Quarterly Webinar Series July 9, 2025

Agenda

- EPA response to the September 2024 Advisory Board Recommendations
- New FY2026/FY2027 User Fees
- e-Manifest System Development Updates
- Paper Sunset

EPA's Response to September 2024 e-Manifest Advisory Board meeting recommendations

- EPA convened the e-Manifest Advisory Board for a public meeting on September 17-19, 2024.
- The purpose of the meeting was for EPA to seek the Board's advice on EPA's proposed e-Manifest Program Priorities and User Fees for FY 2026 and 2027.
- EPA's official response document to the e-Manifest Advisory Board's recommendations from this meeting has recently been published in the meeting's public docket <u>under docket number EPA-HQ-OLEM-2024-0307 (at www.regulations.gov).</u>

Q & A

Please enter any questions into the chat.



Highlights of EPA Reponse to e-Manifest Advisory Board September 24, 2024 Recommendations

Charge 1: Proposed FY2026/2027 Program Priorities and Budget

- The Advisory Board agreed with the EPA's proposed five priorities for the e-Manifest program
- The Board recommended that:
 - EPA provide transparency in communications/meetings with US DOT
 - EPA include hazardous waste industry in meetings with US DOT
- EPA's response:
 - EPA is seeking to establish an interagency agreement with the US DOT John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center to conduct transportation research and facilitate enhanced collaboration with the relevant organizations within DOT

Highlights of EPA Response to e-Manifest Advisory Board e-Manifest September 24, 2024 Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Charge 1: Proposed FY2026/2027 Program Priorities and Budget (Cont'd)
 - > The Advisory Board recommended that:
 - EPA expand transparency, training, and outreach to help end users understand the new e-Manifest third rule
 - EPA Response:
 - EPA provided, developed, published, and has and will continue planning public webinars, training sessions, interested parties' engagement, technical assistance, online resources, and corrections requests

Highlights of EPA Response to e-Manifest Advisory Board September 24, 2024 Recommendations (Cont'd)

2. Proposed FY 2026/2027 User Fees

> **Advisory Board Recommendation**: EPA's projections for electronic manifest usage during the FY2026/2027 user fee period are overly optimistic.

EPA Response:

- > Agency acknowledges the Board's concerns about the projected 2.5% electronic adoption rate for the FY2026/2027 user fee period. However, this projection reflects recent momentum from targeted initiatives and pilot programs and overall program direction.
- ➤ Since late 2024, the program has actively collaborated with industry partners to pilot fully electronic and hybrid manifest workflows, which include hazardous waste shipments from EPA-led cleanups as well as routine industry operations. Since launching the pilot, the program has observed a marked increase in electronic manifest usage, validating that this process works.
- Additionally, Agency leadership is committed to 100% electronic adoption in the near future and has given clear direction on achieving that goal.

Highlights of EPA Reponses to e-Manifest Advisory Board September 24, 2024, Recommendations (Cont'd)

- > Final FY2026/2027 e-Manifest User Fees
 - The Agency appreciates the Advisory Board's feedback regarding its proposed FY2026/2027 e-Manifest User Fees. In finalizing this fee cycle, the program has revised its user fees to advance the goal of 100% electronic adoption while directly addressing Advisory Board recommendations.
 - The FY2026/2027 fees are part of a phased approach to sunset paper manifests. Critically, the Agency is implementing a deliberate discount for data plus image uploads to empower companies to invest in electronic manifesting infrastructure, creating a bridge for users to modernize systems incrementally while transitioning away from paper.

Highlights of EPA Reponses to e-Manifest Advisory Board September 24, 2024, Recommendations (Cont'd)

Final FY2026/2027 e-Manifest User Fees	
Туре	Fee
Image Upload	\$25
Data plus Image Upload	\$7
Electronic	\$5

e-Manifest System Development Updates

- General Updates
 - Print Electronic Manifests from Dashboard (Printer icon)
 - Setting to Scheduled via services for non-TSDFs
 - Notification email to handlers that did not complete their correction requests
- Services enhancements and fixes
 - Added the ability to correct dates on electronic manifests via services like we have in the UI
 - UI Link Service to allow for printed signers to be populated on bulk quick sign page
 - Available to Sign service update to address issue with multiple transporters of the same company
 - Hybrid Submission Generator Printed Date fix for early morning pick ups

e-Manifest System Development Updates (Cont'd)

- 12/1 Regulatory Compliance Date: Initial Release
 - Initial WIETS/ e-Manifest integration
 - Importer slider changed to dropdown
 - Consent number validation via services
 - Disabled in Production, but available in Preproduction:
 - Initial Services updates for Exporters also can be found at: https://github.com/USEPA/e-manifest/
 - Mock ups of the Manifest Regulatory Reports Dashboard

Paper Sunset

- EPA is developing a proposed rule that would propose a date for sunsetting paper manifests
- As part of the rule development process, EPA will seek feedback both from the Advisory Board and through public comment on the proposed rule
- Please watch for the next Advisory Board meeting

Contact Info and Useful Links

- Help desk: https://rcrainfo.atlassian.net/helpcenter/ris/portal/8
- Subscribe to our e-Manifest Bulletin: <u>https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USEPAORCR/subscriber/new</u>
- e-Manifest Program website: https://www.epa.gov/e-Manifest
 - FAQs: https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/frequent-questions-about-e-manifest
 - Webinars: https://www.epa.gov/e-manifest/monthly-webinars-about-hazardous-waste-electronic-manifest-e-manifest
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/USEPA/e-manifest

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