

FISCAL YEAR 2007 PROJECT Hazardous Waste

Advanced RCRA Inspector Training

Project Strategy: Enhance the technical knowledge and programmatic skills of RCRA inspectors and policy and legal staff.

Hazardous waste inspectors across the Northeast have a need for ongoing training on new requirements, regulations, policies, and procedures that EPA has developed. They are also interested in sharing information on state regulatory interpretations that may be important to their field activities. NEWMOA developed advanced RCRA Training programs for state inspectors in the Region in Fiscal 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 to cover these topics.

The states have identified holding these sessions again in FY 2007 as a priority. Training topics of priority interest to states are listed below. As in previous years, NEWMOA will convene states-EPA Workgroup to help design and plan at least two RCRA inspector workshops that will satisfy current state training priorities. Topics for live training events include: implementation problems/issues with the new federal Hazardous Waste Manifest System; preservation and proper handling of electronic evidence; lab analysis methods and interpretation training; state regulation of fuel-to-fuel and off specification chemicals as fuel; regulation of closed-loop systems, including evaporation of HW; application of AA-BB-CC Rules; and, regulation of Hazardous Waste /Solid Waste rail transfer facilities.

Web conferences or conference calls will be convened to cover topics that cannot be included in the workshops. Conference calls/ web conferences are planned to provide training and information exchange on:

- pharmaceutical waste regulatory issues: state and EPA policies
- innovative state oversight tools: self certification, ERP, and standardized permits
- gasoline water waste from gas stations/junkyards
- state regulation of precious metals, including spent photo fixer
- EPA closure requirements for HW generators and related cost estimation
- bankruptcies and RCRA compliance and enforcement
- determining economic benefit derived from non-compliance
- states-EPA hospital compliance issues and programs
- top five HW violations and top five penalty HW violations/each state
- state approaches for streamlined HW inspections
- EPA recycling rules if proposed

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