# **ECHO - Enforcement and Compliance History Online**

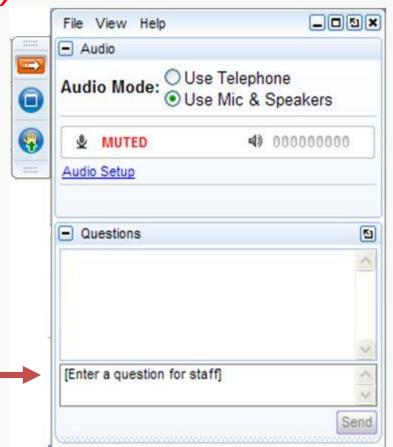
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### Introduction

- 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
  <a href="https://echo.epa.gov">https://echo.epa.gov</a> 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 (Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Safe Drinking Water Act)
  - When they were inspected
  - Whether violations of environmental regulations were found
  - Whether enforcement action was taken
- The site 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 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



# **ECHO Content (continued)**

- 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 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 (<a href="https://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/about-the-data">https://echo.epa.gov/resources/echo-data/about-the-data</a>)



# **ECHO** Features

- Facility searches ->under home page "Search Options"
  - All Data (cross-program)
  - Air (stationary source)
  - Water (dischargers)
  - Hazardous Waste (RCRA Subtitle C)
  - Drinking Water (public water systems)
  - Data downloads and web 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"



# Please enter questions you have as the presentation goes on and we will answer them soon



# Live Demo of ECHO

#### Resources



- Quick start guide: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo">https://echo.epa.gov/resources/general-info/learn-more-about-echo</a>
- Video tutorials: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials">https://echo.epa.gov/help/tutorials</a>
- Webinars: <a href="https://echo.epa.gov/help/training">https://echo.epa.gov/help/training</a>
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# **Question and Answer**