

Registration of Facilities Recovering or Recycling Electronics

What is the intent of registration?

- Registration is required by §130A-309.142.
- Registration of facilities recovering or recycling electronics is part of the state's efforts to ensure that electronics are handled properly to protect public health and the environment.
- The registration form is designed to ensure facilities recovering or recycling electronics are aware of laws, regulations, and certifications related to handling electronics; including laws pertaining to speculative accumulation.
- The proper management of Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) is a focus of the registration process.
- Registration will determine which companies in the state are handling "covered devices."

What devices are addressed under registration?

- The registration process is focused on "covered devices," with emphasis placed on CRTs. "Covered devices" include two categories: computer equipment and televisions.
- NCDEQ is not seeking information about the broader category of electronic devices. Companies that handle electronic devices but do not handle "covered devices" do not need to register.
- The statutory definition of "covered devices" can be found in §130A-309.131(5).

Who should register?

- Companies doing business in North Carolina that collect, receive, accumulate, or process "covered devices" are required to register.
- Local government recycling programs are effectively registered under the annual statutory Local Government Solid Waste and Materials Management Report process.

What about proprietary information?

- NCDEQ does not anticipate that answers to the questions in the registration form will require proprietary information. The questions should assist electronics recyclers in understanding their own compliance status with regards to speculative accumulation and other regulatory elements of electronics recycling.
- General information is enough to answer the questions regarding activities conducted by the registrant.
- The question about pounds or tons handled by the registrant is indicated as optional.

How will registration be enforced?

- NCDEQ will monitor the registration process and inform companies that may be subject to the law to register. Information may take the form of outreach activities, compliance assistance, and/or site visits.
- If, during inspection or in response to complaints, NCDEQ determines a facility is required to register but has not done so the facility will be guided through the registration process.

What will NCDEQ do with the list of registrants?

- The list of registrants will be used to gain a broad understanding of electronics handling in North Carolina. NCDEQ does not intend to release the list of registrants to the public.
- NCDEQ will use the information to reach out to companies to provide technical assistance on regulatory issues, certifications, compliance, etc.
- If NCDEQ conducts a bid process for a statewide electronics recycling convenience contract, for use by local government recycling programs and other government agencies, it will require a prospective selected vendor to be registered. The NC Department of Administration - State Surplus Property may also use the list of registrants to verify vendors to handle state-owned and discarded electronics.