

# **EPA RCRA Inspector Training Update for NEWMOA**

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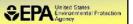
# Purpose of Webinar 1. Provide an update on EPA Office Compliance's (OC) training project 2. Go over topics covered in the first 5 training modules 3. Go over upcoming new training



#### **Inspector Training Update**

- OC wants to provide up-to-date and inspector-focused training to support EPA and state RCRA inspectors
- EPA worked closely with a workgroup represented by:
  - 6 state associations
  - 12 states
  - 6 EPA regions, and
  - 7 EPA HQ offices

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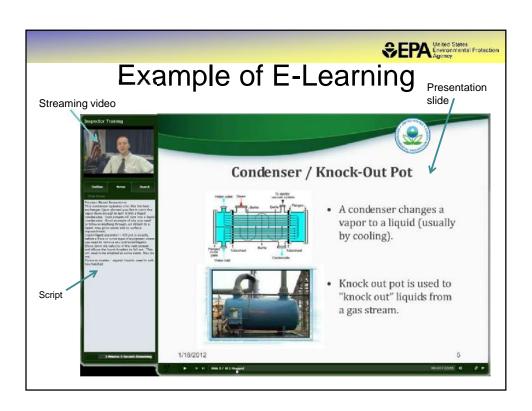
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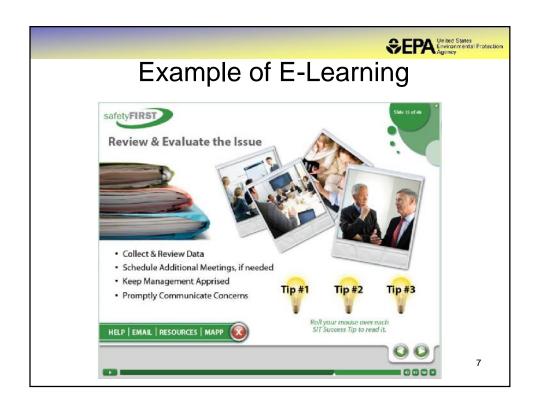
- Completed content development for:
  - Fundamentals for RCRA Inspectors Training (FRIT)
  - Definition of Hazardous Waste (DHW)
  - Process-Based Inspection (PBI)
  - RCRA Wastewater Treatment Exemptions/Exclusions (RWTE)
  - Subparts AA,BB,CC (AA-CC)

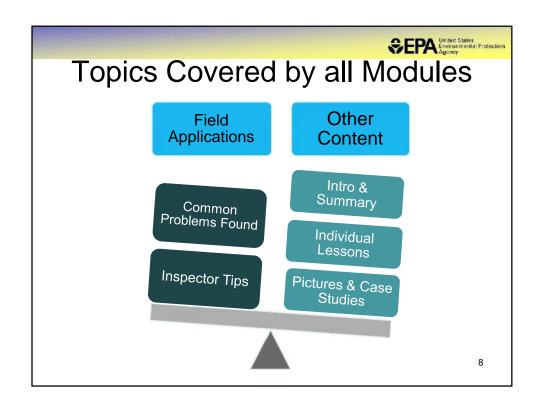


#### Inspector Training Update(cont.)

- Currently converting these 5 PowerPoint presentations into Adobe E-Learning courses
  - A self-paced online study
  - Most OC courses on NETI will be in this format
  - Expect to have FRIT, DHW & PBI online by January 2013
  - Expect to begin converting RWTE & AA-CC to elearning in FY2013









#### Topics covered by FRIT

#### Part 1 of this module consists of:

- Overview of RCRA Statute and Regulations
- Hazardous Waste Identification
- Satellite Accumulation
- Containers and Tanks
- Subparts AA through CC
- Land Disposal Restrictions
- Imports and Exports
- Universal Waste
- Used Oil

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#### Topics covered by FRIT (cont.)

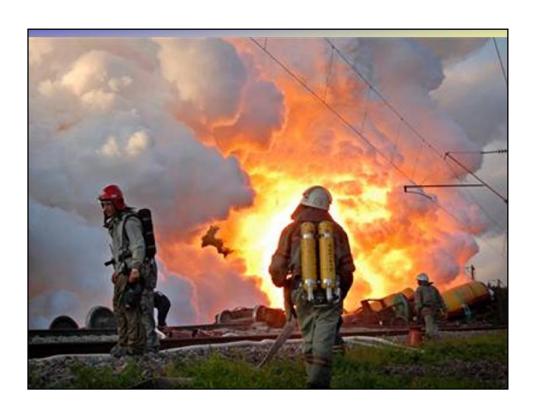
#### Part 2 of this module consists of:

- Authorization, Limitation & Roles of RCRA Inspectors
- Health & Safety Considerations
- Preparing for an Inspection with RCRA Focus
- Conducting an Inspection at RCRA Facilities
- RCRA Inspection Follow-Up

#### SEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

## Topics Covered by DHW

- Overview of the Hazardous Waste Determination Process
- Brief Overview on Definition of Solid Waste
- -Definition of Hazardous Waste
- -Exemptions to Hazardous Waste

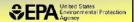




## Topics Covered by PBI

- What's a PB Investigation?
- Common Problems Found during PBI
- How to Conduct PBI?
- Inspector Tips
- Including Case Studies

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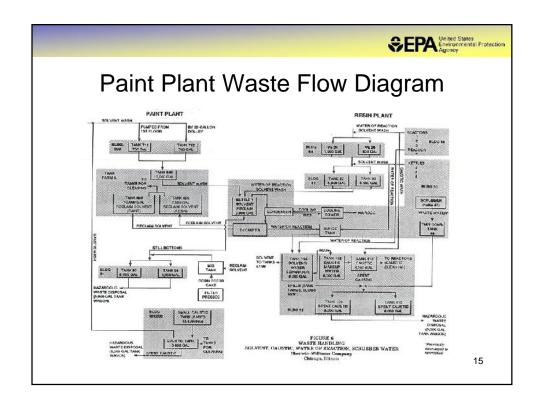


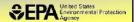
#### Paint Manufacturer Example

Facility notified as

- 4 less-than 90 day hazardous waste tanks, which collected still bottoms from a "closed loop" recycling system
- 3 satellite accumulation containers
- One less-than 90 day container accumulation area
- Prior storage "TSD" subject to corrective action





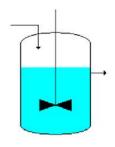


#### Paint Manufacturer Example (Cont.)

- NEIC process-based inspection found it was not a "closed loop" recycling system, resulting in14 tanks managing HW with numerous violations
  - Discovered 5 unidentified wastestreams, which were HW, one resulting in an unpermitted waste pile.
  - Found an additional 50 potential areas that needed corrective action
- Settlement was for \$4.7 million in penalty and launched a multimillion dollar facility clean-up





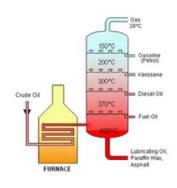


Reaction takes place (usually under heat and pressure, and sometimes with a catalyst) to make a product or intermediate. Usually needs periodic cleaning!

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## **Distillation Column**





A column is used to separate the material into different components (by densities, boiling points)

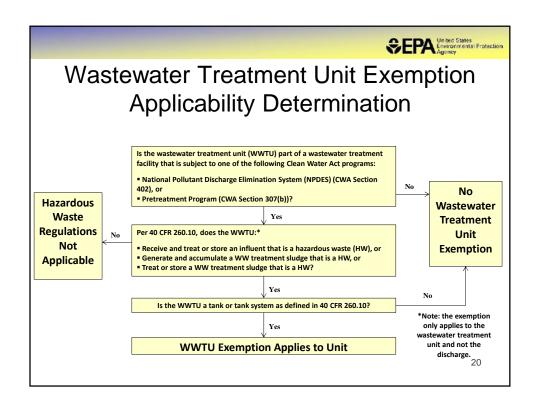
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#### Topics Covered by RWTE

#### This module contains 6 related lessons:

- Wastewater Treatment Unit Exemption
- Elementary Neutralization Unit Exemption
- Headworks Wastewater Exemption
- Industrial Wastewater Discharge Exclusion
- Domestic Sewage Exclusion
- Centralized Waste Treatment





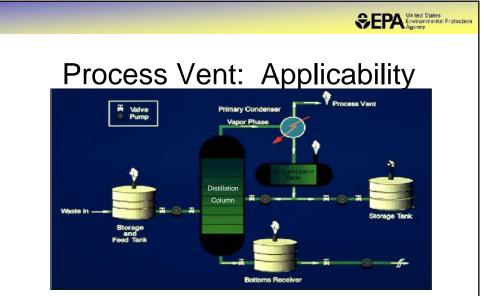
#### **Topics Covered by AA-CC**

## This is a fairly technical module and it covers:

- Lesson 1: Overview
- Lesson 2: Subpart AA
- Lesson 3: Subpart BB
- Lesson 4: Subpart CC

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The feed tank vent, bottoms and accumulator tanks' vents and condenser process vent, above, would be subject to Subpart AA control of their process vent emissions.



# RCRA Organic Air Emissions Standards: What Is Subject to the Standards?

SUBPART	EQUIPMENT/UNITS COVERED	WASTE STREAM THRESHOLD CONCENTRATION
AA	Certain process vents	≥ 10 ppmw total organic concentration
ВВ	Equipment leaks for equipment in contact with HW stream	≥ 10 % by weight total organic concentration
СС	Tanks, surface impoundments and containers	≥ 500 ppmw average VOC at the point of origination



# Upcoming Training Development in 2013/2014

- Sampling & Waste Analysis
  - Sampling Strategy
  - How to review lab results & identify gaps
  - Determine if a facility is in compliance with its Waste Analysis Plan
- Definition of Solid Waste
- Land Disposal Restrictions
- Tanks & Containers



## State's Participation Needed

- EPA contractor will draft content for all 4 new courses
- EPA wants input from states on the drafts and final products