

Economic Impact Statement
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IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses**Description of the Rule**

This rule provides that the electronic submission of information that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 3 is deemed to meet the statutory requirement under [IC 13-14-13-2](#). The federal Cross Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) is found at 40 CFR 3. That federal rule provides that any information that would be required to be submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under any of the federally-delegated programs that IDEM administers may be submitted electronically as long as IDEM has specific procedures in place to assure the content and enforceability of the information. [IC 13-14-13-2](#) was enacted to give IDEM the authority to implement the CROMERR rule. The statute provides that IDEM can accept this information as long as it meets the standards established under [IC 5-24](#) and corresponding rules. This rule provides the standard and corresponding rule required under [IC 13-14-13-2](#). The ability to accept information in electronic format rather than in paper format is a substantial cost savings to all entities who are required to submit information to IDEM that would otherwise have to be submitted in a paper format. This includes any small business that is required to submit information to IDEM.

Estimated Average Annual Administrative Costs That Small Businesses Will Incur

There are no regulatory costs associated with this proposed rule. This rule simply gives IDEM the requisite authority to implement the federal CROMERR rule. IDEM's ability to accept electronic submission of required forms will provide an annual savings to all regulated entities, including any small business regulated by IDEM.

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The overall impact of this rule is a positive impact for all regulated entities, including small businesses. Reduced time and paperwork reduction will result from IDEM's ability to receive required reporting information in an electronic format.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods

This rule provides IDEM the authority to allow for electronic submission of any form that would otherwise be required to be submitted in paper form, which provides greater efficiencies for all regulated entities and maximum flexibility in managing reporting requirements. There is no cost to any regulated entity, nor to the state. In fact, the implementation of the federal CROMERR rule will provide substantial cost savings to regulated entities, including small businesses.

Conclusion

This rule will give IDEM the authority to implement the federal CROMERR rule, which will result in cost savings for all entities regulated by IDEM. There is no negative fiscal impact to any regulated entities, nor the state of Indiana.

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