

Hazardous Waste Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc. Enter into Settlement Agreement



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") announced that it entered into a settlement with Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc., ("Macy's") in regards to alleged violations of the hazardous waste regulations.

EPA states that it identified violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") regulations at certain Macy's stores.

The EPA news release describes the alleged violations, stating:

During these times, each Macy's store identified in the settlement generated thousands of pounds of hazardous waste to qualify as a small-quantity generator but failed to notify EPA and state authorities. Macy's also failed to meet the conditions for small-quantity generator status and did not complete appropriate manifests. Overall, Macy's generated more than 269,168 pounds of hazardous waste from 2012-2015 for the 44 locations identified in the settlement.

The Settlement Agreement assesses a \$375,000 penalty. In addition, Macy's is required to develop a program with the capacity to train 400 retailers in Oklahoma and Texas and conduct third-party audits at 11 of its largest facilities within Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico.

[A copy of the news release describing the Settlement Agreement can be downloaded here.](#)