FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW RACT/BACT/LAER CLEARINGHOUSE (RBLC) APPLICATIONS

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Introduction

The EPA is expanding the Electronic Permit System (EPS) application to include a new RACT/BACT/LAER Clearinghouse (RBLC) data entry module. Additionally, a new publicly accessible RBLC Search Dashboard will be available to allow querying and searching of RBLC data, including both previous RBLC submissions from the existing RBLC data entry system and submissions from the new RBLC data entry module. The new RBLC data entry module will decrease the data entry burden on users and provides a much-improved user interface. The new RBLC Search Dashboard allows users to view the control technology determination as well as the associated final permit documentation, and has a modernized interface. These are Minimal Viable Product (MVP) releases; additional functionality will be included in upcoming releases. The new RBLC data entry module and RBLC Search Dashboard will be available no later than the morning of Wednesday, 10/1/25.

The new RBLC data entry module and RBLC Search Dashboard will replace the existing RBLC systems. The existing RBLC data entry system and RBLC database will remain operable for a period of time. Please find additional information below. This document will be updated as new questions are received by EPA.

FAQs

What is the new RBLC Search Dashboard?

The new dashboard is a replacement for the existing RBLC Database. This dashboard will be available to the public, industry, State/Local/Tribal users, and the EPA, and will contain control technology determination data entered via the existing RBLC data entry tool (prior to 9/25/25) and the new RBLC data entry module (10/1/25 onward). Associated permit documentation will also be viewable via the "Permit URL" link, once you select a record via the eye icon.

What is the new RBLC data entry module?

The new data entry module is a replacement for the existing RBLC data entry tool. The new module will live within the current EPS application that resides on the Central Data Exchange (CDX) and is used by State, Local, and Tribal (SLT) permitting authorities within the United States. Once users submit their RBLC data, that data will be automatically viewable in the new RBLC Search Dashboard. On October 1st, this new module will be made available to users in EPS, following the submission of permit action forms containing a value of "Final" in the Submission Category field. Not all Final submissions are eligible for RBLC data entry. For more details on which permit types are eligible for RBLC data entry please see Section 5.1 of the EPS user guide available within the FAQ section of CDX here.

Who is expected to use the new RBLC data entry module starting October 1st?

Current users of EPS who submit Final permit action forms that are eligible for RBLC data entry. For more details on which permit types are eligible for RBLC data entry and how to use the new module, please see Section 5.1 of the EPS user guide available within the FAQ section of CDX

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here. Users who enter RBLC data into the new RBLC data entry module should <u>not</u> enter the same data via the existing RBLC data entry system.

If my permitting authority does not currently use EPS, how will I enter RBLC data?

Permitting authorities who do not currently use the EPS application will continue to use the existing RBLC data entry system. For these users, a more streamlined RBLC data entry user experience will be available in the near future, and incorporated into the EPS application. In contrast to current EPS users, this streamlined experience will focus solely on uploading final permit documents and entering RBLC data, and will not be used to receive EPA's review. Users who enter RBLC data into the existing RBLC data entry system module should <u>not</u> enter the same data via the new RBLC data entry module. The reasoning for this is that all data entered via the existing RBLC data entry system after 9/24/25 will be migrated to the new RBLC Seach Dashboard at a later date.

What data will be present in the new RBLC Search Dashboard on October 1st?

Any RBLC data submitted in the existing RBLC data entry system up through Wednesday, September 24th at 11:59 PM ET will be migrated to, and made visible in, the new RBLC Search Dashboard by October 1st.

What data will <u>not</u> be present in the new RBLC Search Dashboard on October 1st?

RBLC data that is submitted in the existing RBLC data entry system on Thursday, September 25th or later.

If someone submits data in the existing RBLC data entry system on Thursday, September 25th or later, where will that data be viewable?

Submissions in the existing RBLC data entry system on this date or later, will only be shown in the existing RBLC Database. Users of the existing RBLC data entry system can continue to submit data in this application until the application is shut down, sometime in the near future.

When will the existing RBLC applications be shut down?

The existing RBLC database and RBLC data entry system will remain open on October 1st, 2025 for a temporary period. The date for shutting down these applications is not yet known, however once known, EPA will communicate this out to the user community via EPA website and existing RBLC application pages.

Why are the existing RBLC applications remaining open?

To allow time for EPA to develop the streamlined RBLC data entry user experience that will be used by SLT permitting authorities who do not currently use EPS.

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Do I need to take any action to access the new RBLC data entry module if I already have access to EPS?

No. For more details on which permit types are eligible for RBLC data entry and how to use the new module, please see Section 5 of the EPS user guide available within the FAQ section of CDX here.

How do I access EPS if I am not currently a user, so that I can use the new RBLC data entry module?

For information on how to gain access to EPS please see this registration user guide.

Who can I contact if I need assistance with the new RBLC data entry module or RBLC Search Dashboard?

If you need assistance with using the RBLC data entry module or the RBLC Search Dashboard please contact the CDX Help Desk. Optionally, you can reach out to Christa Leska or Gerardo Rios at R9AirPermits@epa.gov for assistance with the RBLC Search Dashboard. For instructions on accessing the EPS application to use the new RBLC data entry module please see the registration user guide available here.