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Hazardous Waste Manifest Cradle-to-Grave Tracking System Update

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H/W Manifests

- One year ago...
- The past 12 months
- What's left to do
- Who can get it done



H/W Manifests – Where we were

- As of March, 2011
 - 2.5 year data entry backlog (+)
 - Cumbersome data entry process
 - No easy way to provide data or copies of manifests to customers
 - Unable to produce manifests for all requests
 - Boxes of manifests stored off-site, sometimes requiring weeks to retrieve



H/W Manifests – Update

- Manifest Program “Leaned” April, 2011
- Crafted plan to scan manifests with reduced indices as the Department’s “guinea pig”
- June, 2011
 - Skipped over backlog to start on year 2011
 - Steep learning curve for program & IT staff
 - Worked the kinks out of the process
 - By end of year ~ 30% of 2011 scanned & indexed



H/W Manifests – Update

- 1/1/2012 – switched over to year 2012
 - Current with incoming avalanche of forms
- Manifests now reviewed when received
 - Problems now dealt with “immediately”
- Manifests now scanned same or next day
- Manifests now indexed within ~5 days
- As of June 15, 2012 - 18,763 H/W Manifests in new system



H/W Manifests – Update

- DEEP to upgrade IT infrastructure, including:
 - Newer version of document storage system
 - Newer version of scanning software (OCR)
 - Capture all data on manifest
- Project requested to scan ALL H/W Manifests
 - Includes all stored historic H/W Manifests



H/W Manifests – Update

- Following on the example of other states (e.g., NH, NJ, AR...):
- Web access being created and will be opened to public → Commissioner will announce...
- These are public records and will be in the public domain very soon...



Review

We're moving from an antiquated, paper-based staff intensive system to a 24/7 self-serve web-based, searchable, image-based system.

So what more can / should we do?



e-Manifest

- Eliminates the need for businesses to send paper copies to the state(s).
 - Did I fill it out correctly?
 - Which state(s) do I send a copy to?
 - Which copy do I send in?
 - How do I know the state received it?



e-Manifest

- EPA to hire contractor to build & operate national clearinghouse
 - One stop shopping
 - Get states out of the way – PLEASE!!!
 - \$peed up business process
 - \$treamline business process
 - Lower cost\$
- Eliminates Biennial Hazardous Waste Report
 - 2011 report was due March 1, 2012



e-Manifest

- U.S. Congress must authorize EPA to hire contractor to build & operate national clearinghouse...





Next Steps

It's really up to you...



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