

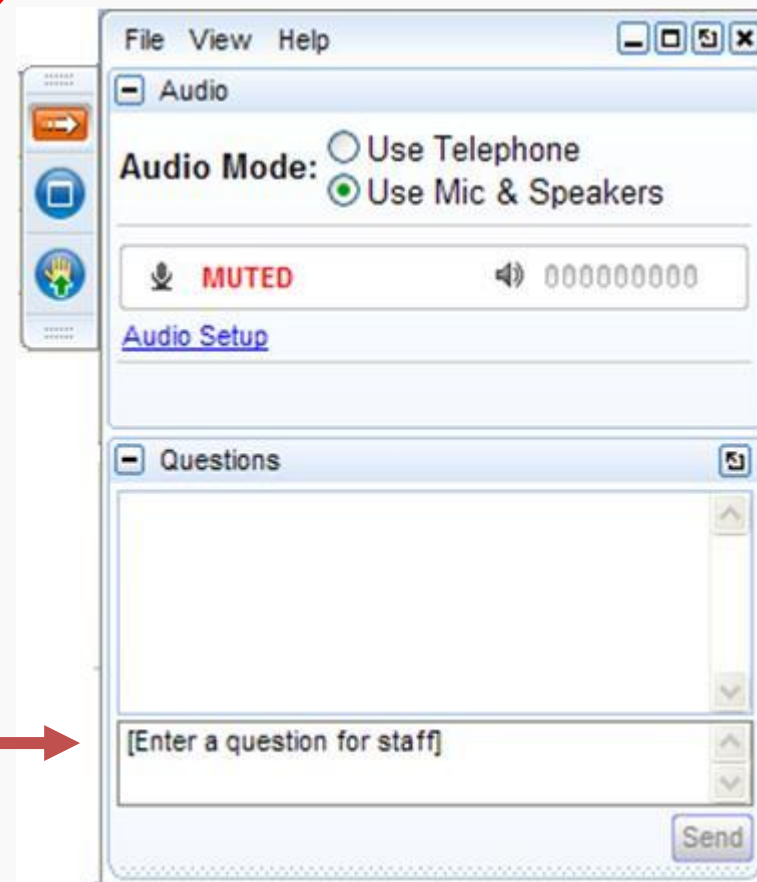
ECHO - Enforcement and Compliance History Online

<https://echo.epa.gov>

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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 enforcement action was taken
- Also provides dashboards with views of overall enforcement and compliance status trends and bulk datasets for download.



ECHO Content

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

- Three-year compliance status and five-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
 - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste handlers
 - Safe Drinking Water Act public water systems



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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)
 - Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
- Inspections
- Enforcement Action Details



Sources of ECHO Data

ECHO extracts data from other EPA data systems, typically on a weekly basis:

- Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Information System (RCRAInfo)
- Safe Drinking Water Information System (extracted quarterly)
- Facility Registry System (links EPA-regulated facilities and permits under one ID number)
- Envirofacts: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) pollutant release data for context
- 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 Data (cross-program)
 - Air (stationary sources)
 - Water (dischargers)
 - Hazardous Waste (RCRA Subtitle C)
 - Drinking Water (public water systems)
 - Data downloads and web services → *also under “Data Services”*
- EPA Enforcement Case Search → *under home page “Find EPA Cases”*
- State Dashboards → *under home page “Analyze Trends”*
- Water Pollutant Loading Tool → *under home page “Search Options”*



Hazardous Waste Data

- RCRAInfo is the source data system
 - Web Access: <https://rcrapublic.epa.gov/rcrainfoweb>
- ECHO focuses on information about handler designations, compliance with environmental regulations, and enforcement actions.
- RCRA Hazardous Waste regulations 40 CFR parts 260 to 282:
<https://www.epa.gov/rcra/resource-conservation-and-recovery-act-rcra-regulations>
- Access through the ECHO Hazardous Waste Facility Search:
<https://echo.epa.gov/facilities/facility-search?mediaSelected=rcra>



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Live Demo of ECHO



- Quick start guide: <https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo>
- Video tutorials: <https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials>
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Question and Answer