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A new federal regulation that affects all companies that generate, transport, or treat hazardous waste is about to take effect. But help in meeting the new requirement is at hand.

Beginning September 5, 2006, a new hazardous waste manifest form must be used for all hazardous waste shipments. A training video on the new manifest form is now available on-line at <http://www.pneac.org/hazwastemanifest/>. The training video is a free service of the Printers' National Environmental Assistance Center (PNEAC), one of several Internet-accessible centers that provide plain language environmental compliance information for businesses. The video is helpful to all companies involved in the generation, transportation or treatment of hazardous waste. This training video introduces the new manifest form, highlights the differences between the new and the previous manifest, and provides specific instructions to those who must use the new form.

The Hazardous Waste Manifest System is a set of forms and procedures designed to seamlessly track hazardous waste from the time it leaves the facility where it was produced until it reaches the off-site waste management facility that will store, treat, or dispose of the waste. The key component of the system is the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest. Each party that handles the waste signs the manifest and retains a copy for themselves. Previously, states had their own manifest. Now states will be banned from using their own versions, and all manifests must be printed from federal government approved sources.

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