

# REG UPDATE

# Leadership in Environmental Management Federal Acquisition Regulations

- DoD has proposed FAR amendment to implement EO 13148
- Additional Contractor Requirements
- Federal Register: August 29, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 168), Page 55669-55673
- Comments due 28 OCT (oops)

DOD has proposed a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) amendment to implement Executive Order 13148, Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management.

Proposal adds a clause at FAR 52.223-5, Pollution Prevention and Right-To-Know Information, requiring contractors to provide all information necessary so that agencies can implement environmental management systems, complete facility compliance audits at certain Federal facilities, (and comply with emergency planning and community right to know reporting requirements including reporting on use of "priority" chemicals identified pursuant to E.O. 13148).

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=fr29au02-24](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=fr29au02-24)

# Resource Conservation Challenge

- 2005 Goals
  - ◆ Increase Recycling to 30%
  - ◆ Decrease generation of 30 harmful chemicals by 50%
- <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/index.htm>

EPA has announced a program to encourage individuals to take responsibility for their individual impact on the environment.

The program sets the following national goals for 2005.

- Boosting the national recycling rate from 30 percent to at least 35 percent
- Reducing by 50 percent the generation of 30 harmful chemicals normally found in hazardous waste.

EPA is asking Americans to adopt smart environmental practices, make smart environmental purchases, reuse more products, and recycle at least one pound of their household waste a day. The results of the Resource Conservation Challenge and the innovative projects will be less waste, more economic growth and greater energy savings and recovery.

Additional information regarding the program is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/index.htm>

EPA will do its part to support those actions that will contribute to meeting the Challenge goals.

These efforts include:

- Establishing partnerships and alliances with industry, states and environmental groups.
- Providing training, tools, and technology assistance for businesses, governments and citizen groups.
- Getting the word out through outreach and assistance to the general population, especially to youth and minority groups.

In addition to the Resource Conservation Challenge, EPA is also partnering with states, academia, non-profits, tribes and local government and industry to test innovative ideas to make EPA's waste programs more efficient and effective. Twelve innovative projects from around the country were announced by EPA today. These creative projects demonstrate approaches to waste minimization, energy recovery, recycling and land revitalization that may be replicated across various industries, communities and regions. The projects range from making plastics from plant materials, to demonstrating the reuse potential of recycling residential building materials.

# Toxic Chemical Release Reporting

- On-Line Dialogue thru 17 DEC
- Three issue papers
  - ◆ TRI Data Collection, Management
  - ◆ TRI Data Release
  - ◆ TRI Compliance Assistance
- <http://www.epa.gov/tri/programs/stakeholders/outreach.htm>

EPA will hold an on-line public dialogue for 60-days from October 16, 2002 to December 17, 2002 as part of a national Stakeholder Dialogue on the TRI Program to seek suggestions and ideas on their methods for reporting, collecting, processing, and releasing TRI data. Instructions for participating in the on-line dialogue are posted at EPA's TRI Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/programs/stakeholders/outreach.htm>

EPA has released three issue papers intended to provide background and help focus the on-line dialogue:

- TRI Data Collection, Processing and Management,
- TRI Data Release
- TRI Compliance Assistance

# MDE HW ID RULE for CONTAMINATED Media

- PROPOSED
- Would allow for Remedial Action Plan in lieu of RCRA permit
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MDE is considering creating a hazardous waste identification rule for contaminated media. Instead of a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) -like permit, the Department would allow a regulated entity to submit a remedial action plan under certain circumstances. The remedial action plan is a form of permit, but does not trigger the same corrective measure requirements of a RCRA-like permit.

MDE Staff report that this rule is in the early stages of development. Staff expects that a proposal may be released by the end of 2002.