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RCRA/SUPERFUND HOTLINE MONTHLY SUMMARY

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I. SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS AND RESOLVED ISSUES - AUGUST 1988

A. RCRA

1. Source Reduction and Recycling Technical Assistance Grants for States

On July 18, 1988 (53 FR 27077) EPA announced the availability of a new financial assistance program, "Source Reduction and Recycling Technical Assistance" for States to develop or expand source reduction and recycling technical assistance programs. The program is a grant/cooperative agreement program designed to provide assistance to a limited number of states to establish or expand technical assistance programs that address the reduction of pollutants from air, land, surface, water and ground-water.

How much money is available to states through this program?

Congress appropriated \$4 million for the source reduction and recycling program. Of the total \$4 million, \$3 million will be awarded to States in fiscal year 1989 under cooperative agreements. Approximately 10-12 states will be selected through open competition. Each selected state will be eligible to receive no more than \$300,000.

What procedures should a state follow to receive grant money?

To apply for funds, State environmental agencies must: (1) submit a letter of intent by August 15, 1988; and (2) submit a grant applications package by September 30, 1988.

What types of activities are eligible for funding?

These cooperative agreement funds are to be used specifically for establishing and expanding source reduction and recycling assistance programs that address the transfer of pollutants across all environmental media. A list of possible activities eligible for funding include the following:

- Hiring personnel and/or procuring necessary expertise to support the establishment and development of multimedia program;
- Providing direct technical assistance in source reduction and recycling, especially to small and medium-sized firms;
- Conducting demonstration activities and/or in-plant pilot scale studies of pollution prevention technologies;
- Developing and delivering programs to train staff to provide technical assistance to generators in identifying and implementing source reduction and recycling opportunities and activities;
- Developing or expanding state technical information clearinghouses that contribute to national technical transfer networks or clearinghouses;
- Expanding and improving waste exchange programs among industry, states and local governments;
- Developing and distributing industry/process-specific technical manuals and/or brochures to help generators identify and implement source reduction and recycling activities; and,
- Conducting outreach activities such as presentations, workshops and seminars.

What are the differences between this program and RITTA?

RITTA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Integrated Training and Technical Assistance Initiative) is designed to provide assistance to States to plan and implement hazardous waste training and technical assistance activities in support of the States' RCRA programs. The activities funded under RITTA must include: (1) the development of a long term plan for training and technical assistance activities; (2) delivery of RCRA program training activities for State regulators; and

(3) implementation of an initial pilot technical assistance project in waste minimization.

The cooperative agreement funds will be awarded to States to establish multi-media waste reduction technical assistance programs. Unlike RITTA, this program is not specifically limited to wastes regulated under RCRA.

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