

EPA ID Validation Overview
for Business
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Background

Businesses in California subject to regulation under the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) are required electronically report and submit required information to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)) in accordance with Title 27 California Code of Regulations section 151888(b). All applicable data fields of CERS are required to be completed.

CalEPA has created an EPA ID database validation tool for use during the CERS submittal process. With the implementation of the new tool instead of manual entry, the EPA ID number will be provided to the user.

Implementation

CalEPA will be implementing the validation tool in two phases.

Phase 1 – August 29th, 2022

A facility that reports activities pertaining to hazardous waste in CERS requiring an EPA ID will be triggered to validate their EPA ID number.

Failure to successfully validate the EPA ID will result in a warning message but will not prevent submittal of any section of CERS. CUPAs will see the warning when reviewing the submittal through the Submittal Element Processing.

Phase 2 – Spring of 2023 pending feedback

A facility that reports activities pertaining to hazardous waste in CERS requiring an EPA ID will not be able to submit in CERS without a validated EPA ID number.

In cases where the EPA ID cannot be validated, the facility will be directed to contact their CUPA for assistance. CUPAs will coordinate with their PA's and the CERS information technology staff to correct the issue and complete their submittal.

Validation Tool

Historically, a facility has been required to manually enter their EPA ID number into CERS. This project will change that process and instead an EPA ID number will be provided to the user for selection and confirmation. The validation tool will compare the CERS facility name and address against records in HWTS. Four different interfaces are possible with the validation tool:

1. Automatic Validation - The EPA ID number and facility information in CERS match HWTS. No action will be needed by the facility.
2. Validation Needed –EPA ID number in CERS is not a direct match to HWTS.
 - a. Warning message to validate the EPA ID number in the business activates section of CERS
3. Validation Failed – No EPA ID number identified as a match from HWTS.
 - a. Warning message to obtain EPA ID or contact CUPA for assistance. CUPA contact information provided in pop-up on screen

Once the EPA ID number has been validated no future action will be required. A validated EPA ID may be updated by re-running the validation process.