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RD-925 Reports Due Soon

2009's User Charge Annual Certified Statement is due February 20th, 2010 for all Significant Industrial Users, Large Commercial-Industrial Users or Tax-Exempt Users in Cook County (MWRD jurisdiction).

In order to complete your RD-925 report, we do not need the forms sent to you by the MWRD but we do need information on the list below:

1. A year's worth of water bills with water meter readings for 2009.
For example: December 2008 through December 2009.
2. 2008 real estate tax bills payable in 2009, specifically the invoice your organization paid in November 2009.

This has the itemized breakdown-indicating the amount allocated to the MWRD. Tax credit based on this amount.

3. The most recent RD-913 statement for 2009 paid to the MWRD.
We double check balances with the MWRDGC Finance Department at the end of this year.

4. If you have sub-meters to

- verify water loss,
- water-to-product,
- any flow-splits or final outfall flow measurements;

Provide copies of these weekly logs, as well as any water meter calibration certification.

Please send this information attached (Excel Spreadsheet or PDF attachments preferred) in an email to:

bmchale@gabrielenvironmental.com
Subject: Company Name, RD-925 info

Alternatively fax this information to 773-486-0004 or mail to the address listed below, ATTN: Company Name RD-925

Forms are completed in the order information is received.

If you have any questions about RD-925s, please contact Brigid McHale at 773-486-2123 or bmchale@gabrielenvironmental.com.

DC Enacts Bag Tax

On January 1, 2010, Washington D.C. began charging consumers \$0.05 for every paper or plastic bag obtained from stores. The Anacostia River Cleanup and Protection Act of 2009, enacted this tax in an attempt to decrease the number of bags to fight the the Anacostia River's serious pollution problem.

The "Bag Tax" in D.C. is not the first time such measures have been enacted by a government to reduce disposable bag use. In 2002, Ireland enacted a tax of 15 cents per bag - and watched consumer usage of disposable bags plummet.

The District hopes that by charging a small fee for disposable bags, this will encourage consumers to change their habits. For those consumers who choose to still receive the bags, funds raised by the tax will go towards cleaning up the Anacostia River.

Gabriel supports the use of reusable bags to lessen our impact on the Earth's resources. If you would like your own FREE reusable bag, email Sarah Polich at spolich@gabrielenvironmental.com.

Winter Cycling Workshop - Feb. 5th

Celebrate winter biking with a **Winter Cycling Workshop!**

Join local university students at a Winter Cycling Workshop where you'll learn tips and tricks for riding year round.

Topics will include: dressing for all kinds of weather, prepping your bike for the elements as well as how to fix-a-flat, lube a chain and the basics of winter bike maintenance.

Visit Active Transportation Alliance's website (www.activetrans.org) to learn more and to RSVP for the event.

New Recycler Responsibilities Jan. 1st

A new Illinois law regulating recycler responsibility went into effect January 1, 2010. This law, the Electronics Product Recycling and Reuse Act, attempts to address the issue of an ever-growing electronic waste stream.

According to the Act: "Electronic products are the fastest growing portion of the solid waste stream. In 2005, 2.6 million tons of electronic products became obsolete yet only 13% of these products were recycled. Many electronic products contain lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, and other materials that may pose environmental and health risks that must be managed."



The Act mandates that all as of Jan. 1, 2010, all residential computers, computer monitors, printers and televisions which are discarded must either be refurbished or recycled, free of cost to the consumer. By 2012 these products will be banned from landfills entirely.

The IEPA will then use information submitted by retailers and manufacturers to set annual recycling goals.

To find out where you can recycle your residential electronic waste, visit the IEPA's E-Waste Recycling webpage at: www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/consumer-education.html

Upcoming Industrial Reporting Due Dates Reminder:

If you need assistance completing any of these forms or questions about if they apply to your facility, please contact your Gabriel project manager or Brigid McHale at 773-486-2123 or bmchale@gabrielenvironmental.com.

January

January 30, 2010 - Chicago Liquid Waste Fee (Chicago facilities only)

For generators of liquid waste containerized and shipped off-site in 2009 (more than 360 gallons)

February

February 1, 2010 - Illinois Generator Nonhazardous Special Waste Annual Report

For Special Waste (nonhazardous and PCB wastes) shipped out of state in 2009

February 20, 2010 - User Charge Annual Statement-RD-925 (MWRD/Cook County facilities only)

For Significant Industrial Users, Large Commercial-Industrial Users or Tax-Exempt Users

March

March 1, 2010 - Illinois Generator Hazardous Annual Report

For Large Quantity Generators

March 1, 2010 - RCRA Hazardous Waste Report (due biannually)

For Large Quantity Generators

March 1, 2010 - Tier II Hazardous Chemical Inventory Report

For all facilities that have hazardous chemicals stored above reporting thresholds