

2012 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities

"Understanding the Past and Promoting a Sustainable Future"

**Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.**

April 11-12, 2012 (Public Conference Session)
April 13, 2012 (US EPA, States, and Tribes Session)

Call for Abstracts

This is a "Call for Abstracts for Oral Presentations, Posters and Electronic Demonstrations" for the National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities that will be held on April 11-13, 2012, in Washington, D.C., at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill. This year's conference will focus on pollution prevention (P2) and using Toxics Release Inventory data to promote sustainability. It will also include sessions on environmental data and conditions and trends in ecological and human health.

It is important to note that this Call for Abstracts uses a broader definition of "sustainability" which incorporates not only environmental components but also social and economic attributes. For example, sustainability may include the use of TRI data in analyzing children's public health in a community or the use of TRI data to construct a product responsibility business model where sustainability is addressed early in the product lifecycle.

Co-sponsors of this year's conference — *The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)*, *National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR)* and *United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)*— invite you to submit an abstract for oral presentations, posters and electronic demonstrations following the theme of **"Understanding the Past and Promoting a Sustainable Future."**

Abstracts will be accepted through November 19, 2011. This is your opportunity to present knowledge, share experiences, and voice expectations and aspirations related to TRI topics and your vision for a sustainable future.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Industry achievements and economic benefits of P2 initiatives
- External influences on industry behavior (*e.g. TRI reporting consumer behavior, Global Reporting Initiative*)
- Measuring and assessing corporate sustainability using TRI data alone or with other data
- TRI influences on corporate research and development
- Challenges to achieving sustainability
- Providing information to data users through effective partnerships, innovative tools, and outreach (*e.g. E3 Program, CARE grants*)
- How Federal programs are promoting sustainability (*e.g. Green Chemistry; Office of Sustainable Communities; Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics; Dept. of Defense; Dept. of Energy*)
- TRI, P2, and toxics reduction programs in localities, states, and Tribes
- Current research on toxics reduction and sustainability
- Improving public awareness and use of TRI
- Improving understanding of environmental and health conditions in communities through use of TRI data

Abstracts that do not fit exactly into one of the suggested topics will also be considered. Past presentations from the 2010 TRI National Training Conference can be found at <http://www.chemicalright2know.com/events/past>.

Abstracts should promote outreach, learning and networking among federal, state, and local government agencies, students, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, community groups, scientists, engineers and other professionals interested in exploring the role of TRI and other environmental data in promoting sustainability. In addition to individual presentations, we encourage you to contact your colleagues and suggest ideas for dynamic and engaging panel discussions.

Guidelines for Submission

- Abstracts should contain an overview of the topic, indicate the format envisioned (oral presentation, poster and/or electronic demonstration), and provide full contact information for each presenter. Please indicate whether oral presentations will be given by an individual or a panel. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words.
- **Oral presentations, posters and electronic demonstrations selected in response to this call for abstracts will be given on April 11-12, 2012.** Please ensure a definite commitment that each presenter is available to participate in the conference on either April 11 or 12, 2012.
- Authors of accepted abstracts will receive a confirmation email by early January, 2012 with an acceptance form that must be returned. The due date of the acceptance form will be contained in the email. The confirmation email will also include specific instructions and formatting for presentations, posters and demonstrations.

Please submit abstracts via the form available at the following URL:

<http://www.chemicalright2know.net/tri-conference/2012-tri-national-conference/2012-abstract-submission-form/>

by November 19, 2011

Contact Us

If you have an idea for a topic and aren't sure if it fits, or any other questions, please contact Caitlin Briere of U.S. EPA at briere.caitlin@epa.gov/202-566-1646, Bryan Shipley of ECOS at bshipley@ecos.org/202-266-4928, or Angela Miller of NPPR at angela@p2.org/202-299-9701.

For up-to-date information on the Conference, please visit: <http://www.chemicalright2know.org>

