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## Training on RITA:

How to Use the RCRA Integrated Targeting Assistant

# Agenda

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# RCRAInfo

- Don't have a RCRAInfo account?
  - Register at [RCRAInfo.epa.gov](https://rcrainfo.epa.gov) as a regulatory user
- For **data quality** questions email program manager
  - Stephen Donnelly: [Donnelly.Stephen@epa.gov](mailto:Donnelly.Stephen@epa.gov)
- RCRAInfo -> USITS
  - One of the best ways to contact the RCRAInfo team. Creates a ticket to ensure a response.
- Registered state users *can and do* correct manifests in RCRAInfo and soon will be able to direct industry to manifests they want corrected

# Example #1: CMS Required Inspections

## Steps:

1. Start on the targeting home page titled “Targeting Main”
2. Select your region or state
3. Look for the filter at the top “CMS Required Inspection?” and select “Y”
4. In the top left chart, go to the tab “CMS Required Inspections”. You can use the chart or table below to select a particular category, such as “LQG Due for Inspection” or “Computed LQG Due for Inspection”.
5. In the bottom table, you can then use the column headers to sort by relevant fields such as “Last Inspection” or “eManifest CY2021”. You can also download the table to a spreadsheet for further analysis by clicking 
6. To view more details on an individual handler, select the handler ID and then 

*\*Still need to address NRR as meeting inspection commitments for FY2020 and FY2021*

## Example #3: Environmental Justice

### Steps:

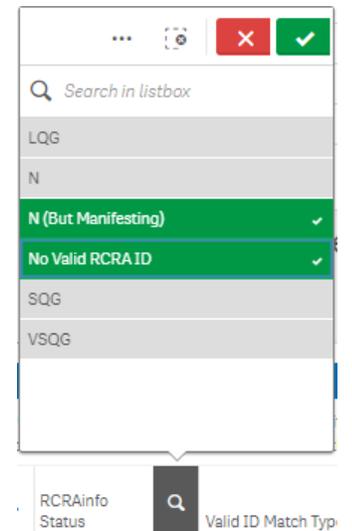
1. Start on the targeting home page
2. Select your region or state
3. Look for the filter “EJ80” or go to the chart titled “Handlers in Areas with Potential EJ Concerns”
  - a) If using the filter, type “>0” and click enter to filter for handlers with at least 1 of 12 indexes above the 80<sup>th</sup> state percentile. You can enter or select any EJ index value you like. The higher the count the greater the “excess risk” for the community.
  - b) If using the chart, click on the colored sections or legend values to filter. You can use the drop down at the bottom of the chart to switch between alternative EJ Indexes. For example, You can select the count of EJ Indexes above the 80<sup>th</sup> US percentile instead of *State* percentile.
4. You can always use the column headers in the bottom table to further sort, filter, and download to a spreadsheet.

*\*\*Read more about the EJ Indexes and how they are calculated [here](#).*

## Example #3: Non-Notifiers and Under-Reporters

### Steps:

1. Use the top navigation bar to go to the section “Non-Notifiers”
2. Select your region or state
3. Use the filter to select a type. You may want to start with “NN/UR at LQG Level”, which filters for generators manifesting waste at LQG levels but have either *not* notified EPA or have notified EPA at a lower generator status.
4. If you want to see non-notifiers *only*, in the table below click on the search icon in “RCRAInfo Status” column and select the two options as shown: “N (but manifesting)” and “No Valid RCRA ID”.
5. Use the column headers to sort and filter. You may want to look at column “LQG in 2019 but no BR”, which identifies generators that manifested at LQG levels but did not submit a Biennial Report in the last reporting year.
6. Select a handler ID and click “View Selected Handler” to view more details.



★ Best Practice: Colorado develops non-notifier and under-reporter list at the beginning of every year, which it updates quarterly for targeting and enforcement purposes

# Tips, Tricks, and Resources

- **Additional Handler Information Tab:** On the targeting home page, in the bottom table there are multiple tabs. You can go to [Additional Handler Information](#) to filter and sort on a wide range of additional fields, many related to the handler universe.
- **TRI Releases:** RITA uses the Facility Registry Service (FRS) ID to identify hazardous waste generators that are TRI reporters and pull in their associated TRI data. Use the navigation at the top to go to the section titled “TRI Releases”. You can filter based on TRI reporter name, type of TRI release, and even chemical name. Any selection you make in this section will carry over to other sections.
- **Transporters:** Don’t forget about transporters. Navigate to the section “High Transit Days” to look for transporters where the time between shipped date and received date may indicate violations of [regulations related to transfer facilities](#), particularly against holding waste without a storage permit for more than 10 days.
- **AA/BB/CC:** Section dedicated to identifying generators that may be subject to RCRA [aa/bb/cc regulations](#), which are organic air emission standards for TSDFs and generators. This is an EPA national compliance initiative, though many states are delegated to implement to the program. Included on the page is a link to [RCRA Organic Air Basic Inspector Training](#) (need FedTalent account).