

Update for States and Regions 10/4/12

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Background

- In March 2011, EPA launched CWA Comparative Maps and Dashboards as part of Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO).
 - The purpose of this website is to make it easier for the public to see state performance and trends.
- As a follow-up, OECA committed to releasing similar features for other media – starting with CAA and RCRA in 2012.
- Rather than building off the original custom-coded website, OECA decided to build the new dashboards with a modernized Oracle database – using the latest business intelligence and GIS software.
- OECA will shortly release a beta site for Regional/state comment.
- After completing CAA and RCRA, and converting the CWA version to the new modernized platform, OECA will accept public comments while also working on SDWA and other statutes.
- Tweaks to the site in 2013 will be based on public use patterns and comments.

Key Aspects of Comparative Maps and Dashboards

- Uses a variety of data sources primarily originating from AFS, PCS, ICIS-NPDES and RCRAInfo.
- Leverages SRF data to the extent possible.
 - Frozen Round 3 data for 2011
 - Production Round 3 data pulls for past years and current year
 - Will utilize frozen data in future (after freeze completes)
- Standardized to yearly view of data (primarily FY unless otherwise noted)
- Uses other data sources such as the CWA Annual Noncompliance Report, permit backlog data from OW, and other program system data.
- Will continue to be "iterative" where items are added and subtracted based on use, popularity, etc.
- Will start with a 5 year time horizon for most data views.

Review Period Sequencing

- There will be an overall review period project page that will provide Regions and states with the overall status and sequencing of data releases, along with a list of known bugs.
- Reviewers can sign up for email updates, and can comment online as items are found.
- Beta Version 0.1 early October Roll-out
 - Will feature CAA, CWA, and RCRA Dashboard "Activity Views."
 - Some drill downs will be available for RCRA and CAA.
 - Comparative Maps for CAA and RCRA (CWA for navigation purposes only)
- OECA will be rolling out updates normally on a weekly basis to get information out to reviewers as quickly as possible.
- Sequence of new features planned
 - Complete drill downs for RCRA and CAA
 - Add CWA Drill Downs/Comparative Maps
 - Add Performance Views for Dashboards (CAA and RCRA)
 - Add Performance Views (CWA)
 - Augment Comparative Maps with Additional Data Views
 - Incorporate State Comments Received (will be done throughout review period)
- Version 1.0 late December
 - Release to Public
- Version 1.1 Spring '13 Changes based on public comments and addition of some new data views.

Changes to ECHO Homepage

Before After





Review Period Home Page

ECHO Home All Data Search Air Data Search

Water Data Search

Drinking Water Data

Hazardous Waste

EPA Enforcement

EPA Criminal Cases

EPA Enforcement SEP

Multiple ID Search

Performance and

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Comparative Maps and Dashboards Project Status Page



This page is to keep government reviewers up to date on the project status.

In March 2011, EPA released version 1 of the Clean Water Act State Comparative Maps and Dashboards. Launch of this website was a key component of the Agency's ongoing efforts to provide more transparent information to the public regarding compliance and enforcement. After completing this first set of maps and dashboards for the CWA, a follow-on project was announced that would:

- 1. expand the maps to other media, and
- 2. use enhanced technology and software to deliver a better and more sustainable product.

To accomplish these goals, EPA will release new comparative maps and state dashboards, starting with Clean Air Act and RCRA, while upgrading the existing Clean Water Act site. The new site will incorporate enhanced business intelligence and geospatial software that allows users to graphically view enforcement and compliance data and drill into these reports to better understand the data behind them. The maps and dashboards will be a living project - meaning that EPA will monitor use of each aspect of the project and will add or subtract features as needed based on web use patterns.

Sign-up for State Dashboard and Comparative Map To receive email notices about important updates to the State Dashboard and Comparative Maps, or to manage your subscription preferences, please enter your email address below, then click on the "Submit" button: Email Address Submit EXIT Disclaimer > Clicking on Submit will take you to GovDelivery, a contractor that EPA uses to manage mailing lists.

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During 2012, EPA developed the new format for the dashboards and maps and provided several briefings to states and state associations about the progress of the project. EPA completed the database modernization component of the project and is now building out the maps and dashboards. The website that is linked below is a work in progress that provides a good look at how the information is organized. EPA would like feedback from Regional, state, local, and tribal partners prior to the time that the site is launched to the public (anticipated for December 2012).

As you review the site, you will find that a green comment button is available - allowing you to send in any information you would like. Throughout October, November and December, EPA will continue adding data views. Most data views draw upon data in the State Review Framework, the Clean Water Act Annual Noncompliance Report, and other data associated with national data sets such as AFS, PCS, ICIS-NPDES and RCRAInfo. EPA plans to launch the site in ECHO by the end of the calendar year. The sooner we receive your comments, the more time we will have to evaluate them and make necessary site adjustments. Note that the site allows you to subscribe to updates - we will notify you of important additions or changes to the site if you subscribe. Dashboards and Maps for other media, such as SDWA will be developed in 2013.

The Site Status area below will provide you with current information on what is completed, and what is on the way. Feel free to comment as often as you would like.

Site Status (last updated 9/21/12)

About the Data More State Data

Related Links

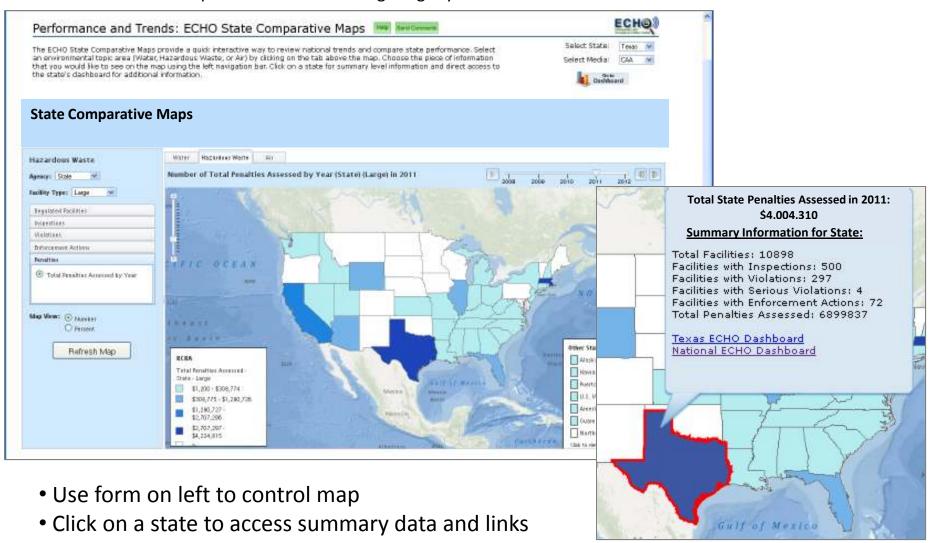
Frequently Asked Questions

Site Map

Page will include known problems, documentation, and a list of updates that occurred with dates.

State Comparative Maps

*Screen Captures Below Will Change Slightly Before Beta Version is Released for Comment.



Dashboards (Navigation/Top)

Performance and Trends: Texas Hazardous Waste State Dashboard

Help Send Comments Sign up for Updates



The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) established a regulatory structure for the management of solid and hazardous wastes. This law and its associated regulations are intended to ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous waste. A significant component of the RCRA program is tracking, including hazardous waste manifests, facility record keeping, and biennial waste reports. State dashboards provide an easy-to-use summary of key activities to answer questions like: which facilities are regulated, how many have been inspected, and how many have violations and enforcement taken.



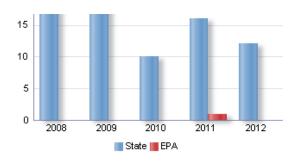
Information for Reviewers View Dashboard Full Screen



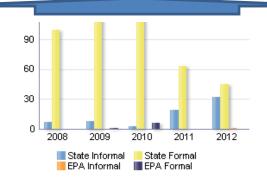
Dashboards (Middle – 6 graph format)



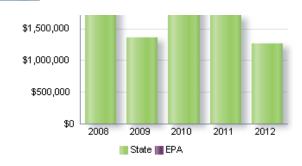
Dashboards (Bottom of Page - Links)



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State Review Framework

The State Review Framework (SRF) is a tool used by EPA to consistently assess each state and local agencies' enforcement of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and hazardous waste laws; and the SRF tracks recommendations made by EPA for state and local agencies to improve their compliance and enforcement programs. The information presented in these boxes is from SRF Round 2. Round 3 will be available soon.

- SRF National Homepage
- · SRF Recommendation Report
- SRF Round 3 Query (coming soon)

Data Download and Data Corrections

- · Comments on State Data
- ECHO Exporter
- · How to Report an Error
- · Annual Noncompliance Reports

Common Questions

What types of facilities are regulated by the Clean Air Act?

Where does the data come from - is the data frozen, or does it use production data from the systems?

How can I find CAA compliance and enforcement information for a specific facility?

Where can I find emissions and chemical release data for a facility?

How can I find air quality information for an area of interest to me?

Does EPA require that all violations or permit deviations at every air emission source be reported to them?

How can I download detailed information about compliance and enforcement activity?

Air Quality in State

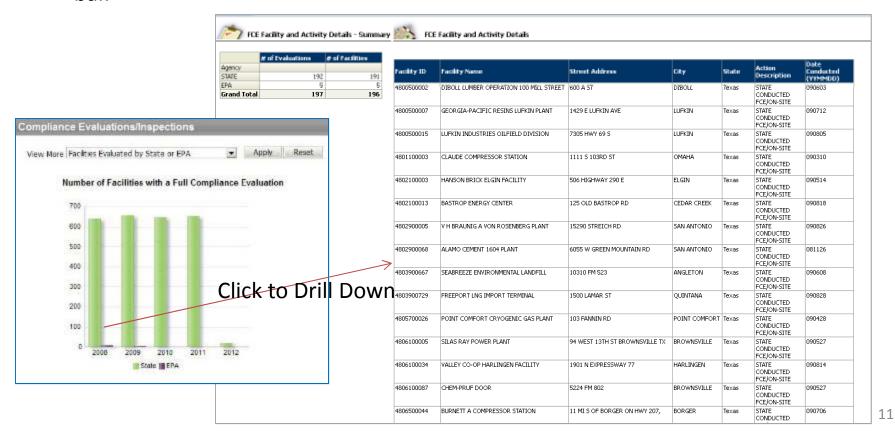
- AirNow The official EPA real-time air quality website
- AirData Gives you access to air quality data collected at outdoor monitors across the United States
- MyEnvironment
- Toxics Release Inventory Search

Other Resources

- · State Environmental Web site
- Ultraviolet (UV) Index
- EPA and State Enforcement Action Map
- Toxics Release Inventory Comparative Tool
- ECHO Air Search
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Drill Down to Facility Details

- EPA's new Dashboards provide more powerful analytics allowing users to check data below graphs by clicking on a bar and drilling down.
- EPA is still working to turn on all the drill downs, and make them specific to each bar.



How to Participate and Comment

- EPA will email a link to the home page for the Review Period (planned release within 7-10 days). The OTIS Lab and homepage will also contain that link.
- That page will be frequently updated with status reports, etc.
- The site will look "live" but is using the OTIS security protection meaning that you have to be behind an approved firewall to test.
- The green "Submit Comment" button on the site will allow you to provide EPA with suggestions or report bugs.
- Because this site is a work in progress, we expect that you will help us identify items to correct. Please be patient as the site may from time to time be brought down to allow us push updates into production.
- If you find something we have not listed as a known problem please let us know.

Development Team

- Dashboard Programming
 - Jason Swift, Carey Johnston, Rebecca Kane
- Database Design and Development
 - Leads John Veresh and Andrew Schulman
 - Charles Tamulonis, Jerry Lappan
- Web Design
 - Allison Landsman (Maps)
 - Melissa Saddler (Dashboards)
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