**To:** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
**Cc:** Leopard, Matthew[Leopard.Matthew@epa.gov]; McLean, Sarsah[McLean.Sarsah@epa.gov]; Sims, Patricia[Sims.Patricia@epa.gov]
**From:** Brinkhuis, Randall
**Sent:** Fri 2/7/2014 9:06:18 PM
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Law Statutes; Relevant CFRs.

Glad I could help out a little.

The FR site I mentioned is indeed operated by the Office of the Federal Register. http://www.federalregister.gov

The other FR site I was thinking of is http://govpulse.us.

Though this is a little afield from your work, another site I happened upon lets people track rulemaking dockets and analyze comments posted in response to dockets. It's a Sunlight Foundation site at http://docketwrench.sunlightfoundation.com/

Randy

P.S. The fifty-page limit is not a hard limit for EPA staff.

**From:** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 2:30 PM
**To:** Brinkhuis, Randall
**Cc:** Leopard, Matthew; McLean, Sarsah; Sims, Patricia
**Subject:** Environmental Law Statutes; Relevant CFRs.

Thanks, Randy, for your very responsive research on my request. I understand from our discussion today that there is a de facto fifty page limit on EPA Headquarters Library's ability to download (print) texts. As we discussed, when there will be intensive use of an extended text, traditional print volumes may be more feasible than online resources.

We have narrowed the relevant CFR volumes to five, and Matt has authorized Sarsah to obtain those along with the Environmental Statutes volume.

As we discussed, I also obtained at my personal expense the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) TSCA Deskbook, Second

Edition (copyright 2012), which others within OCSPP/OPPT have requested. Please let me know if I can assist you with specific inquiries related to this volume. It would be a good addition to the HQ library.

Again, thanks for your rapid response.

Pat Sims

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On 02/07/14, Brinkhuis, Randall<Brinkhuis.Randall@epa.gov> wrote:

Pat,

Here's my message from yesterday.

Randy

**From:**Brinkhuis, Randall
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:14 PM
**To:**Sims, Patricia
**Cc:**Leopard, Matthew; Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
**Subject:**RE: Eastman tox studies on MCHM & other info re the Jan 2014 West Virginia Elk River chemical release

Pat,

I don't think so, but I can check with the HQ/Chemical Libraries to see whether they have an extra copy of the CFRs. I think "Environmental Law Statutes" is commercially published, which means we wouldn't have it (but I'll double-check). Are you thinking of the Statutes at Large or the U.S. Code?

The CFR is available through FDsys.gov. Authenticated files are posted there, so if you don't need much, say for a particular case, you could download what you needed from there. The EPA Desktop Library, which you should be able to access remotely, has Hein Online which includes a large number of legal resources (but it has a clunky interface, imo).

I can also check with OGC's Law Library, but the EPA Law Librarian retired a couple of months ago and it's not clear whether a task order has been issued for that yet.

I'm about to head over to the library to check on something else and can ask when I'm over there. I'll give you a call when I get back and we can discuss the situation.

Randy

*"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." —Goethe*

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**From:**Sims, Patricia
**Sent:** Thursday, February 06, 2014 2:00 PM
**To:**Brinkhuis, Randall
**Cc:**Leopard, Matthew
**Subject:**RE: Eastman tox studies on MCHM & other info re the Jan 2014 West Virginia Elk River chemical release

Randy -- Matt asks that we determine whether IMD has available current volumes of "Environmental Law Statutes" and CFRs for the implementing regulations, 40 CFR Parts 1-1700. We need to know if there is a set of these materials in hard copy available for my use in remote office (alternate workplace). Please let us know by reply email, copied to plsims@verizon.net.

Thank you.

Patricia L. Sims, Attorney

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**From:**Brinkhuis, Randall
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2014 7:23 PM
**To:** OPPT ALL
**Cc:**OSCP ALL; Jones, Jim; Wise, Louise
**Subject:**FYI: Eastman tox studies on MCHM & other info re the Jan 2014 West Virginia Elk River chemical release

Eastman Crude MCHM Studies

http://www.eastman.com/Pages/Eastman-Crude-MCHM-Studies.aspx

Includes studies on Crude MCHM (the product) and distilled MCHM (the chemical itself).

**Forwarded from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Disaster Information Outreach by Librarians list serv**

You may be aware from multiple news sources that little information was available about 4-methylcyclohexanemethanol at the time of the spill in West Virginia's Elk River earlier this month. Since the spill, government and private sector scientists have contributed to collecting and verifying information about the chemical. As a result, there is now a page on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website about the chemical and the methodology used by CDC to develop its recommendations.

There is also a new record in the NLM Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB) for the chemical 4-Methylcyclohexanemethanol, which has a Chemical Abstracts Service registry number (CASRN) of 34885-03-5. Other terms for the spilled substance are "MCHM" or "crude MCHM" or "4-Methylcyclohexane methanol."

**Please note** that in some social media and early news reports, the chemical was MISIDENTIFIED as Methylcyclohexanol (CASRN: 25639-42-3). This is NOT the correct chemical.

In chemical incidents, it is unusual for little online information to be available about a substance. Chemicals can often be readily identified using online resources such as TOXNET and WISER. In the absence of published information, local and state officials request consultation with local, state, federal and industry experts. Typically, following such an incident there is immediate, ongoing, extensive consultation and communication among responders and experts to determine appropriate actions.

When planning for providing health information following chemical incidents, it is critical for institutions and government agencies to know who to contact in uncommon situations as well as knowing the authoritative published sources of chemical information.

**Sources**


CDC web page on 2014 West Virginia Chemical Release

http://emergency.cdc.gov/chemical/MCHM/westvirginia2014/index.asp.

NLM HSDB record for 4-Methylcyclohexanemethanol

http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/search/r?dbs+hsdb:@term+@DOCNO+8182

NLM TOXNET

http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov

NLM WISER

http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov