

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 11/20/2017 10:19:53 PM
To: Kelly Mayes [redacted] **Ex. 6**
CC: Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]
Subject: RE: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Hi Kelly, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

In our experience, several colleges and universities have (or had) hazardous waste storage or treatment permits, but it is not common.

From: Kelly Mayes [mailto:redacted] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Hi,

Thank you so much for the information. Thank you for being so prompt with your response as well! I would like to clarify the second question in my previous e-mail.

I conducted an interview with a former UGA Safety Compliance Professional who told me that the university used to have a hazardous waste management facility on campus, but updated in the last few years because that system of handling the materials was out of date and central accumulation areas are more efficient. I took this to mean that at one time in the past hazardous waste management facilities were common on campuses in place of the system of using central accumulation facilities. Is this incorrect?

Sincerely,

Kelly Mayes
B.A Journalism and B.A Ecology
University of Georgia | Class of 2020

[redacted] **Ex. 6**
Mobile: [redacted] **Ex. 6**

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:35:59 PM
To: Kelly Mayes
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Hi Kelly, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

Large quantity generators and treatment, storage and disposal facilities report to EPA every other year the amount of hazardous waste they generate. The most recent data reported to EPA is from 2015 and that data is available by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code through our RCRAInfo Web website here:
<https://rcrainfo.epa.gov/rcrainfoweb/action/modules/br/naics/view>.

Searching this database by the NAICS code 6113 shows that Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools generated approximately 10,300 tons of hazardous waste in 2015. NAICS code 6113 seems the most appropriate since your previous questions referred to colleges and universities and because "research facilities" is a broader term that's not represented by a single NAICS code. RCRAInfo Web contains data back to 2001 if you would like to search for amounts this sector generated in other years.

For your second question, we assume you mean central accumulation areas (i.e., areas where facilities may temporarily accumulate hazardous waste as generators in accordance with the small quantity generator - SQG - and large quantity generator - LQG - accumulation regulations) and not hazardous waste management facilities, which refers to permitted treatment, storage and disposal facilities, since very few colleges and universities have hazardous waste permits.

EPA is aware that most colleges and universities laboratories have satellite accumulation areas and many also have central accumulation areas, but this information is not something hazardous waste generators have to report to EPA so we do not have specific numbers we can provide to you.

From: Kelly Mayes [mailto:kmm19529@uga.edu] Ex. 6
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Thank you so much! I look forward to hearing what you find.

Best,

Kelly Mayes
B.A Journalism and B.A Ecology
University of Georgia | Class of 2020

Ex. 6
Mobile: Ex. 6

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:47:08 AM
To: Kelly Mayes
Subject: Fwd: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Hi Kelly, I'm looking into this for you.

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: Kelly Mayes <kmm19529@uga.edu>
Date: November 14, 2017 at 8:19:46 AM EST
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Reporter Request: Data about hazardous waste from academic institutions

Good Morning,

I am a student in The University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. I am currently writing a story for one of my classes about hazardous waste disposal; however, I need some data to go off of.

I would like to know how much hazardous waste is produced from research facilities in the United States each year? Also, how many research institutions in the United States have hazardous waste management facilities as opposed to satellite accumulation areas?

If this data is unavailable please let me know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kelly Mayes
B.A Journalism and B.A Ecology
University of Georgia | Class of 2020

Ex. 6
Mobile: **Ex. 6**