



Toxics Release Inventory Rulemaking Update

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This presentation will provide highlights on.....

- Toxic's Release Inventory Senior Steering Committee
- Rulemaking
- Data Quality Efforts
- International Activities



TRI Senior Steering Committee

- TRI Senior Steering Committee formed in October 2009
- Co-chaired by Rick Martin (OEI) and Enrique Manzanilla (Region 9)
- Cross-Agency Participation:
 - All 10 Regional Offices, OEJ, OAR, OECA, OPPTS, ORD, OP, OEI



Current Rulemaking Activities

- Mining Rule
(www.epa.gov/tri/programs/mining/index.htm)
 - Intended to clarify the TRI reporting requirements as they pertain to metal mining facilities.
 - EPA used Web 2.0 technology for the first time in a rulemaking activity;
 - Had an online-discussion forum (“blog”) to get stakeholder input early on;
 - Plan to publish proposed rule in winter/spring 2011.



Current Rulemaking Activities

- Articles Exemption Clarification Rule
 - Proposed rule published Aug., 2009;
 - Intended to clarify the applicability of the TRI articles exemption;
 - Plan to publish final rule by late spring/early summer 2011;
 - For more details see:
www.epa.gov/tri/lawsandregs/articles_exemption/index.html



TRI Information Collection Request

- Information Collection Request (ICR) – provides our authority to collect data.
- Current ICR expires on July 31, 2011.
- Plan to propose minor modifications to Form R as part of ICR renewal.
- Two opportunities for public comment;
 - 1st Fed. Reg. Notice by end of 2010;
 - 2nd Fed. Reg. Notice in spring 2011.
- Revised/renewed ICR effective for reporting year 2011.
 - Reports due to EPA by July 1, 2012



TRI Data Quality

- Continue working with Regions and Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) on data validation calls to facilities
- This year, added a series of calls to help facilities properly fill out Schedule 1 of Form R addressing dioxin congeners.



TRI International Activities

- Organization of Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) PRTR Task Force (TF);
- North American Commission of Environmental Cooperation (CEC) PRTR Program;
- Specific PRTR Activities in Central America, under the Central American/Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)
- TRI Program staff involved:
 - Steve DeVito; Nora Lopez; Judy Kendall



TRI Regulatory Support Activities

- Interpretive workgroup – Regional/HQ/OGC team develops responses to “new” regulatory questions.
- EPCRA Call Center – provides regulatory assistance to regulated community.
- TRI Training Modules available on-line.
- Regional and State coordination – Monthly calls, etc.