

ECHO - Enforcement and Compliance History Online

<https://echo.epa.gov>



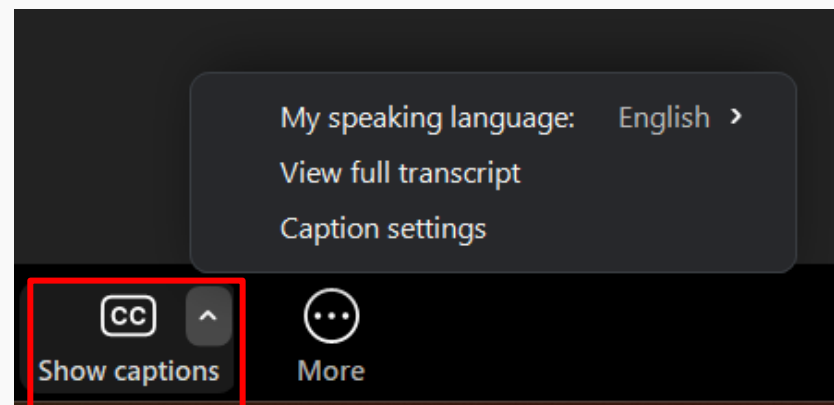


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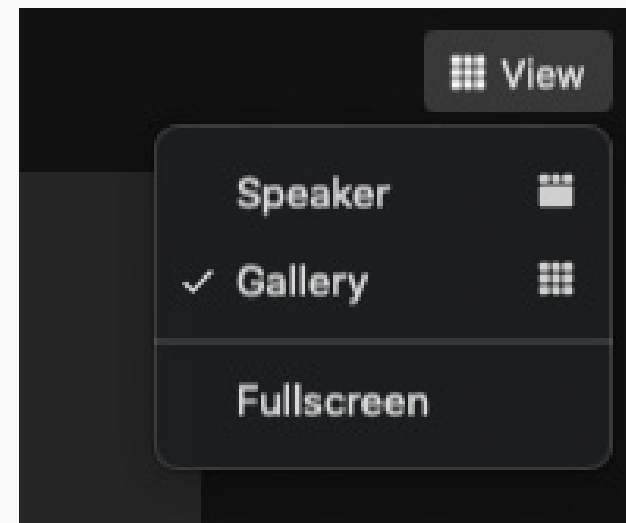
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Webinar Materials

A recording of the webinar and transcript, as well as the presentation slides will be posted on the [ECHO Training Page](#).



Introduction

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides public access to its regulatory compliance and enforcement data via the internet.
- The Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) website at <https://echo.epa.gov> integrates data from major EPA information systems for public use.



What is ECHO?

- ECHO is EPA's public website that provides compliance information about regulated facilities.
 - How they are regulated
 - When they were inspected
 - Whether violations of environmental regulations were found
 - Whether an enforcement action was taken
- The website also provides dashboards with views of overall enforcement and compliance status trends and some bulk datasets for download.



ECHO Content

Compliance history for more than 1,000,000 EPA-regulated facilities

- Three-year compliance status and ten-year inspection and enforcement history
- EPA and state, local, and tribal environmental agency data for:
 - Clean Air Act stationary sources
 - Clean Water Act permitted dischargers
 - Safe Drinking Water Act public water systems
 - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste handlers



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- EPA data for other statutes like Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):
 - Inspections
 - Enforcement Action Details



Sources of ECHO Data

ECHO extracts data from other EPA data systems, typically weekly:

- Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information System (RCRAInfo)
- Safe Drinking Water Information System (extracted quarterly)
- Facility Registry Service (links EPA-regulated facilities and permits under one ID number)
- Envirofacts: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

Full list with refresh dates on “About the Data” page
(<https://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/about-the-data>)



ECHO Features

- Facility Searches → *under home page “Search Options”*
 - All Media (cross-program)
 - Air (stationary source)
 - Wastewater/Stormwater/Biosolids (NPDES program)
 - Hazardous Waste (RCRA Subtitle C)
 - Drinking Water (public water systems)
- Water Pollutant Loading Tool → *under home page “Search Options”*
- EPA Enforcement Case Search → *under home page “Find EPA Cases”*
- EPA/State Dashboards → *under home page “Analyze Trends”*



Today's Topics

- This webinar explores how to use dashboards available on the ECHO websites. These dashboards are specialized to track both facility and agency performance as they relate to compliance with and enforcement of environmental standards, and support EPA's transparency efforts.
- This webinar will cover examples using the following tools:
 - EPA/State Dashboards
 - Comparative Maps
 - PFAS Analytic Tools



Please enter questions you have during the presentation, and we will answer them soon.



- ECHO Training Page: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/training>
- Data Dictionary: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/reports/dfr-data-dictionary>
- EPA/State Dashboards Help: <https://echo.epa.gov/trends/comparative-maps-dashboards>
- Air Dashboard Help: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/air-dashboard-help>
- PFAS Analytic Tools: <https://echo.epa.gov/trends/pfas-tools>
- PFAS Analytic Tools Frequently Asked Questions: <https://echo.epa.gov/trends/pfas-tools-faqs>

Additional Resources



- Quick start guide: <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo>
- Short video tutorials: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials>
- Webinars: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/training>
- FAQ: <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/echo-faq>
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- How to Report an Error: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/how-to-report-error>
- ECHO Notify: <https://echo.epa.gov/tools/echo-notify>



Question and Answer Session



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