

TRI Data Exchange (TDX) – Alternate Method for Participating

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Background

The Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) was established under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986. Each year, more than 21,000 U.S. facilities prepare and submit TRI reporting forms containing chemical release and other waste management data using TRI-MEweb (the online TRI reporting software) and EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX).

A facility is required to submit its TRI reporting forms to EPA and to the state in which it is located (or to the tribe in whose Indian Country the facility is located).

TDX Participation

If that state, territory, or tribe participates in the TRI Data Exchange (TDX), the facility can meet its dual reporting requirements by submitting its reporting forms just once to EPA, which then transmits the forms to the appropriate state or tribal department on the facility's behalf. Any state, territory, or tribe may participate by signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the TRI Program regarding the exchange of TRI data.

Most states have opted to participate in TDX by establishing operational nodes on CDX. These states have increased their data processing efficiency and reduced the reporting burden for facilities. Alternately, TDX participants may elect to use another data exchange method that doesn't involve establishing and maintaining a node.

What is the alternative method for participating in TDX and how does it work?

The TDX data download method allows a participating state, territory, or tribe to obtain a copy-of-record of TRI data online through the TDX Viewer and download the data in XML format. New TDX participants interested in the download method will need to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with EPA. In addition, the state, territory, or tribe's point of contact will need to establish a CDX account and request access to the TDX Viewer. Existing TDX participants interested in the download method will need to modify their MOA.

Is more information available?

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