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EPA will host a number of in-person and Web-based training sessions for people involved with reporting under the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program. Individuals interested in attending any of the sessions must register in advance as space is limited.

- [e-GGRT Training Sessions \(Webinar\)](#)
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e-GGRT Training Sessions (Webinar)

These sessions will provide users with information on the electronic GHG reporting tool (e-GGRT) and will provide information on registration, the designated representative, how to use the web forms and other topics.

Resources and Tools

- [Special Provisions 2010 Fact Sheet \(6 pp, 55K\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Applicability Tool](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation of Part 98 \(PDF\) \(31 pp, 273K\)](#)
- [General Fact Sheet \(PDF\) \(3 pp, 57K\)](#)
- [Application for Approval of Alternate Methods for Determining N₂O Process Emissions \(PDF\) \(5 pp, 30K\)](#)
- [BAMM request for T, FF, II and TT \(DOC\) \(5 pp, 65K\)](#)

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Schedule

- Webinar: October 6, 2010 1:00-2:30 pm EST – Webinar filled to capacity
- Webinar: October 20, 2010 1:00-2:30 pm EST – [Register](#)
- Webinar: November 3, 2010 1:00-2:30 pm EST – [Register](#)
- Webinar: November 17, 2010 1:00-2:30 pm EST – [Register](#)

More sessions will be scheduled.

Regional Training Sessions

These one-day, in-person training sessions provide an opportunity for participants to learn first-hand about such topics as applicability, emissions estimation, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements under Part 98, as well as requirements for stationary fuel combustion facilities. Training sessions will feature information regarding finalized subparts

only. Currently proposed subparts (e.g., W, RR, F-Gases) will not be covered.

View the [presentation \(PDF\)](#) (152 pp, 1.8MB).

Schedule

- Region 3, Philadelphia, PA: June 2, 2010
- Region 4, Atlanta, GA: December 17, 2009
- Region 5 and 7, Chicago, IL: March 25, 2010
- Region 6, Houston, TX: January 28, 2010
- Region 9, Los Angeles, CA: May 4, 2010
- Region 10, Portland, OR: May 5, 2010
- Region 10, Boise, ID: May 6, 2010, held in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Workshop

Detailed Training Session (Webinar)

This Webinar training session provides detailed information on such topics as applicability, estimating emissions, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements under Part 98, as well as guidance for stationary fuel combustion facilities.

View a static version of the [presentation \(PDF\)](#) (152 pp, 1.8MB).

Schedule

- Webinar: October 5, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 8, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 15, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 19, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 29, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: November 4, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00 pm EDST
- Question and Answer Webinar: November 12, 2009, 1:00-3:00pm EDST (This special session will be dedicated to question and answer with attendees.)
- Webinar: November 19, 2009, 2:00 to 4:00 pm EST (This special session will focus on Subparts A and C with questions submitted by renewable fuels groups.)
- Webinar: November 24, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDST
- Webinar: December 3, 2009, 11:00am to 1:00 pm EST
- Webinar: December 9, 2009, 1:00 to 3:00pm EST
- Webinar: January 6, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00pm EST
- Webinar: January 20, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00pm EST
- Webinar: February 17, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00 pm EST (This special session will focus on the informational needs of colleges and universities.) ([Presentation \(PDF\)](#) (84 pp, 1.5MB))
- Webinar: February 24, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00 pm EST
- Webinar: April 7, 2010, 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT
- Question and Answer Webinar: June 15, 2010, 1:00 – 2:00pm EDT (This special session will be dedicated to question and answer with attendees. Please note that these sessions will address only finalized subparts of Part 98, not proposed subparts.)

Depending on interest, additional Webinars may be scheduled.

Overview Session (Webinar)

This Webinar training session provides a broad overview of the general provisions of Part 98 and is designed to assist policymakers, facility managers, and others understand key provisions of Part 98.

You can view a static version of the presentation: [PowerPoint Presentation of Part 98 \(PDF\)](#) (30 pp, 506K).

Schedule

- Webinar: September 28, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30pm EDT
- Webinar: September 30, 2009, 1:00 – 3:00pm EDT
- Webinar: October 6, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 13, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 20, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT
- Webinar: October 27, 2009, 3:30 – 5:30 pm EDT

Depending on interest, additional Webinars may be scheduled.

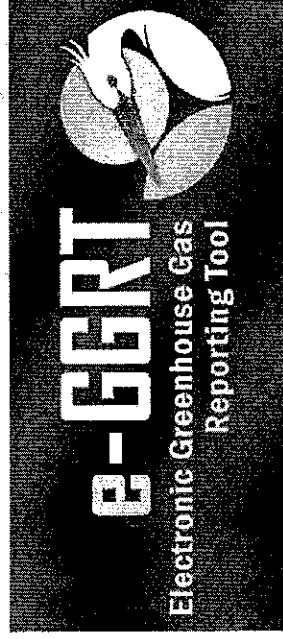
Applicability Tool Training Session (Webinar)

This Webinar training session provides a tutorial on using EPA's [Applicability Tool](#), which is designed to help you assess whether your facility would be required to report greenhouse gas emissions as required by EPA's Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule.

You can view a static version of the presentation: [PowerPoint Presentation of Part 98: Applicability Tool Demonstration \(PDF\)](#) (22 pp, 255K).

- Webinar: October 8, 2009, 10:00 – 11:00am EDT
- Webinar: October 22, 2009, 3:30 – 4:30pm EDT

Electronic Reporting System



- All reporting under the GHG Reporting Program will be electronic.
- EPA's Electronic Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool (e-GGRT) is under development.
- Web-based system for facility/supplier to EPA reporting
 - Web-forms will guide reporters through data entry and submission.
 - Built-in emissions calculations.
 - Will include a mechanism to submit file directly using Extensible Markup Language (XML) format.
 - Draft XML schema is available on the EPA website.
- For updates on the Data System and to view the draft XML schema:

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/data-reporting-system.html>

Registering for Electronic Reporting System



- e-GGRT will handle user and facility registration for GHGRP in accordance with 98.4
- Beginning in early fall 2010, facility or supplier representatives can create e-GGRT user accounts and:
 - Register facilities and suppliers
 - Identify Designated Representatives and Alternate Designated Representatives
 - Submit Certificates of Representation to EPA
 - Identify Agents
 - Submit Notices of Delegation to EPA
- **Deadline for the 2010 reporting year:**
 - Certificates of Representation must be submitted to EPA no later than **January 30, 2011**.
 - Register early!
 - User account set-up includes electronic signature agreement processing; allow **at least 10 days** before the deadline to set-up user account and register facilities or suppliers.

WASTE & RECYCLING NEWS

SWANA supports revisions to GHG reporting rule

Sept. 29 -- A professional association representing those in the solid waste management sector is out with support of proposed revisions to the federal mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule.

The Solid Waste Association of North America, based in Silver Spring, Md., submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the possible changes.

SWANA said it agreed with the proposal that municipal solid waste "should be removed from the definition of fossil fuel in the rule and MWS and tires should be listed as 'other fuels' not 'fossil fuel derived.'"

SWANA also backed revisions regarding reporting methods for waste-to-energy units processing 600 tons per day or less and concerning "default moisture values."

"We encourage EPA to move ahead with these changes and to issue a final rule as soon as possible so that waste-to-energy facilities know for certain what is required of them," said John H. Skinner, SWANA executive director. "Waste-to-energy facilities can make an important contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and providing renewable energy."

To read the full letter [click here](#).

Contact Waste & Recycling News senior reporter Jim Johnson at 937-964-1289 or jjjohnson@crain.com

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September 27, 2010

Via Electronic Transmission: MRR_Corrections@epa.gov
EPA Docket ID. No. HQ-OAR-2008-0508

**Re: Revisions of Certain GHG MRR Provisions, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0508
(Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 154 / Wednesday, August 11, 2010)**

Dear Ms. Cook:

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is pleased to offer the following comments in response to the above-referenced U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Proposed Rulemaking regarding revisions to certain mandatory reporting rule provisions. SWANA is a not-for-profit professional association with nearly 8,000 members from both the public and private sectors of the solid waste management field. Our mission is to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste (MSW) in North America.

Correction to the Definition of "Fossil Fuel"

We agree with EPA's decision to revert the definition of "fossil fuel" back to that in the proposed rule. This definition is consistent with the definition of fossil fuel under the Clean Air Act's New Source Performance Standards. Our concern over EPA's new definition presented in the final version of the reporting rule is that it would classify municipal solid waste as "fossil fuel", and reflected a significant change from the proposed rule by EPA without notice or the opportunity for public comment.

Clarifications to Table C-1 of Subpart C

We agree with EPA's decision to re-classify municipal solid waste and tires as "other fuels" in table C-1 of Subpart C. The classification of them as fossil fuel derived ignores the fact that the majority of emissions from the combustion of these sources are biogenic in nature.

Site Specific Moisture Content

SWANA agrees with EPA's proposed clarification regarding the use of site-specific moisture values when none are specified in part 75. This approach is similar to that of EPA's Acid Rain Program.

Clarification of Applicability Threshold

SWANA appreciates EPA's decision to raise the applicability threshold for Tier 4 reporting from 250 tons per day to 600 tons per day. A WTE plant at 250 tpd has only 18-25% of the CO2 emissions of the same sized fossil-fuel fired unit. Based on a nominal heat content of 5,000 Btu / lb, the 250 tons / day threshold is equivalent to 104 mmBtu/hr, less than half the standard

applied to other stationary combustion units. Conversely, a 250 mmBtu/hr threshold applied to nominal MSW would translate into a mass rate threshold of approximately 600 tons / day, so this new threshold is much more appropriate.

Further we would like to point out that even under this new threshold a total of 27 waste-to-energy facilities, many of which are owned by local governments, would be required to use the more costly Tier 4 method. Since waste-to-energy facilities account for only 0.55 percent of the total CO₂e emissions from the combustion source sector, we question whether this economic burden on local government is justified and believe that the threshold could be set even higher.

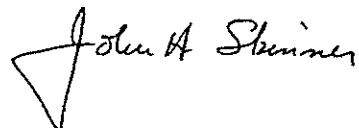
Should EPA fail to promulgate these amendments by the end of 2010, units with less than 600 tons per day capacity will require a deferral of the requirement to use Tier 4 until January 1, 2012, so that they may have sufficient time to install and certify new Part 75 equipment.

Reporting of Aggregate Carbon Dioxide Emissions

SWANA is concerned that this proposal would require aggregate reporting of carbon dioxide emissions. SWANA supports the separate reporting of biogenic and anthropogenic emissions, as was required in the final rule. This is particularly important as EPA has just requested comments on the treatment of biogenic emissions in implementing the Tailoring Rule. Distinct reporting of anthropogenic versus biogenic emissions will be necessary to support EPA's ultimate decision. A majority of the emissions from waste-to-energy operations are biogenic in nature and for more accurate reporting we believe it is necessary to report them separately.

SWANA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this proposed ruling and looks forward to working with EPA in the future to improve the Mandatory Reporting Rule. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly at 301.585.2898 or at jskinner@swana.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John A. Skinner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

John H. Skinner, Ph.D.
SWANA Executive Director and CEO