



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Dear Stakeholder:

This letter is to inform you of the administrative transfer of the PCB cleanup and disposal program to EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). The program was previously administered by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS). EPA is promulgating a procedural rule to move the administration of the TSCA PCB cleanup and disposal regulations from OPPTS to OSWER with an expected effective date of October 1, 2007. OSWER is the office within EPA that manages most cleanup and disposal activities. OSWER provides policy, guidance and direction for safely managing waste; preparing for and preventing chemical and oil spills; responding to accidents and emergencies; and cleaning up and reusing contaminated property. Moving the PCB cleanup and disposal activities to OSWER is a natural fit, since it will group together similar activities in one office and lead to greater efficiencies in EPA cleanup and disposal activities. This effort to group similar activities together also fits with the Agency's One Cleanup Program.

OSWER will implement the existing PCB regulations as they currently exist. There will be no change to the PCB regulations prior to or immediately following the transfer, other than the procedural rule to transfer administration to OSWER. The management of PCB cleanup and disposal under TSCA will continue to be a federally implemented program and will not be delegated to the states. Any potential future changes to the regulations likely would not occur until after 2008.

Management and staff in OPPTS will work closely with their counterparts in OSWER and the Regions during 2007 to facilitate knowledge transfer of the program's regulatory history and current issues in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Attached you will find a fact sheet addressing some of the details of the transfer. If you have additional questions, please contact Sara McGurk (OPPTS) at 202-566-0480 or Vernon Myers (OSWER) at 703-308-8660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy C. Hamnett".

Wendy Cleland-Hamnett,
Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic
Substances

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Hale".

Matt Hale, Director
Office of Solid Waste

Attachment