

2012 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory



Sponsors

- US Environmental Protection Agency
- Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)
- National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR)

Theme and Goals

- Pollution Prevention and Sustainability
- "Understanding the Past and Promoting a Sustainable Future"
- Principal nationwide event for the TRI community!
- Wonderful array of presentations
- Perfect platform for networking and collaboration.

Participation

- State TRI coordinators are a key component of the implementation and success of the TRI program
- Insights and collaboration have helped strengthen environmental data information sharing across the nation
- Wonderful to have so many State reps in our audience
- TRI reps will share information, practices, and comments throughout the conference (e.g., “Sustainability and Pollution Prevention Initiatives in the States”)

ECOS

- National non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial environmental agency leaders. Established in December 1993.
- ECOS is to improve the capability of state environmental agencies and their leaders to protect and improve human health and the environment of the United States of America.
- ECOS plays a critical role in facilitating a quality relationship between federal and state agencies in the fulfillment of that mission.

ECOS/EPA TRI Agreement

- Educate the public on how to access and use TRI information.
- Help facilitate non-federal groups to develop and manage activities that will further promote analysis, understanding, and use of TRI and other toxic chemical data.
- ECOS uses several educational and outreach methods such as CR2K, webinars, and the TRI Training Conference here today.

www.ChemicalRight2Know.org

- Developed by EPA and ECOS
- Mission: provide access for communities, industry and all interested stakeholders to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and other environmental data
- This collaborative platform gives stakeholders an opportunity to influence TRI and environmental topics.
- Stakeholders can: vet their analyses,
- share success stories and best practices, and
- collaborate on solving community chemical-related problems.

Web Changes Since Last Conference

- Overall: increase participation
- New Forum
- Social media
- New Resources section
- TRI in the News
- Conference Info HQ

EPCRA-Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act

- 25th Anniversary!



- EPCRA Presentations
- Recent EPCRA Webinar

ECOS/EPA Webinars

- Enhance understanding and promote full utility of TRI and environmental information
- Past webinars:
 - Fall of 2009, “Toxics Release Inventory Web-based Tools: What’s New and Emerging”
 - Spring of 2010, “Using TRI to Support Environmental Justice”
 - Spring of 2011, “U.S. EPA TRI Information Center Services, Common Questions, and Resources”

STATE DATA EXCHANGE

- ECOS and EPA worked to reduce duplication
- Reporting now electronic and web-based
- 74,000+ duplications prevented in 2010 reporting year

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Welcome!