



Environmental Management Newsletter

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New NPRI Information for 1998 Reporting Year

The Reporting Package and Guideline for the 1998 National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) has just been released. The reports for 1998 are due by June 1, 1999. As in previous years, submission of the NPRI report no later than the reporting deadline is a legal requirement of the "Notice with Respect to Substance in the National Pollutant Release Inventory" published on May 30, 1998 in the Canada Gazette, Part 1. This Notice is published under the authority of subsection 16(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). Facilities reporting after June 1, 1999 will be in violation of the Notice. This newsletter is a summary of the changes to the reporting format for the current year, 1998.

- Facilities identified in the annual NPRI Summary Report are notified before its publication so that they may prepare for any media or public inquires. Correspondence from the NPRI will be addressed to the company coordinator. If there is no coordinator, correspondence will be sent to the technical contact. Failure to provide correct telephone and facsimile numbers for the contact could delay receipt of the pre-publication notice.
- Reporting the quantities of substances transferred off site for recycling, the nature of recycling activity and the name and address of receiving facility is mandatory this year.
- This year, reporters will have to re-enter the data concerning discharges to surface water bodies and choose a water body name from a pick-list. The list is sorted by province and provides a consistent set of names drawn from the NPRI database and the Gazette of Canada.
- The NPRI has adopted the NAICS as the standard for identifying industrial sectors to enable better comparisons of NPRI data with similar inventories in US and Mexico. For this year, the NPRI will continue to collect Canadian and US SIC data.
- If a substance is contained in material that is used as a structural component of the facility, it is not included in the calculations of the 10-tonne reporting threshold. The exclusion of structural components of the facility from the reporting threshold is limited to buildings and other fixed structures but does not include process equipment.
- For 1998 reporting year it is necessary to indicate how releases of an NPRI substance to the environment were determined. This also a required element when reporting the quantity of NPRI substances that were transferred off site for disposal or recycling.
- Facility contact now can provide an E-mail address for themselves and the web site address of their facility or parent company. The web site will become part of the on-line NPRI database and will allow visitors to link directly to your web site for more information about your facility or parent company.

Pollutech Environmental Limited has been preparing the annual NPRI reports for a number of individual clients. These clients rationalize that it is more cost-effective to have an external party prepare the reports compared to utilizing internal resources. Pollutech has developed and implemented a streamlined data acquisition and NPRI reporting service to cost-effectively assess if a facility is required to report to the NPRI and to prepare and submit the NPRI reports in the required reporting format.