

Illinois CERA Clearinghouse

County Briefing

August 2018

2017 Amendments to IL Law

- Instead of pounds targets, moves to convenience standard starting in 2019
 - Minimum number of collection sites on population density basis
- Counties and certain municipalities “opt in” to the manufacturer program under CERA
- Each manufacturer must provide an “e-waste program” to transport/recycle residential CEDs for the ENTIRE ROSTER of counties (at least minimum number of sites) who opted in independently.....

OR

- Through a “manufacturer clearinghouse” – collection of manufacturers representing 50% or more of the total collection obligations
- 2019 – ALL registered manufacturers participating through Clearinghouse

Key Facts

- 56 Counties submitted opt-in forms by the 3/1/18
 - 58 jurisdictions total – 3 for largest county, Cook, incl City of Chicago and Northern Cook County (SWANCC)
- Total population covered – 11.58 million or 90% of IL population
 - 5 Counties w over 500k population, 51 counties under 500k, 30 under 50k population
- 87 Registered Manufacturers for 2019 (18 over 1% of 2018 obligation targets) – 83 with reported 2017 sales and therefore obligations under Clearinghouse

Clearinghouse

- Electronics Recycling Representative Organization (ERRO) moved forward to create a CERA Clearinghouse for 2019
 - ERRO – non-profit with manufacturer board, no staff
 - Initial funding from CTA, will be manufacturer fees in future
- Issued RFP in Feb 2018 for a Clearinghouse Administrator, selected NCER with MRM
- DELAYED, needed another bill – [HB 3248](#) – to pass legislature and be signed in late June 2018 to establish anti-trust protections and a methodology for allocating responsibility amongst manufacturers for meeting CERA requirements.
- Immediately began weekly meetings after bill signing with manufacturers to work on questions such as:
 - Methodology for setting manufacturer percentage obligations
 - How to allocate sites, and to whom (individual manufacturers or groups)
 - Reporting and other rules

What the Clearinghouse Does/Doesn't Do

- DOES help manufacturers collectively meet the requirements to implement a statewide “manufacturer e-waste program” in Illinois through a joint Plan
- DOES administer manufacturer obligation percentages within the Program Plan, request existing relationship preferences, and then allocate opt-in counties to individual manufacturers or groups
- DOES set rules for manufacturer or designated group participation
- DOES establish an auditing program for verifying reported pound totals and collector practices
- DOES compile information required and submit Program Plan to IEPA

What the Clearinghouse Does/Doesn't Do

- **DOES NOT** contract with recyclers, collectors or other service providers (for 2019 all contracts will be made by group or individual manufacturer plans)
- **DOES NOT** decide which collection site/s or events will be included in the final Program Plan
- **DOES NOT** decide which entities (collectors, super-collectors, recyclers) are used in meeting the required minimum sites for convenience standard (all entities must meet requirements in law and those by contract)
- **DOES NOT** mandate whether assigned groups/manufacturers agree to include all proposed sites/events from opt-in forms, including those beyond minimum required under convenience standard

Progress So Far

- Agreed to method for allocation of counties/municipalities, then developed assignments
- Requested all manufacturers to be in group or have individual allocation (if over 1%). Resulted in 6 groups, plus 1 individual manufacturer for allocation
- Requested groups to submit existing relationships and preferences for current collectors
- Estimated collection pounds based on existing data and estimated product category breakdown

Who Has Been Assigned, Expectations

- Group Plans and Individual Manufacturer Assigned to Counties
[These are **NOT** necessarily the recyclers!]
 - **DNA Group:** Steve Neu, sneu@dnagroup.us
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 - **LG:** (through Lisa Kneller, Vintage Tech), lkneller@vintagetechrecyclers.com
 - **MRM:** Tricia Conroy, tricia.conroy@mrmrecycling.com
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 - **Sims Recycling Solutions:** Larry King, larry.king@simsmm.com
 - **URT:** Jeff Gloyd, jgloyd@URTolutions.com
- These groups will have direct manufacturer contracts to fund the program, set the parameters for sites/events to be included, decide which service providers will be used (i.e. collectors, recyclers, transporters)
- Counties should have been contacted by one of these groups by now or this week

Working With Groups

- These groups all had worked in some capacity for manufacturers under the previous versions of the law
 - Many already work with current collectors, looked at preferences
- Even if you don't recognize the group contacting you, please work with them to determine who they utilize and how it can work with the existing program
- May need to work on deviations from standard – i.e. 4 events substituting for 1 site
- Groups must offer bulk transportation, recycling, and packaging materials. Other issues can be negotiated

County Collector Requirements

- Review Section 1-45 of CERA on Collector Responsibilities, including:
 - Register by January 1, 2019 and each year
 - ONLY collect residential material under the manufacturer program, or kept separate
 - Accept 7 or fewer residential CEDs at one time from an individual
 - Average 18,000 lbs per truckload to avoid recycler charges
 - SORT into at least 5 categories by product type (see CERA)
 - NO scrapping, dismantling, or otherwise diverting any residential CEDs collected under the manufacturer program to anyone other than the group's authorized recycler/service provider.
 - May charge consumers a fee for monitors or TVs to cover certain such as collection and bulk shipment (see CERA)

Other Questions/Upcoming Deadlines

- Clearinghouse will submit updated Final Program Plan to IEPA by next Friday, 8/31
- Work with assigned group to finalize details on sites/events for 2019
- If withdrawing from manufacturer program, notify IEPA and Clearinghouse as soon as possible
- Other Questions:

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