# POLLUTION PREVENTION WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Save money - Reduce risk - Eliminate waste

Pollution Prevention Waste Management Workshop
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**Pollution Prevention Planning Law** 



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# **Topics**

Pollution Prevention (P2)

- Program Background
- P2 Requirements
- Success Stories



# P2 Background

- 1990 Federal Pollution Prevention Act
- 1991 Texas Senate Bill 1099 = Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA)
- Title 30 TAC Chapter 335, Subchapter Q (§335.471-480)



#### **WRPA** Created

- Government in cooperation with:
  - Industry representatives
  - Public Interest Groups
  - Educational Organizations



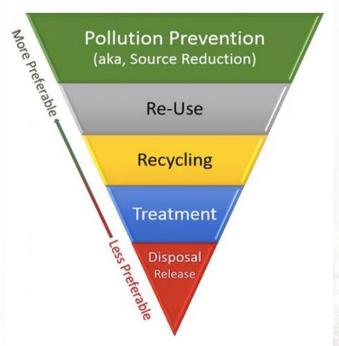


#### **WRPA** Created

Together they created a pollution prevention program that has a positive impact on **industry** as well as the **environment**.



### **Waste Hierarchy**





#### **Source Reduction**

30 TAC §335.471(8)

- Occurs before a waste has been "generated" or created
- Prior to reuse or recycling
- Examples
  - Equipment modifications
  - Product redesign or reformulations



#### **Waste Minimization**

30 TAC §335.471(11)

 Occurs after a waste has been "generated" or created

- Examples included
  - Reuse
  - Recycle
  - Detoxification
  - Neutralization



#### **How P2 Works**

- Sites go through the process to:
  - Identify wastes
  - Identify options
  - Evaluate economics

Five-year P2 Plan and Executive Summary



# Why It Works

#### Reducing waste:

- 1. Saves money
- 2. Reduces regulatory burden
- 3. Improves worker safety
- 4. Increases productivity
- 5. Conserves resources
- 6. Protects environment
- 7. Enhances public image









# **Success Story**

- Chemical Blending facility
  - Completed a waste evaluation and determined one product line created most of the hazardous waste.
  - Changed this product to an "On Demand" for the client
  - No longer storing MEK unless the demand is there.

18K Tons Reduced in one year!



### **Reduce Regulation**

Hazardous waste generation. . . .

- LQG (> 2,200 lbs/month) = 88 requirements
- SQG (220 to 2,200 lbs/month) = 74 requirements
- CESQG/VSQG (≤ 220 lbs/month) = ONLY 4



#### **WRPA Rules**



Who does it apply to?



Who does it **NOT** apply to?



What is required?



### WRPA Does Apply To

- <u>All</u> Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Form R reporters
- Hazardous Waste Generators:
  - Large Quantity Generators (LQG)
    - More than 2,200 lbs of HW/month; or
    - More than 2.2 lbs of acute HW/month
  - Small Quantity Generators (SQG)
    - 220 lbs 2,200 lbs of HW/month;
    - Up to 2.2 lbs of acute HW/month

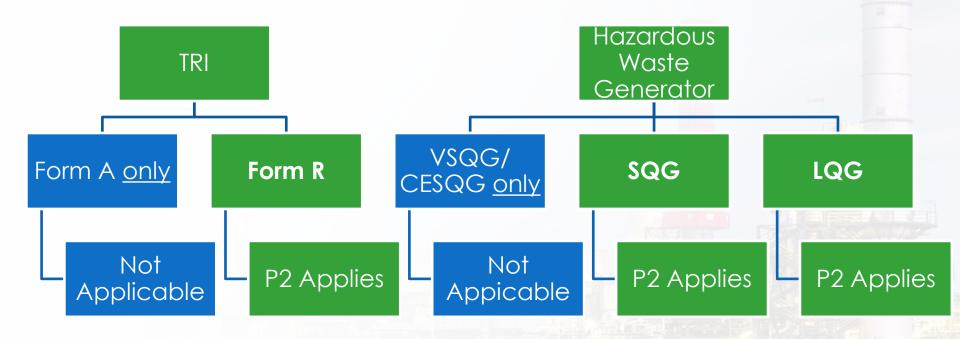


#### ... and does **NOT** apply to:

- TRI Form A reporters who are not LQG or SQG
- Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG/CESQG) who DO NOT report TRI Form R
- Sites regulated only by the Railroad Commission



# **Applicability Chart**





### **WRPA Exemptions**

- Sites only reporting because of longterm remediation
  - Granted on an annual case-by-case basis
  - Must renew annually
  - Generally, for 1-time remediation projects



# **WRPA Requirements**

- 1. Prepare 5-year Pollution Prevention (P2) Plan:
  - Renew every 5 years
    - Always due/effective on January 1st
  - Keep available on site
    - Let more than one person know where to find it



# **WRPA Requirements**

- 2. Submit Executive Summary of P2 Plan to TCEQ
  - With Certificate of Completeness and Correctness (C3)
  - Signed by site owner, plant manager, corporate officer
  - Due when you create, renew, or update your P2 Plan
  - Keep proof of submittal with your P2 Plan



# WRPA Requirements

- 3. Submit Annual Progress Reports (APRs)
  - LQGs and TRI Form R reporters ONLY

P2 Annual Progre	ess Report		
ART 1. FACILITY DESCRIPTION			
Report Year:	Report Date:	Report Date:	
Company Name:			
Facility Name:			
Mailing Address:	Physical Address:	Physical Address:	
Mailing City, State, Zip:	Physical City, State, Zip:	Physical City, State, Zip:	
Name of Pollution Prevention Contact	TCEQ SW Reg. No.	TCEQ SW Reg. No.	
Telephone: Ed.	TRI ID No.	TRI ID No.	
Fax:	EPA ID No.	EPA ID No.	
Email (optional):	P2 Program ID No. (PNumber):	P2 Program ID No. (PNumber)	
Primary SIC Code:	Number of Employees:	Number of Employees:	
Primary NAICS:	Regulated Entity No. (RN):	Regulated Entity No. (RN):	
First year of your current plan:	Customer No. (CN):	Customer No. (CN):	
Does this report revise a previously submitted APR?	res 🗆 No		
ART 2. PROJECTED AMOUNTS FOR GOAL YEAR	(FROM YOUR PLAN)		
Goal Year (the 5th year of your plan):			
	HW [Column A]	TRI (Column B)	
Projected amount of HW generation or TRI releases/transfers by Goal Year	Tons	Tons	
Source reduction anticipated over five-year period	Tons	Tons	
3. % Waste minimization by the Goal Year	*	%	

Facility Name:	Date: Pa	ige 2 of 2	
Part 3: Reduction Achievement for the Report Y. Source Reduction Activities Estimate the amount of reduction for hazardous waste greater category below.		your facility experienced in	
	Estimate	Estimate Quantity	
	HW (A) [Tons]	TRI (B) [Tons]	
1. Good Operating Practices			
2. Inventory Control			
3. Spill and Leak Prevention			
4. Raw Material Modifications			
5. Process Modifications			
6. Cleaning and Degreasing			
7. Surface Preparation and Finishing			
8. Product Modification			
9. Total Source Reduction (Sum 1-8) in Tons			
Birdity describe any modifications to your plan as well as audientical to reduce waste at its source for the report year to reduce waste at its source for the report year.	your pollution prevention projects, esg	ecially the activity you	
Note: Submission of waste minimization information and info previous reporting year is required by the Waste Rodu requirement through submission of their annual waste.	ction Policy Act. SQG's that are non-TRI F	orm R reporters meet this are required to submit an	



### **Annual Progress Report**

- Due July 1 and covers previous calendar year
  - Submit online through STEERS
    - From May 15 July 1

-or-

- Submit "hard" copy
  - Email: p2@tceq.texas.gov
  - Mail: TCEQ Pollution Prevention

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# SQG/Non-TRI R

- If Small Quantity Generator & not TRI Form
   R:
  - No Annual Progress Report
  - Not required in P2 Plan
    - Employee awareness training (but a good idea)
    - Media transfer discussion



#### **New-Comers**

- Site that becomes subject to WRPA has
   90 days to put a P2 Plan in place:
  - First time TRI reporters
  - First Annual Waste Summary showing SQG or LQG
  - Keep a copy on-site and send a signed Executive Summary to TCEQ



#### **Enforcement**

- Violations of 30 TAC Chapter 335 Subchapter Q:
  - Failure to have complete P2 Plan available on site
  - Failure to submit Executive Summary of P2 plan
  - Failure to keep the Executive Summary updated
  - Failure to submit Annual Progress Report



# Why Comply?



**Economic benefits** 



Reduced regulatory burden



Protect the environment



**Public relations** 



#### **WRPA Results**

#### Reductions since 1999\*:

- Over 22 million tons of Hazardous Waste
- Over 7 million tons of TRI Chemicals

\*Results taken from the Annual Progress Reports from 1999-2024



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# Questions



