P2 101: Why Is Pollution Prevention Important?

Reasons to practice Pollution Prevention

It lowers your risk

Reducing hazardous waste can decrease the risk of harm to human and environmental health.

It's our future

Over 16 million tons of hazardous waste have been reduced since 1998.

It saves money

A lubricant-testing lab implemented recycling as a P2 project. A year later, they had reduced 11 tons of hazardous waste and saved over $36,000.

It's the LAW in Texas

The Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA) of 1991 was adopted by Texas to reduce the volume, toxicity, and adverse public-health and environmental effects of pollutants in Texas.

It reduces your regulatory burden

A Texas manufacturer saved its facility four months of paperwork for Title III and Title V regulatory programs by following the P2 planning process.

It's the right thing to do

What Is Pollution Prevention Planning?

Pollution prevention (P2) planning encourages facilities to conduct long-range planning that will strengthen efforts to prevent pollution in Texas by means of source reduction and waste minimization.

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Who Is Required to Report?

The planning and reporting requirements on pollution prevention apply to the following types of facilities:

- Facilities that report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) using the TRI Form R
- Large quantity generators (LQGs) or small quantity generators (SQGs) of hazardous waste that report to the TCEQ on the Annual Waste Summary.

What Does the Law Require?

The pollution prevention planning law requires you to prepare a five-year P2 Plan and submit documents to the TCEQ by specific deadlines. To find the forms and information about how to file them, go to <www.P2Plan.org>.

Get Information from www.P2Plan.org or A Guide to Pollution Prevention Planning *(RG-409) (This 60-page guidance document is available on P2Plan.org.)*

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