



Land, Chemicals and Redevelopment Division Waste Update

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2025 UPDATES

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Funding Opportunities

**Brownfields,
Sustainable Materials Management, and
Pollution Prevention Programs**

Brownfields Program

- Fiscal Year 2026 - \$283M for Brownfields Grants
- FY26 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant
- FY26 Job Training Grants Competition – closes Sept 26, 2025
- FY26 Funding Guidance 128a

Sustainable Materials Management Program

Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funded**
- **All 8 Region 4 States Awarded in Round 1 & Intend to Participate in Round 2**
 - SWIFR cooperative agreements to support **recycling** infrastructure
 - National Recycling Strategy
 - Circular Economy - aims to keep materials, products, and services in circulation for as long as possible
- **Three Region 4 Political Subdivisions**
 - **Durham County, NC:** \$3.3M for recycling center expansion
 - **Nassau County, FL:** \$500K for recycling center improvements and public outreach
 - **Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, KY:** \$1.8 for Material Recovery Facility (MRF) improvements



Pollution Prevention Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity

- Anticipate at least one NOFO released in April 2026
- Technical assistance to businesses to help develop and adopt source reduction practices
- Eligibility: States, state entities, Tribes and Intertribal Consortia
- Match (50%) required for State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) funded grant; No match required for BIL funded grants.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)

Hazardous Waste Cleanup
Program (Corrective Action),
Coal Combustion Residuals

Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program

- Government Performance Results Act 2020 Goals Summary
- 2025 Snapshot
- 2030 Goals

GPRA 2020 Goals Summary

- May 2004 EPA Created the GPRA 2020 Corrective Action Universe
- From 2004 to 2020, a lot was achieved and there's a lot to celebrate!

		RCRA 2020 Milestones		
	GPRA 2020 Corrective Action Baseline Facilities	Human Exposures Under Control	Migration of Contaminated Groundwater Under Control	Remedy Construction
Nationally	3,779	96%	91%	79%
Region 4	560	99%	98%	74%

2025 Snapshot: Region 4



589 RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Sites



74% (438/589) have reached Remedy Construction



96% (563/589) have had Human Exposures Controlled



91% (538/589) have had Groundwater Releases Controlled



36% (210/589) have been designated Ready for Anticipated Use

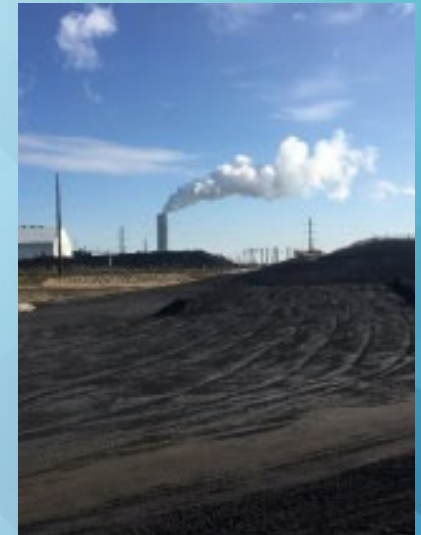
2030 Goals

1. Initiate and complete RCRA cleanups efficiently and expeditiously
2. Eliminate or control adverse impacts beyond facility boundaries
3. Confirm that land within facility boundaries will be safe for continued use or reasonably foreseeable new uses
4. Long Term Stewardship
5. Adjust the universe of facilities



Coal Combustion Residuals

- Rules
 - There is a lot of movement with the CCR rules right now.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/coalash> is the best place to get up-to-date information.
 - Stay tuned for more.
- R4 State CCR Program Approvals
- CCR STAG Grants – R4 distributing third round (~\$2.6 Million) (AL, GA, MS)



THANK YOU

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