Data for the People: Pre-Session Survey Results

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Overview

- 9 questions
- 47 respondents
- All respondents work in HW at State level

1: Which title(s) best describe your job?

You may select more than one option.

Manager/Supervisor	22
Inspector	16
Enforcement	10
Data Analyst	8
Regulatory/Policy Development and Analysis	15
Permitting	15
Data Handler	5
Other	3

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1: Which title(s) best describe your job?

You may select more than one option.

Example responses:

- Manager/Supervisor; Permitting; Corrective Action Reviewer; Regulatory/Policy Development and Analysis
- Inspector; Data Analyst; Data Handler; Enforcement
- Regulatory/Policy Development and Analysis; Permitting; Data Analyst

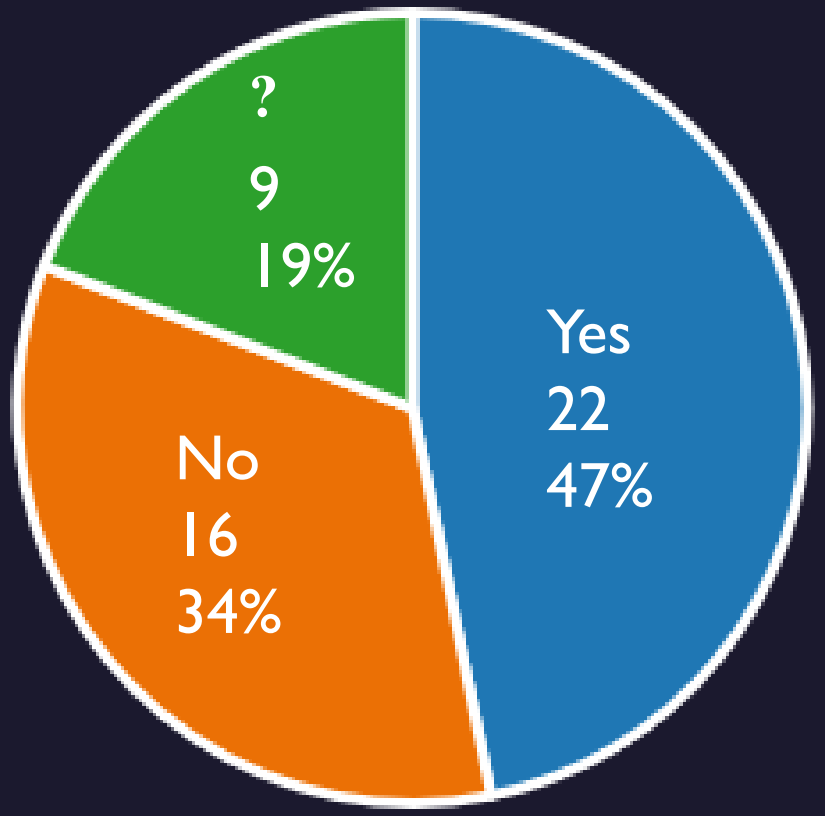
2. How frequently do you meet with EPA regarding program information?

You may select more than one option.

Monthly	18
Quarterly	16
Never	5
Other	5
Biennially	4
Annually	4
I don't know	4
Weekly	3

- Response seemed to correlate with job
- Curious about multiple responses – related to different aspects of the program?

3. Is your state a RCRAInfo "translator" state? Meaning, does your state collect information in its own database and then send it to EPA?



4. What information is translated to RCRAInfo? You may select more than one option.

Content

Biennial Report	14
CM&E	14
Handler	11
I don't know	11
Corrective Action	8
Permitting	7
Financial Assurance	5
Waste Code & Data Origin	3
e-Manifest	3
GIS	2
Other	1

5. With what frequency is the information translated to RCRAInfo? You may select more than one option.

I don't know	11
Other	8
Weekly	5
Monthly	6
Every other month	0

- 3 x per week- M, W, F
- Nightly
- As needed - most is manual
- I think our CME info gets translated every night from our system through something called the "node", which breaks a lot and we have to find out what went wrong.

6. What information systems/databases do you currently use? You may select more than one option.

RCRAInfo	44
e-Manifest	30
RCRA Online	30
ECHO	26
Internal	20
Metabase	18
EJSCREEN	16
RITA	13
Envirofacts	11
SRF results table	6
StATS	5
IRIS	3
TRI	2
Other	2
WIETS	0

7. What type(s) of information do you use or accesses regularly? You may select more than one option.

Generator/Handler/Facility	42
Compliance History	34
Enforcement	30
Manifest	29
Violations	27
Regulatory Interpretations & Guidance	24
Waste	22
Spills and Accidental Releases	12
State Rule Adoptions	10
None	2
Other	2

8. What type(s) of information do you wish you had? You may select more than one option.

Regulatory Interpretations and Guidance	13
None	12
Enforcement	9
Waste	9
Spills and Accidental Releases	9
Other	9
State Rule Adoptions	8
Compliance History	7
Generator/Handler/Facility	6
Violations	5
Manifest	4

- Access EJ data through RCRAinfo or Metabase
- Hazardous waste determination records
- Working knowledge on how other states handle scenarios is always fun to know - a collaborative approach can help others feel more equipped to deal with things as they pop up
- Bulletins or shared info on enforcement efforts for companies that cross state lines (organized efforts)
- I feel like the info is available, it's just potentially the quality of that data can be problematic

9. What are the barriers to getting this information? You may select more than one option.

Lack of time	18
Lack of knowledge/skill	17
Lack of resources	12
Lack of guidance	9
Restrictive data access policies	9
None	8
Bureaucratic hurdles	7
Other	7
Lack of trust	1

- Lack of availability by other agencies that we have no jurisdiction over
- Lack of Mgt knowledge and approval
- I've found that the less user friendly and streamlined something is, the less time people are willing to spend with it
- QA/QC

Conclusions?

Thank You!

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Data For The People

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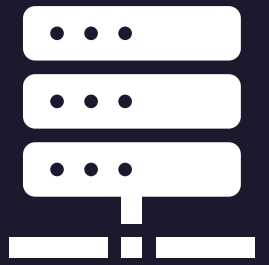
Goals

- Get people thinking about how they can use information to drive decisions in their work.
- Give an overview of available information sources with examples.
- Get people connected and show how they can keep doors open to more information.



Why Data for the People?

- The first generation of State and Federal RCRA staff are retiring and a new generation needs to learn what those people know, and,
- The RCRA Program has been capturing, cataloging and storing information for decades, and,
- This information is available and waiting for everyone to access.
- What are the barriers to accessing this information?

What information sources are out there?

- RCRAInfo
- RCRAInfo Web
- eManifest
- ECHO
- WIETS
- Metabase
- Envirofacts
- RITA
- IRIS
- TRI
- SRF Results Table
- And more!

How do I get to them?

- One of the goals of this project is to post a table on the ASTSWMO website that lists all data sources as well as a link to those sources.

- Most will require a user account and a password.

Real-World Examples

Inspector: Pre-inspection Research

- RCRAInfo: Notifications, permits, manifests, financial assurance information, biennial reports, inspection/enforcement history.
- Run quick reports off the Reports tab or go to Metabase to run custom queries.

Program Planning

- ECHO SRF data
- eManifest data
- RITA
- Metabase

Reports

RCRAInfo Reports

- Loads of categories
- Can edit parameters
- Easy to use
- PDF output

Metabase

- Loads of categories
- Can edit parameters
- Learning curve
- Output to excel, etc.

How to Learn to Use These Tools

- ASTSWMO trainings posted to RCRAInfo
- Learning Zen
- Webinars
- Peer to peer mentoring

More Information

via Calls

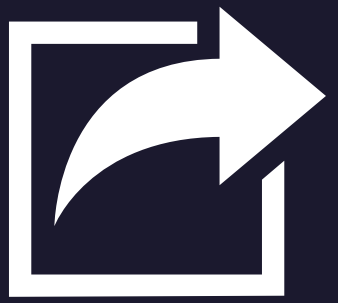
- RCRAInfo Monthly Call
- Financial Assurance Call
- eManifest Calls
- Pharma Rule Call
- RIN Call

via ListServe

- RCRAInfo
- eManifest Program
- eManifest Developers
- Translators

Community is Information

- Meet people in other state's agencies and stay in touch
- Share what you have learned
- Ask questions!



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