

## **1. Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS)**

### *What is RCRIS?*

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) is a major national information system that helps EPA Regions and States in the daily operations and implementation of the RCRA Subtitle C program. As of December 1991, it was fully implemented by all Regions and States, effectively superseding the Hazardous Waste Data Management System (HWDMS). RCRIS also tracks data previously contained in the Corrective Action Reporting System (CARS). Both HWDMS and CARS were archived in January 1992.

RCRIS is both a program management and inventory system of RCRA hazardous waste handlers. RCRIS captures identification and location data for all handlers of hazardous waste and a wide range of information on hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities regarding permit and closure status, compliance with Federal and State regulations, and cleanup (corrective action) activities.

Data are collected from notification forms and permit applications submitted by hazardous waste handlers, as well as from information gathered at inspections. EPA Regions and RCRA-authorized States enter information directly into RCRIS. Core data from the Regions and States are then uploaded to the RCRIS National Oversight database monthly for use by EPA Headquarters in its oversight of the RCRA program and to respond to public requests for information.