

## **COMPLIANCE ADVISORY**

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**Compliance & Enforcement** 

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# Improved Hazardous Waste Web Site Provides Tools for Transporters to Estimate Their Annual Fee

### Who is affected by this initiative?

The hazardous waste fee web site (<a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/hw-fees.html">http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/hw-fees.html</a>) now includes additional features to benefit the 148 hazardous waste transporters and their customers. These features will improve billing and budgeting associated with DEP hazardous waste annual compliance monitoring fees.

#### What is occurring?

The annual hazardous waste transporter fee is issued each March for the waste transported the previous calendar year. The amount of the fee is determined by the total amount of waste transported that year divided by the Department costs. Since the annual tonnage fluctuates, the amount of the fee changes each year – if more waste is transported then the fee per ton decreases. The variability of this fee has made it difficult for transporters to determine the amount they should bill their customers for this expense. To assist the hazardous waste transporters better estimate their DEP fees and improve their own billing to their customers, the Department has developed the following tools:

- A new tool that will allow the transporter to get an estimate of the per ton rate in "real time".
   This tool will calculate the fee using the previous 365 days of manifest data. Since the actual fee is for a calendar year, the accuracy of this estimate will improve as the year progresses.
   This tool will allow each transporter to improve their billing to cover expenses and not be surprised a year later when they actually get their fee.
- A new tool that will allow the transporter to get an estimate of the bill they will receive based upon the waste transported during that year. This will allow the transporter to budget for such an expense.
- An updated tool that allows the transporter to verify that their fee was properly calculated through identifying all the waste shipments that were associated with the fee received, the total tonnage, and the fee per ton.

#### Where can I get more information?

Please visit our improved hazardous waste fee web site to take advantage of these new and improved features. The web address is <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/hw-fees.html">http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/hw-fees.html</a>

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#### Who should I contact with questions?

Please call us at 609-292-6305 or send your questions to the address below:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Air and Hazardous Materials Enforcement Bureau of Hazardous Waste & UST Compliance and Enforcement Mail Code 09-03 P.O. Box 420 Trenton NJ 08625-0420

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