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RCRA Showcase Pilot Web Partners EPA Region III & States



Introduction

An important element of the RCRA Corrective Action Reforms is to increase public access to corrective action information as well as to encourage and facilitate public participation in site cleanups. The increasing availability of the internet provides a new tool for getting the word out about Region III's Corrective Action program activities. When used in conjunction with the traditional public outreach options (i.e. public notices, meetings, written correspondence), the web reaches a much larger audience. Information available on Region III's website includes site-specific fact sheets, measurements of progress, and corrective action resources such as policies and guidance documents. Region III is currently redesigning the existing RCRA Corrective Action website (www.epa.gov/reg3wcmd/correctiveaction.htm) to give it a more user friendly layout and significantly increase the amount of information available to program implementors, the regulated community and the public. Electronic access to program information results in better government and industry accountability to the public, a more informed regulated community which quickens the pace of cleanups, and better customer service for all stakeholders.

Proposal

Currently, Region III and each State have a website to give stakeholders access to environmental information. EPA is requesting the States' assistance in this pilot to provide greater access to our stakeholders. Region III proposes a RCRA Showcase Pilot which integrates Region III's existing Corrective Action website with each State's website to create a more comprehensive approach to public outreach and information access. EPA would like to lead a workgroup with participants from each Region III State to develop and implement this coordinated approach. Region III with the assistance of its States will publicize the upgraded site through public meetings, staff presentations at conferences, a press release and by incorporating the web address on standard correspondence (e.g. fax header sheet).

Pilot Overview

To expand Region III's continuing emphasis on a team approach to Corrective Action, Region III's revamped website will highlight cleanup programs implemented by EPA and its State partners. Possible new features for the website include:

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- Cross-referencing information between the States and EPA websites (for example, brownfields initiatives, guidances, etc.);
- Updated fact sheets for each high priority Corrective Action facility with a direct link to the assigned EPA and State project managers;
- Directory of phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all State and EPA Corrective Action project managers;
- Success Stories;
- Progress toward Environmental Indicator goals (by facility and overall progress);
- Links to both EPA and State resources; and
- Electronic access to public meeting announcements and public notices.

Milestones & Implementation Schedule

	Estimated Schedule	Completed
Region III launches new Corrective Action website		11/13/00
Newly formatted fact sheets online		5/21/01
External searches (e.g. Yahoo) enabled through metadata sheets		5/30/01
Update selected sections of Corrective Action website		6/22/01
Form workgroup with States	8/15/01	
Develop workgroup objectives and implementation plan	10/15/01	
Reorganize layout of Region III website to enhance access	12/31/01	
Second phase of revisions including State workgroup ideas	3/31/02	
Publicize enhanced website to external stakeholders	2002	

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