

Understanding the pollutants in your backyard



Tracking Pollutant Releases in North America

Why this matters to you:

North American industries produce the energy, materials and items that we use every day. However, they also generate pollutants that must be managed to protect human health and the environment. Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTRs) provide facility-reported information on contaminants that have the potential to affect populations and ecosystems nearby and beyond borders.

Addressing cross border environmental issues requires access to comparable information for the region. The CEC integrates and analyzes data reported to the Canadian, Mexican and US PRTRs and makes them available to the public through the *Taking Stock* report and Taking Stock Online website.

This CEC initiative has become a model for regional PRTR efforts around the world to support pollution prevention and reductions.

***TAKING STOCK* GIVES CITIZENS ACCESS TO DATA AND INFORMATION TO IMPROVE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOURCES, AMOUNTS AND MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTANTS ACROSS NORTH AMERICA.**



Because of the CEC...

- North Americans have access to data and information on more than 500 pollutants reported by 30,000 facilities, and can track pollutants in their neighborhoods, as well as across borders and shared ecosystems, such as watersheds.
- These data and information can be used for environmental management, emergency preparedness, and to address public health issues.
- PRTR reporting, transparency, and stakeholder engagement have been enhanced across North America.

For more information: www.cec.org/prtr

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