



EPA's TRI Program: Improving Efficiency and Providing Greater Access to Data

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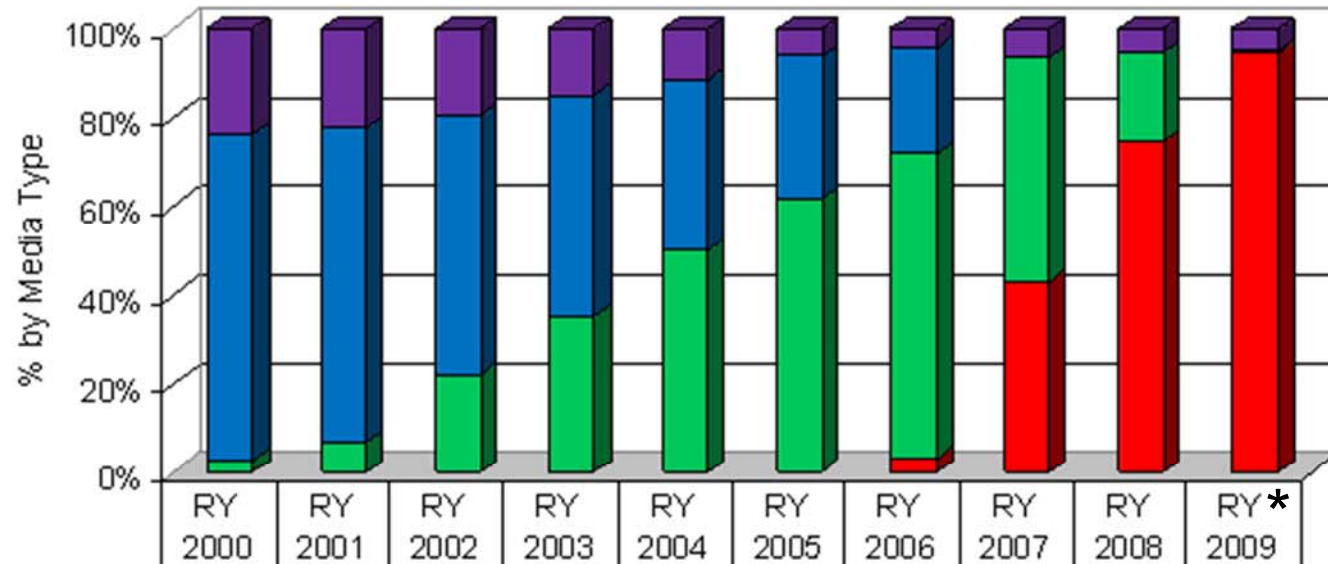


Agenda

- Current Operations
 - Trends in Reporting
 - TRI-MEweb
 - State Data Exchange
 - Access to Preliminary Data
- Streamlining TRI Operations
 - Reviewing Current Operations
 - Improvement Opportunities
 - Recommendations for Moving Forward
- Next Steps



CURRENT OPERATIONS: Trends in Reporting - TRI Submissions by Media Type



	RY 2000	RY 2001	RY 2002	RY 2003	RY 2004	RY 2005	RY 2006	RY 2007	RY 2008	RY*
Paper Submissions	23.6%	22.0%	19.5%	15.0%	11.5%	6.2%	4.2%	5.2%	5.0%	5.1%
Disk/CD Submissions	73.8%	71.2%	58.3%	49.9%	38.5%	32.0%	23.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CDX Submissions	2.6%	6.8%	22.3%	35.1%	50.0%	61.5%	68.9%	40.9%	17.8%	0.2%
TRI-MEweb Submissions	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	3.0%	34.9%	67.2%	94.5%

Reporting Year

* Final RY2009 figures will be available with National Analysis



CURRENT OPERATIONS: TRI-MEweb

- Available to the entire TRI reporting community in RY2009
 - ~ 95% of TRI forms submitted using TRI-MEweb
- Benefits are varied:
 - Promotes Internet reporting/No need to test operating systems
 - Pre-populates current year forms
 - Correct errors before submitting to EPA



CURRENT OPERATIONS: State Data Exchange

- 28 States participated in the State Data Exchange in RY2009
 - ~ 69% of submissions were forwarded to the States via the exchange
- States are seeing benefits of the Exchange
- Enhanced SDX Viewer capabilities



CURRENT OPERATIONS: Access to Preliminary Data Improves Transparency

- July 28, 2010 marked the Preliminary Sharing of the RY 2009 data
 - Data files were posted on the TRI website, and
 - Data made available through Envirofacts and Explorer
- TRI Data are also featured data through Data.Gov
- Increased transparency have increased downloads of TRI data files



Streamlining TRI Operations - Reviewing Current Operations

- Conducted a study to review entire TRI Process
- Study highlighted recommendations for improvements in:
 - Data Collection
 - Data Processing
 - Data Extraction
 - Data Dissemination



Streamlining TRI Operations - Reviewing Current Operations

- Enhancement opportunities include:
 - Automating change propagation between different systems
 - Improve quality of data at point of collection
 - Improve/facilitate data delivery to TRI customers



Streamlining TRI Operations – Improvement Opportunities

- Streamlining TRI Operations will be a gradual process
- Need to properly scope which recommendations should be implemented
- Enhancements will be implemented over a number of years
- TRI has already initiated scoping some enhancements



Next Steps

- Scoping alternatives to improve Customer Service to State Partners
- Continue to enhance TRI-MEweb
- Evaluate TRI Study Recommendations



In Conclusion

- TRI has significantly increased transparency and availability of TRI data
- Your participation and feedback is critical in these efforts!



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