# e-Manifest

FLEXIBLE PACKAGING ASSOCIATION AND PLASTICS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION – OCTOBER 2018

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Reinforcing the basics
- 2. Key policies affecting generators
- 3. Timeline
- 4. Manifest activity since launch
- 5. System development
- 6. Communications
- 7. Contact information

#### REINFORCING THE BASICS: TOP 5 THINGS

- 1. e-Manifest launched nationwide on June 30, 2018.
- 2. e-Manifest has been and will always be available for user testing
- 3. All receiving facilities that receive waste that must be manifested under federal law or under state law must submit those manifests to EPA either in paper or electronically.
  - Applies when either generator state or destination state requires the RCRA manifest
  - EPA will charge facilities an associated fee for each manifest submission.
- 4. Handlers will be required to register for e-Manifest to submit electronically, to view their manifests, and to make corrections.
- 5. e-Manifest data will generally be available to the public 90 days post-receipt of the manifests.

#### REINFORCING BASICS: STATUTORY MANDATE

- e-Manifest the result of mandate of the 2012 "e-Manifest Act."
- Act required EPA to establish a national system for use and collection of electronic manifests and any paper manifests that continue in use.
  - By rule, EPA decided to collect only the final receiving facility copy of paper forms
  - States can still collect generator copy of paper manifests per state law
- Act requires EPA to fund all system related costs thru user fees
- Act requires consistent implementation of program in all the states
  - EPA will implement e-Manifest requirements until states are authorized
- **EPA** implemented the Act through two distinct rulemakings:
  - February 2014 "One Year Rule:" Legal and policy framework
  - January 2018 "User Fee Rule:" Methodology for determining and revising user fees

#### REINFORCING THE BASICS: BENEFITS

- Cost savings and paperwork burden reductions
- Accurate, more timely information on waste shipments
- Creation of a single hub for reporting of manifest data
- More effective compliance monitoring by regulators
- Potential to integrate with RCRA BR and state systems
- Enhanced "cradle-to-grave" tracking of HW

#### REINFORCING THE BASICS: USER FEES

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- User Fee Rule announced a differential fee methodology under which fees are based on the processing cost of each type of manifest and its method of submission.
- Using this methodology, EPA announced the initial fee schedule prior to June launch:

Electronic: \$5.00 per manifest,

Paper with data file and image upload: \$6.50

Paper with image file upload only \$10.00

Paper mailed to EPA by snail mail \$15.00

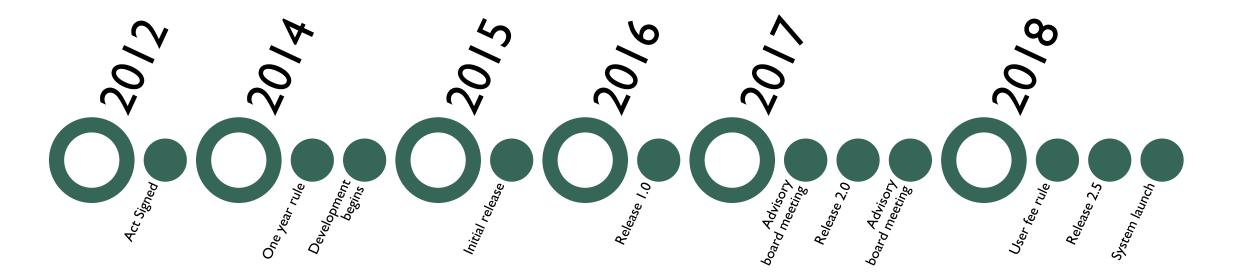
- EPA bills receiving facilities for these fees, not generators
- Fees will be revised at two-year intervals (per formula) and published to program's web site

#### KEY POLICY AFFECTING GENERATORS

- Scope limited to cases where RCRA manifest use required by federal or state law
  - Manifests that are voluntarily used to track shipments are not required to be submitted
  - Milk run or consolidated shipment manifests are not within scope
  - Export manifests are not currently in scope
- Generators can use electronic manifests only if their service companies use it
  - Electronic manifests include a "hybrid" option where generator can sign and keep a paper copy
- Several reasons for generators to register for e-Manifest:
  - If you desire to use electronic manifests,
  - If you want to participate in post-receipt data corrections,
  - If you use paper, but want to opt in to receiving TSDF copy electronically and not by mail.

#### E-MANIFEST TIMELINE

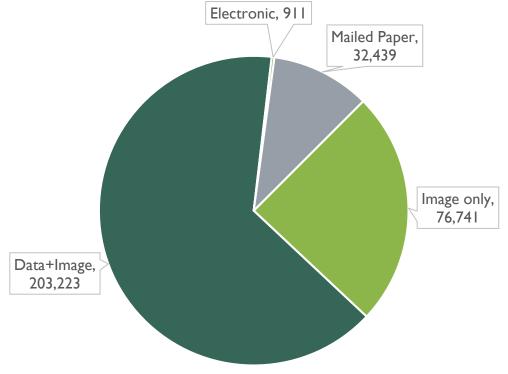
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Continuous improvement based on user feedback

#### MANIFEST ACTIVITY SINCE LAUNCH

- June 30th September 30
  - Total billable manifests: 282,231
  - Total manifests: 314,670
- Daily Submission Averages
  - July: 466
  - August: 2,483
  - September: 10,139



Manifests Submitted June 30 – Sept 30

#### SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

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#### Key functionality additions post system launch

- September Corrections for all industry handlers *User Interface Done* 
  - Corrections via services delayed at industry request for additional testing
- October/November Data entry for Paper Processing Center
- October/November Copy manifest functionality
- October/November Enhanced broker and transporter functionality
- November Public reports

#### **Ongoing efforts**

- Work with states on enhancing services
- Prioritize functionality with external stakeholders to plan next major release



#### **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

- Ongoing communication efforts:
  - Monthly public webinars, including demonstrations of new functionality.
  - Developer calls with receiving facilities.
  - FAQ development (~150 now available online)
  - Help desk/Listserv/e-Manifest inbox
- Developing new Fact Sheet for Emergency Response and Clean-up Personnel.
- In response to several requests by stakeholders, developing for the e-Manifest website a list of wastes that must be manifested per state or federal law.

#### CONTACT US AND STAY INFORMED

- Visit the program web site: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest">http://www.epa.gov/e-manifest</a>
- Participate in our monthly webinars
- Help desk: (833) 501-6826
- Submit input/questions to <u>eManifest@epa.gov</u>
- To subscribe to the general program Listserv. Send a blank message to: <a href="mailto:eManifest-subscribe@lists.epa.gov">eManifest-subscribe@lists.epa.gov</a>
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