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Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting Deadline Approaching

The July 1st deadline (annual) for submitting Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reports is rapidly approaching. If other obligations are competing for your time, O'Brien's Response Management can help.

Who must file TRI reports? Under TRI, an individual facility reports to EPA and State if it meets the following criteria:

- It employs the equivalent of at least 10 full-time workers and both of the following conditions are met:
  - It "manufactures" or "processes" at least 25,000 pounds of a listed chemical or it "otherwise uses" at least 10,000 pounds of a listed chemical;
  - Companies with Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes 20-39 (manufacturing) plus 7 industry groups including solvent recovery services, commercial hazardous waste treatment, chemical distributors, metal mining, coal mining, petroleum bulk stations (wholesale), and electric utilities.

**According to the EPA, approximately 30,000 facilities must file reports.

What are facilities required to report under TRI? For each listed chemical "manufactured," "processed" or "otherwise used" in an amount exceeding the threshold level, a facility must report the following:

- Amount released to the air, water, and land;
- Amount shipped from the facility to other locations for recycling, energy recovery, treatment, or disposal;
- Amount recycled, burned for energy recovery, or treated at the facility;
- Maximum amount present on-site at the facility during the year;
- Types of activities conducted at the facility involving the chemical;
- Source reduction activities;
- Environmental permits held;
- Name and telephone number of a contact person.

**TRI covers nearly 667 individual chemicals and chemical categories.

Pollution Prevention (P2) annual progress report: In addition to submitting a TRI report,the pollution prevention (P2) annual progress report is required too, for certain facilities, by the Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA).

You must submit a P2 Annual Progress Report (APR) if you are a large quantity generator or report on TRI Form R. The report delineates progress towards pollution prevention goals laid out in your P2 plan. It provides an opportunity to review and update your plan and look for new ways to save money by reducing waste.

It is important to note that TRI reporting must be filed retroactively up to five years if filing has not been done in the past.

CONTACT US

O'Brien's Response Management is standing by to help you with your filing! Email us at compliance@obriensrm.com or call us at (281) 320-9796.

FOR MORE FREE INFORMATION

For more information on the Toxic Release Inventory Program, including the data, reporting requirements, reports, and key contacts, you can go to EPA's TRI Web site at http://www.epa.gov/tri.

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President's Proposed EPA Budget Provides Strengthened Environmental Protection

Administrator Jackson: 'With these proposed resources, and the president's strong environmental agenda, it should be overwhelmingly clear that EPA is back on the job.'

February 26, 2009 - The Obama administration today proposed a budget of $10.5 billion for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the largest in the agency's 39-year history. The increase of $3 billion from 2008 funding levels will further ensure the protection of public health and the environment for all Americans.

"The president's budget proposes critical resources to protect the American people and the places where they live, work and play," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. "We are no longer faced with the false choice of a strong economy or a clean environment. The president's budget shows that making critical and responsible investments in protecting the health and environment of all Americans will also lead to a more vibrant and stable economy. With these proposed resources, and the president's strong environmental agenda, it should be overwhelmingly clear that EPA is back on the job."

Last week, President Obama announced the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which includes $7.22 billion for EPA-administered projects and programs to protect human health and the environment. Read More

Final Rule to Amend Compliance Dates for SPCC Rule

January 2009 - In accordance with the January 20, 2009, White House memorandum entitled "Regulatory Review," EPA has withdrawn the SPCC Compliance Dates Final Rule from the EPA Web site and from publication within the Federal Register, pending further Agency review. This withdrawal does not remove any regulatory requirement for owners or operators of facilities in operation before August 16, 2002, to maintain an SPCC Plan in accordance with the SPCC regulations. Read More

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