



The EPA CHP Partnership is informing its Partners about the agency's prepublication of a proposed rule focusing on waste energy and CHP.

On July 16, 2009, the EPA Administrator signed a proposed rule, Waste Energy Recovery Registry, which proposes criteria for including sources or sites in a Registry of Recoverable Waste Energy Sources ('Registry'), as required under Title IV, Subtitle D of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007. This action also proposes the Survey processes by which EPA will collect data and populate the Registry.

The proposed rule will apply to major industrial and large commercial sources as defined in the rulemaking. The proposed rule will not require the installation of new monitoring equipment; instead it specifies that sources that meet certain threshold levels and that wish to be included in the Registry voluntarily enter specific already-monitored data points into the Survey. The Survey is a necessary first step to gather the data needed to establish the Registry.

This action proposes an innovative voluntary Survey approach that enables respondents to retain control of their sensitive information and submit only the information necessary for EPA to populate the Registry. The Survey is titled the Waste Energy Survey Tool (WEST) and is to be completed voluntarily by owners and operators of affected sources at any time following the release of the Survey. The Survey is expected to be released within 90 days of the final rule's publication in the Federal Register.

The purposes of the Survey and Registry are to:

- Provide a list of the economically feasible existing waste energy recovery opportunities in the United States, based on a Survey of major industrial and large commercial sources.
- Provide state and national totals of the existing waste energy recovery opportunities, as well as the potential criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions reductions that could be achieved with the capture and use of the waste energy recovery opportunities listed in the Registry.
- Serve as the basis for potential waste energy recovery projects to qualify for financial and regulatory incentives as described in Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) Sections 373 "Waste Energy Recovery Incentive Grant Program" and 374 "Additional Incentives for Recovery, Use, and Prevention of Industrial Waste Energy," as added by EISA.

The proposed rule and relevant background information can be accessed on the [Waste Energy Recovery Registry Web site](#).

The period for public comment on the proposed rule is 60 days from Federal Register publication.

Written comments on the proposed rule may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov
- Fax: (202)566-1741
- Mail: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Mail Code 6102T, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0201, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460
- Hand Delivery: EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room, EPA West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. (Hand deliveries are accepted only during the Air Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.)

All comments should be submitted with reference to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0201.

Please do not submit comments to the CHP Partnership. For general questions about the proposed rule, contact Katrina Pielli at pielli.katrina@epa.gov.