

Toxics Reduction Requirements Now In Place

McGuinty Government Requires Tracking And Reporting Beginning January 1, 2010

NEWS

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The province is taking a major step towards meeting its commitment to reduce toxic substances in our air, land and water.

Beginning January 1, 2010, regulated facilities in the manufacturing and minerals processing sectors will be required to track, report and develop plans to reduce the toxic substances they use, create and release. This applies only to facilities currently reporting on emissions to the [National Pollutant Release Inventory](#).

These toxics reduction plans will be available to the public as part of the government's commitment to inform Ontarians about toxics. The implementation of the plans will be voluntary.

Ontario has also committed funding to help facilities meet the requirements of the [Toxics Reduction Act](#). The government will hold province-wide information sessions early next year to explain the new requirements, will provide information guides to help facilities meet the requirements and will consult on an enhanced toxics reduction planning process that builds on the expertise and experience found in the workplace.

QUOTE

“Reducing toxics in Ontario is going to make a big difference in the quality of our lives. We are also committed to supporting and working with industry so that Ontario prospers in the emerging green economy.”

— John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment

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- The first reports from facilities covering the 2010 calendar year are due by June 1, 2011 and summaries of the first toxics reduction plans are due by the end of 2011. The first reporting requirements cover 47 priority substances.
- Ontario is working with the Council of Ontario Universities to appoint two chairs in green chemistry. The province has committed \$500,000 annually for five years to the program.
- The province has invested \$13.6 million in GreenCentre Canada, located at Queen's University. The centre will connect green chemistry discoveries in Ontario universities with companies to develop alternatives to toxic chemicals and get them to the marketplace faster.

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Fact sheet: [Regulation Spells Out Toxics Reduction Act Requirements](#)
About the [toxics reduction regulation](#)

About the Toxics Reduction Act and discussion paper on the [Environmental Registry](#) (Registry # 010-8448)

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