make a presentation about e-manifest project developments to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Division Directors and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, Inc., the week of April 24, 2017. Materials and discussion will focus on what regions and states need to do to successfully implement the system, and what the e-Manifest team can do to facilitate the transition to e-Manifest.