



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION BY
EASTERN RESEARCH GROUP, Incorporated

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice of access to data and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EPA will authorize its contractor Eastern Research Group, Incorporated (ERG) to access Confidential Business Information (CBI) which has been submitted to EPA under the authority of all sections of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, as amended. EPA has issued regulations that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all EPA Offices that receive information designated by the submitter, as CBI to abide by these provisions.

DATE: Access to confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than (insert date 10 days from date of publication).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LaShan Haynes, Document Control Officer, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, (5305P), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460, 703-605-0516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Access to Confidential Business Information**

Under EPA Contract No. EP-W-10-055, ERG, Incorporated will assist the Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division (RCSD) in developing the Municipal Solid Waste Characterization Report to analyze the composition and amounts of the United State's Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), and how these materials are recycled, combusted, and landfilled. The methodology used in this report is a "top-down" materials flow approach to estimate the size of the waste stream data. This report may typically involve one or more of the following statutes: CAA, CWA, RCRA, TSCA, FIFRA, EPCRA and the SDWA. Some of the data collected voluntarily from industry, may be claimed by industry to contain trade secrets or CBI. In accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B, ORCR has established policies and procedures for handling information collected from industry, under the authority of RCRA, including RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manuals.

ERG, Incorporated shall protect from unauthorized disclosure all information designated as confidential and shall abide by all RCRA CBI requirements, including procedures outlined in the RCRA CBI Security Manual.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued regulations (40 CFR Part 2, Subpart B) that outline business confidentiality provisions for the Agency and require all

EPA Offices that receive information designated by the submitter as CBI to abide by these provisions. ERG, Incorporated will be authorized to have access to RCRA CBI under the EPA “Contractor Requirements for the Control and Security of RCRA Confidential Business Information Security Manual.”

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of RCRA that ERG, Incorporated under the contract may have access to RCRA CBI. Access to RCRA CBI under this contract will take place at ERG’s Chantilly, Virginia and Prairie View, Kansas offices, and when necessary, EPA Headquarters only. Contractor personnel at each location will be required to sign non-disclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to confidential information.

Date: June 28, 2012.

Sandra L. Connors,
Acting Director,
Office of Resource Conservation
& Recovery.

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