

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

8-12. Minimize the risks to human health and the environment posed by hazardous sites.

8-12b. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act facilities.

National Data Source	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Info. (RCRAInfo), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Office of Solid Waste (OSW).
State Data Source	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Info. (RCRAInfo), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), Office of Solid Waste (OSW).
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Not applicable.
Changes since the 2000 Publication	None.
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	2,475 (1998)
Target	2,246
Target-Setting Method	Consistent with EPA's 1997 Strategic Plan. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	RCRA facilities.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Periodic.
Comments	RCRAInfo replaces the data recording and reporting abilities of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) and the

Biennial Reporting System (BRS).

RCRA facilities are operations authorized and regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. RCRA was enacted by Congress in 1976 to address the issue of how to safely manage and dispose of the huge volumes of municipal and industrial waste generated nationwide. With several amendments, the Act and its subsequent regulations govern the management of nonhazardous (solid) waste, hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks. Specifically, the RCRA program regulates solid waste recycling and disposal; Federal procurement of products containing recycled materials; waste minimization; hazardous waste generators and transporters; hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities; and Leaking Underground Storage Facilities.

The list of RCRA sites used to monitor improvement was frozen” in the baseline year. Additional sites may be added to the database during the decade, but will not be included in monitoring progress for this objective.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.