

Introducing EPA's RCRA Training Website: Training Resources for EPA, States and Tribes

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Background

- ▶ EPA is working to improve RCRA training for both EPA and the states
 - ▶ Losing staff with institutional knowledge of RCRA
 - ▶ Need to ensure consistency in training
 - ▶ Need to improve access to existing training materials
 - ▶ Need to evaluate which training materials to be updated or developed
- ▶ EPA formed a workgroup consisting of members from HQ, Regions and several States
 - ▶ Compile and organize existing resources
 - ▶ Identify training needs
 - ▶ Develop an ideal curriculum



Compile and Organize Existing Resources

- Developed and expanded a compendium of available training resources
- Developed a SharePoint site for hosting the trainings
- Moved SharePoint content to the ERTPVU website (<http://ertpvu.org/>) to enable access for States
- Set up a RCRA training listserv for EPA and State personnel
- Videotaped Region 4's Permit Writers course and Organic Air Emission Standards course
- Developed new WAP Guidance Training that launched with the ERTPVU website



Identify RCRA Training Needs

- ▶ Developed a training survey sent to Regions and discussed with seven states
 - ▶ What training is currently used to train staff
 - ▶ Number of new staff who currently need or will need training
 - ▶ Types of training that might be needed
 - ▶ Where there are gaps in training
- ▶ Survey showed that there is a definite need for consistent training, for both EPA and States



Develop an Ideal RCRA Curriculum

- ▶ Based on survey results, developed a curriculum or IDPs for both new hires and more seasoned RCRA EPA and State personnel
- ▶ Used all the existing training resources to identify trainings that would apply to each type of IDP, of which there are 15
 - base curriculum, regulatory specialist, authorization, state program management,
 - enforcement, permitting, sustainable materials management, corrective action,
 - PCBs, financial assurance, combustion, quality assurance,
 - Subtitle D, risk communication, and data management



Next Steps for RCRA Training

- ▶ Work with Region 1 to develop ORCR/Regional coordinated McCoy's RCRA training for all Regional/State new hires
- ▶ Record Region 4's cost estimation course
- ▶ Create a RCRA crosswalk of areas of overlap with other federal regulatory programs (DOT, NRC, CAA, CWA, TSCA, CERCLA)
- ▶ Work to address critical gaps in RCRA training program
- ▶ Encourage more State participation on the listserv
 - ▶ 186 state members
 - ▶ To subscribe, send a blank message to:
rcra-training-subscribe@lists.epa.gov



Demo and Questions

- ▶ Demo the website
 - ▶ <https://ertpvu.org/Home.aspx>
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