

2010 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities

*Connecting Communities and Decision-makers with
Environmental Information*

Washington, DC
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Conference Agenda

Wednesday November 3, 2010

- 8:15 a.m. **Coming Clean: An Analysis of the TRI Program**
Mark Stephan, Associate Professor of Political Science, Washington State University
Michael E. Kraft, Professor of Political Science, Public and Environmental Affairs, and Environmental Studies,
University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Troy D. Abel, Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy, Western Washington University
- 8:45 a.m. **Opportunities for Boosting Diverse Communities' Use of Pollutant Registers**
Talli Nauman, Diversity Program Associate, Society of Environmental Journalists
- 9:15 a.m. **Waste and Our Waterways: Making Sense of TRI Data on Toxic Discharges to Rivers, Streams and Lakes**
Tony Dutzik, Senior Policy Analyst, Frontier Group
- 9:45 a.m. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

Break Outs

Breakout Session 1 – Lincoln 5/6

Enhancing Community Engagement (Part II)

Moderator: Beth Jackson, US EPA EAD

Knowledge of TRI in Alaska

John Duffy, University of Alaska Anchorage

The Challenges of Community Engagement and Collaboration: Matching Community Interests and Risk Information

Ellen Szarleta, Indiana University Northwest and Joe Goodman,
University of Louisville

TRI and Citizen Engagement: Creating a Two-Way Street for Communication

Wendy Henry and Graham Kerster, Johnston McLamb

Breakout Session 2 – Lincoln 2/3

International Perspectives

Moderator: Barry Nussbaum, US EPA EAD

An Update on the International Activities of EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Program

Stephen DeVito, US EPA TRI PD

Update on the North American Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (NAPRTR) Program

Danielle Vallée and Orlando Cabrera-Rivera, Commission for
Environmental Cooperation

An International Perspective on the Collection and Presentation of Environmental Data

John Chelen, Hampshire Research Institute

10:00 a.m.

Concurrent
Sessions
(60 minutes)

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Communicating TRI Data

Moderator: Jennifer Major, Ross & Associates

What to Expect from the National Analysis

11:00 a.m. Kara Koehn, US EPA EAD

Concurrent Sessions (60 minutes)

A Fast and Efficient Way to Visualize TRI Data

Douglas Chatham, US EPA Region 4

Native American Reservations and Toxic Wastes, 2000 - 2008

Edwin J. Rossman, Oklahoma State University

12:00 p.m. Lunch with Keynote Speaker – Lincoln Foyer and Lincoln 5/6

Steve Hellem, Executive Director, Global Environmental Management Initiative

Break Outs

Breakout Session 1 – Lincoln 5/6

Tools for Accessing Environmental Information (Part II)

Suite of Toxics Release Inventory Tools

Moderator: Nicole Paquette, US EPA EAD

1:15 p.m. MyRTK: Mobile TRI

Pamela Russell, US EPA EAD

Concurrent Sessions (75 minutes)

TRI Explorer Tools, Tips, New Features and Buried Gems

Steve Witkin, US EPA EAD

TRINET: TRI Data and Access on Steroids

Steve Witkin, US EPA EAD

Using TRI-CHIP to Obtain Chemical Hazard Information in Seconds

John Scalera, US EPA EAD

Breakout Session 2 – Lincoln 2/3

Data Quality Successes (Part I)

Moderator: Kevin Donovan, US EPA TRI PD

Data Quality Activities Implemented by EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Program

Velu Senthil, US EPA TRI PD

How Improved Data Collection Techniques Drive Data Quality While Minimizing the Burden on the Regulated Community

Alex Klaessig, Abt Associates

The New Features of TRI-MEweb in RY2010

Juan Parra, US EPA TRI PD

Breakout Session 2 – Lincoln 2/3

Coal Combustion Byproducts

Moderator: Bill Reilly, US EPA Region 3

Understanding the Impact of Coal Combustion Products on the Environment Using the TVA Coal Ash Spill as a Case Study

Laura Ruhl, Duke University

Regulatory Responses

Bill Reilly, US EPA Region 3

Frank Behan, US EPA Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division

TRI Reporting of Coal Combustion Byproducts

Thelma Codina, US EPA Region 5

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2:30 p.m. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

Break outs **Breakout Session 1 – Lincoln 5/6**

Data Quality Successes (Part II)
Moderator: Kevin Donovan, US EPA TRI PD

Data Quality Enhancement, Integration and Corporate Parent to Support TRI Data and Analysis

David G. Smith, US EPA Information Exchange and Services Division

"Data Verification" Improving the Quality of EPA Locational Data by Involving the Public

Michael Jacoby, private citizen

2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

TRI Chemical Reductions
Moderator: Mark Miller, US EPA EAD

Pollution Havens and the Trade in Toxic Chemicals John Tang, US Census Bureau

Using Nature-Based Strategies to Eliminate Environmental Impacts of TRI Chemicals

Barbara Conklin and Marie B. Zanowick, US EPA Region 8, and Mark Dorfman, Biomimicry Guild

4:05 p.m. **BREAK (15 minutes)**

4:20 p.m. **Wrap Up Round Table Discussion**

Andy Opperman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Paul Mohai, University of Michigan
Sue Briggum, Waste Management
Viswatej Attili, Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas

Breakout Session 2 – Lincoln 2/3

Enhancing Community Engagement (Part III)
Moderator: Ethan McMahon, US EPA EAD

Reaching Public Audiences with Mobile Apps

Dalroy Ward, US EPA Office of Information Analysis and Access

Combining TRI with Other Information to Build an Environmental Profile of Your Community

Andrew Stoeckle, Abt Associates

Tools for Accessing Environmental Information (Part III)

Moderator: Wayne Davis, US EPA EAD

EPA Earth: Visualizing and Analyzing TRI Data

Lee Pera, US EPA EAD

Finding Information about Cleanups in Your Community

Lisa Jenkins, US EPA Information Management and Data Quality Staff

MyEnvironment: The Marriage of Environmental Data, Context, and Citizen Contributions

Kim Balassiano, US EPA IAD

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn** - Guy Tomassoni, US EPA EAD

Anne Rolfes, Louisiana Bucket Brigade
Robin Gonzalez, US EPA OEI
Talli Nauman, Society of Environmental Journalists

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