

EPA Docket ID No. TRI-2005-0073

Dear EPA Docket ID No. TRI-2005-0073,

I am writing regarding Docket ID No. TRI-2005-0073.

While I realize that the general public is easily incited to overreact to situations that they do not fully comprehend, I am concerned at the sweeping changes to the current Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program. Updating the current policy may be in order, but I feel that the proposed changes are too drastic. This is another reflection of the administration's lack of concern for the citizens and our future physical and economic well-being. A few dollars saved now on reporting costs can easily turn into millions or billions of dollars in medical costs and clean-up costs later. For almost 20 years, the TRI program has been successful in making communities around the country safer and healthier by providing critical information on the toxic chemicals released into our land, water, and air.

Raising the reporting threshold to 10 times its current level, moving from annual reporting to every other year reporting, and allowing for less-detailed reporting on PBT chemicals poses a significant threat to our nation's health, safety, and environmental quality.

American citizens should retain the right to know what toxic chemicals are being released in their communities. I strongly urge the EPA to abandon its burden reduction proposals in the docket TRI-2005-0073 and to withdraw its plans to move from an annual to a biennial reporting system.

Sincerely,

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