

FW: DOE's "go-green" commitment

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Good morning Gentlemen,

Question for you.....

With DOE's commitment to "going-green", our client has asked us to pursue various avenues to achieve their commitment. As it regards recertification audits, the current practice is to make 5 hard-copies. Two are sent to NMED, one to the Operating Record, one to Master Records and one local record copy. The number varies, depending on the Host Site, but in certain cases, the number of reports and associated objective evidence accounts for 35 reams of paper or > 17,000 sheets. We are considering reducing the amount of hard-copies generated and replacing them with PDF (electronic) copies. As I'm sure you are aware, the Permit (Part 2, Section 2.14.1) allows for the use of electronic records providing that they are protected from alteration and capable of producing a "paper-copy". I understand, in the past, it has been a "gentlemen's agreement" to provide the State with 2 hard-copies for your review. In addition to the cost of paper, there is a significant indirect cost; personnel time spent making copies.

That being said, would the State consider accepting PDF copies of the recertification reports for review?

Happy Holidays!

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