TRI – Helping Your Communities Through Improved Routine Reporting

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What is the purpose of TRI reporting?

Provide the public information about the releases of toxic chemicals in their community

Increase public preparedness for emergency response

Allow facilities to identify and pursue pollution prevention activities

What are the requirements of TRI reporting?

Are you subject to reporting?

Must meet 3 criteria:

1. TRI-Covered Industry Sector
   - Refer to your 6-digit NAICS Code

2. Have 10 or more full time employee equivalents
   - A total of 20,000 hours or greater

3. Manufacture, Process, or Otherwise Use EPCRA 313 chemicals in quantities greater than established thresholds

What is reported?

For each chemical identified to be reportable, the facility must report:

- Activities and uses of the chemical

- Maximum amount onsite at any time

- Quantity, in pounds*
  - Released to air (stack and fugitive)
  - Discharged to water bodies
  - Disposed, treated, energy recovered, and recycled on-site
  - Disposed, treated, energy recovered, and recycled off-site (including discharged to POTW)

Facilities should make use of "Best Readily Available Information"

Example 1:

Facility A (a metal fabrication plant) combines the results of a Total Metals waste analysis with the total amount of that waste sent off-site in the calendar year to quantify total off-site transfers.

Example 2:

Facility B (a meat rendering plant) has no site-specific data and uses AP-42 factors to estimate hydrogen sulfide emissions from their driers.
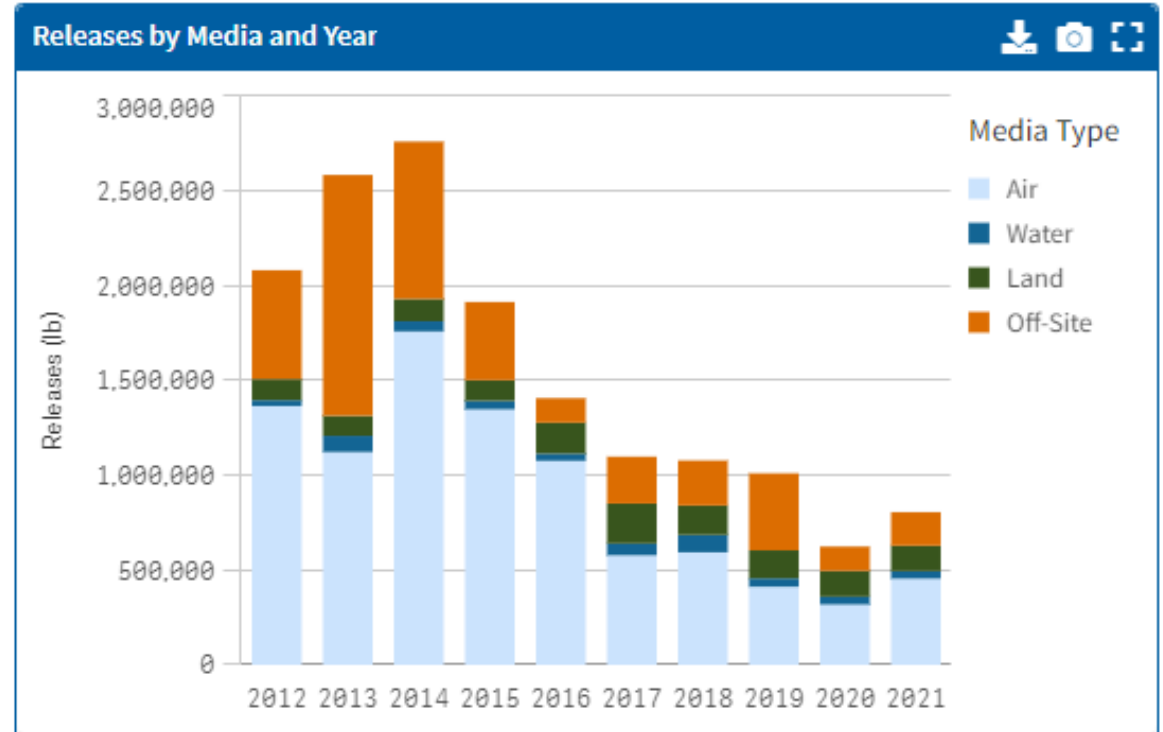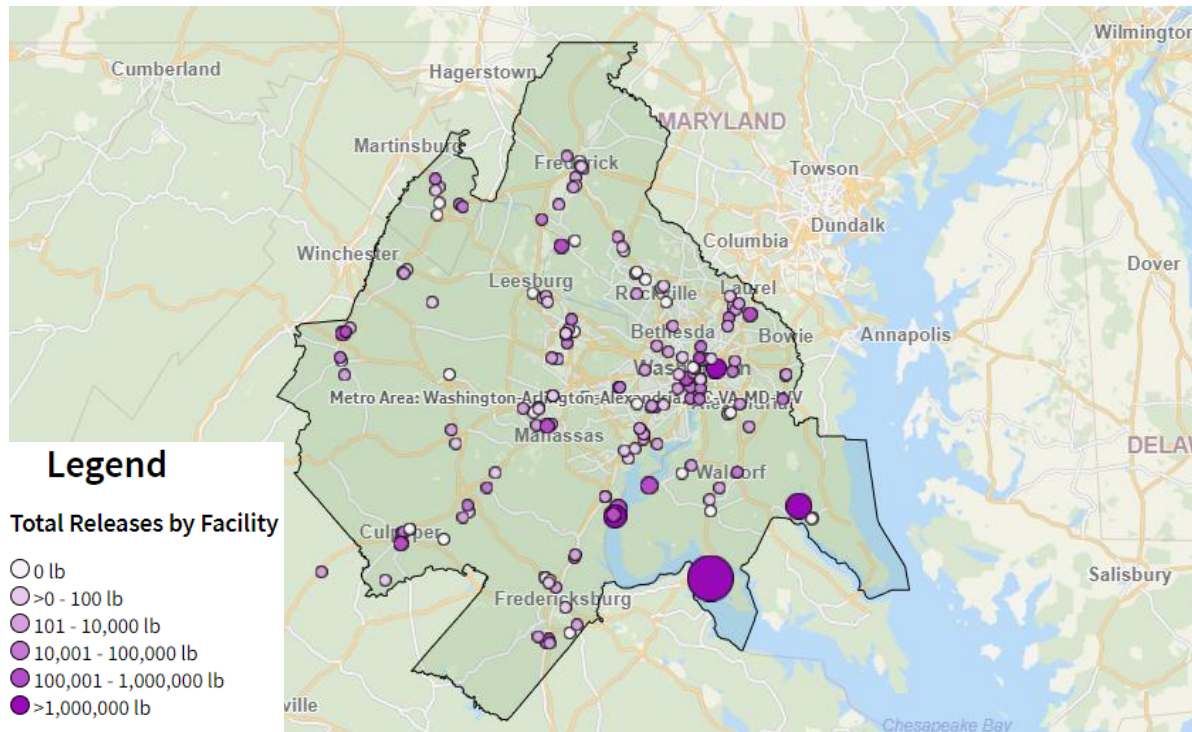
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Releases by Chemical

Top 10 Chemicals   All Chemicals

Total Releases: 15,370,712 lb

- Sulfuric acid (acid aerosols) 34.0%
- Others 15.9%
- Xylene (mixed isomers)
- Manganese and manganese co…
- Barium and barium compounds
- Copper and copper compoun…
- Ammonia
- Nitrate compounds (water dissoci…
- Hydrochloric acid (acid aerosols)
- Asbestos (friable)
- Lead and lead compounds

Releases by Chemical and Year

Chemical
- Sulfuric acid (acid aerosols)
- Lead and lead compounds
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Risk Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) Model

Further contextualizes information on releases of toxic substances:

- Establish priorities for further investigation (high scores)

- Look at changes in potential human health impacts over time

- Prioritize issues related to toxics management

- Combine with demographic and income data for environmental justice

Data from:

- Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

- Relative toxicity

- Chemical's fate and transport

- Potential human exposure

Different levels to the RSEI Model:
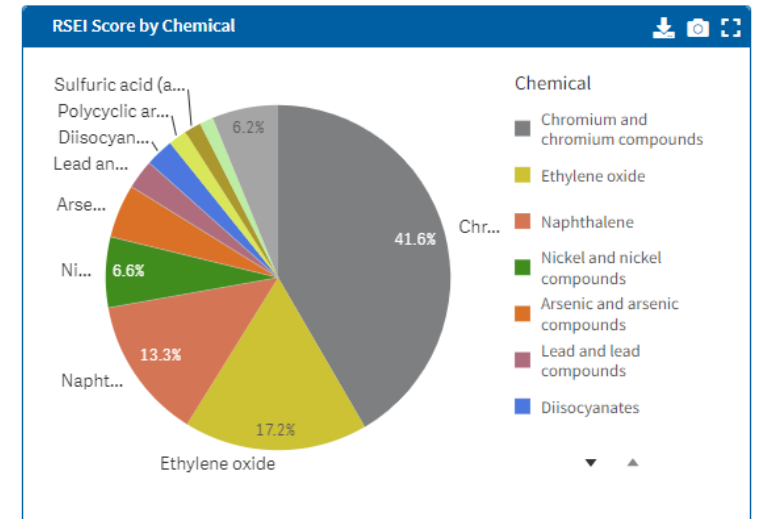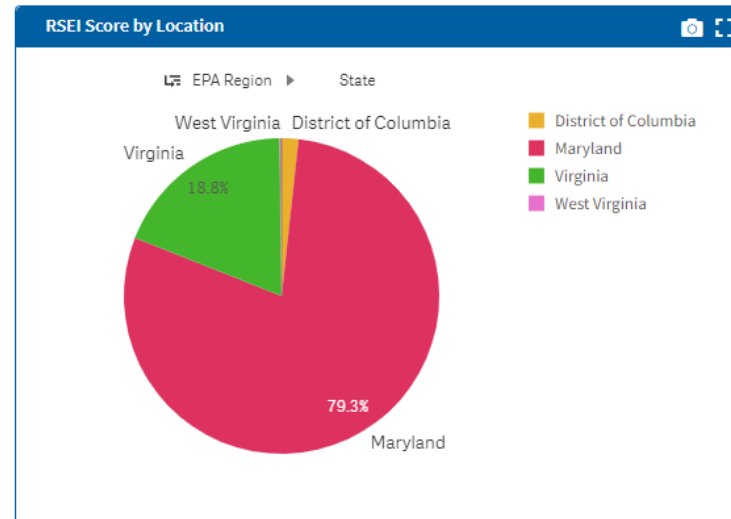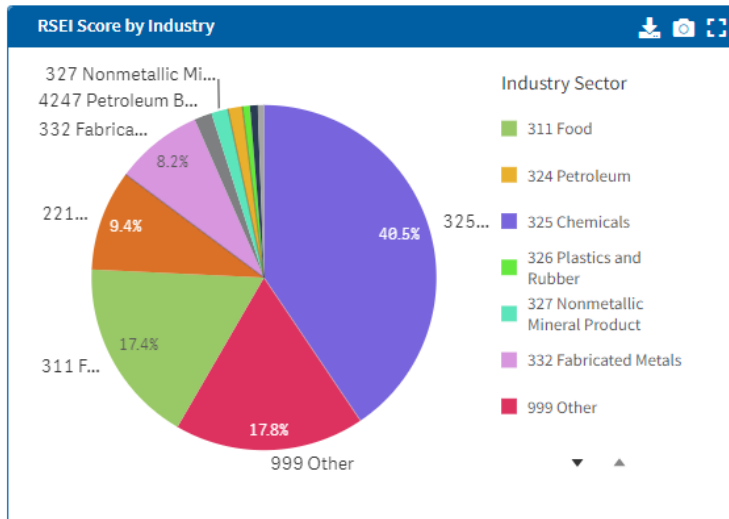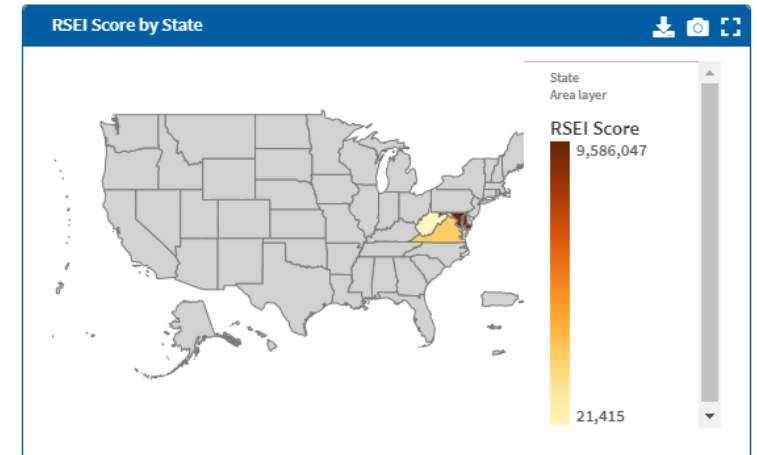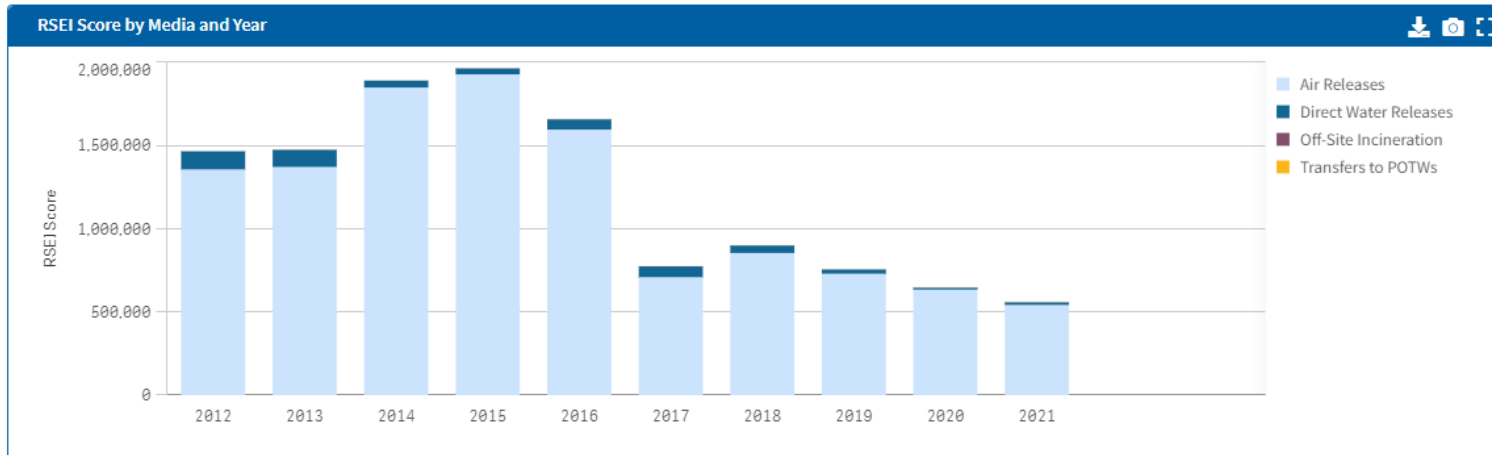
- RSEI Modeled Hazard

- RSEI Score

Scores by:

- Chemical

- Industry sector

- Geographic area

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EasyRSEI Dashboard

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Current uses of TRI and RSEI data:

Environmental Justice (EJ) Screening Tools

UMASS PERI Top Polluters List

ProPublica – "Cancer Alley" Map

How can you refine your data?

Ensure Your Reports are Accurate – Conduct and Audit

Explore Potential Ways to Refine Reports – Collect Analytical Data

Look into Pollution Prevention Options

Questions?

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