

CBS Corporate Safety and Environmental Affairs

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Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Disposal

Every CBS location must deal with the issue of e-waste disposal at some point. This includes CRT and flat panel monitors; desktop and laptop computers; and keyboards.

Throughout the world, an estimated 50 million tons of e-waste are produced each year. The U.S. discards approximately 30 million computers each year and is the world leader in generating e-waste with 3 million tons each year.

Certain components of electronic equipment contain materials that are considered hazardous, such as lead, cadmium, beryllium, and other metals. Because of this, e-waste disposal is regulated and governed by the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and is enforced by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as state regulatory agencies.

Improper disposal can result in substantial fines and penalties. AT&T was recently fined \$24 million in civil penalties for sending e-waste illegally to landfills. They will pay an additional \$28 million over the next five years to make process changes to prevent future violations.

An e-waste survey has been developed by Corporate Safety and Environmental Affairs. With your cooperation, the survey will enable us to identify the amount and types of waste that are being generated and guide us on the need for additional corporate contracts with e-waste vendors. The survey will be released soon and can be completed online. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

The CBS Corporate Sourcing Group has negotiated a master services agreement with U.S. Micro Operating Company, a major innovator and leader in the information technology asset disposition and e-waste recycling industry. U.S. Micro also performs data wipe erasure and degaussing services and then refurbishes and resells approximately 85% of the equipment. They are committed to a 100% no landfill policy. John Baudo at JBaudo@usmicrocorp.com can provide additional information on their services.

Please contact James.Staab@cbs.com or William.Wall@cbs.com with any general questions on e-waste management and disposal.

SARA 311-312 – Tier II Reports Reminder

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) is designed to protect and inform local communities about potential hazardous situations that could occur from a release of a toxic substance from a neighboring facility. This law is also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

As required by these Acts, annual reports must be submitted by any facility which stores hazardous chemicals in a quantity of greater than 10,000 pounds. A hazardous chemical is any substance for which your facility maintains a Safety Data Sheet, formerly known as a Material Safety Data Sheet.

The common chemicals stored at CBS facilities, and which would require that a report be submitted, are gasoline and diesel fuel.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) webpage has information on each state's requirements. Click [here](#) for additional information.