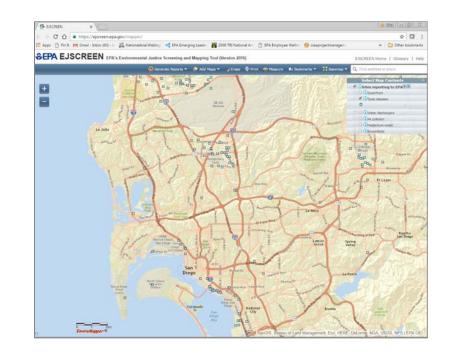
# What Can TRI Tell You about Human Health Risks?

## Kara Koehrn Toxics Release Inventory Program



## Outline

- Basics of risk in the context of TRI
- Helpful tips for using TRI data to answer risk questions
- Example risk question





### Three Takeaways

- 1. TRI, with other information, can be a starting point in evaluating potential risks.
- 2. TRI data is only a part of a bigger risk picture.
- 3. You can start looking through TRI data and other helpful public resources online.



### What is risk?

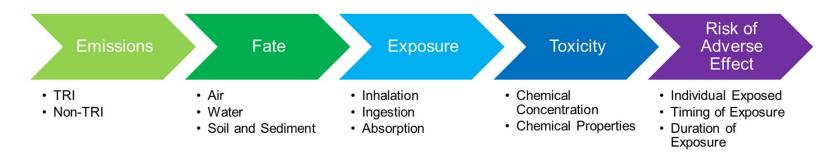
Risk is the chance that an exposure to an environmental stressor (e.g., a chemical) will lead to harmful effects (e.g., cancer, birth defects).





### What is risk?

Individual risk from chemical exposures results from many factors.



TRI contains some of this information:

- what chemicals are released from industrial facilities,
- the amount of each chemical released, and
- the amount released to air, water and land.



## Limitations of TRI Data

- TRI does not include information about public exposure to chemicals.
- TRI covers an important subset of toxic chemicals managed at U.S. facilities, but doesn't cover all chemicals or facilities.
- Data reflect annual chemical release totals and don't indicate the frequency or duration of releases.

For more information, see "Factors to Consider When Using TRI Data" at: <u>http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-09/documents/tri\_factors\_to\_consider\_2013.pdf</u>



## Helpful Tips

- Keep other sources of toxic chemicals in mind.
- Releases reported to TRI do not equal exposure.
- A large release of a less toxic chemical may be of less concern then a small release of a more toxic chemical.

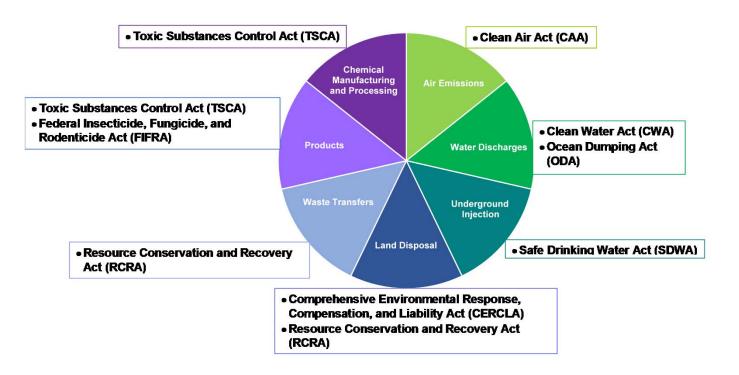


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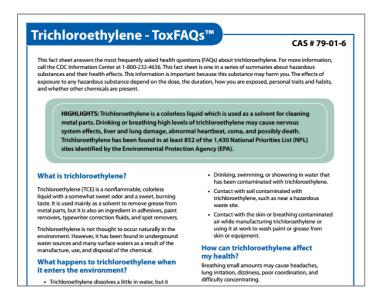
• Check facility compliance information under other EPA programs





## Helpful Tips

 Information about health impacts associated with toxic chemicals is available in several EPA tools (e.g. myRTK, ChemView) and CDC resources.



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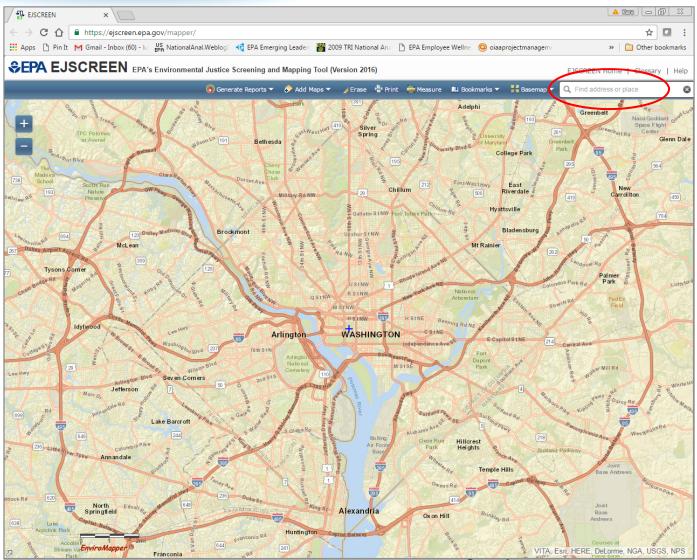


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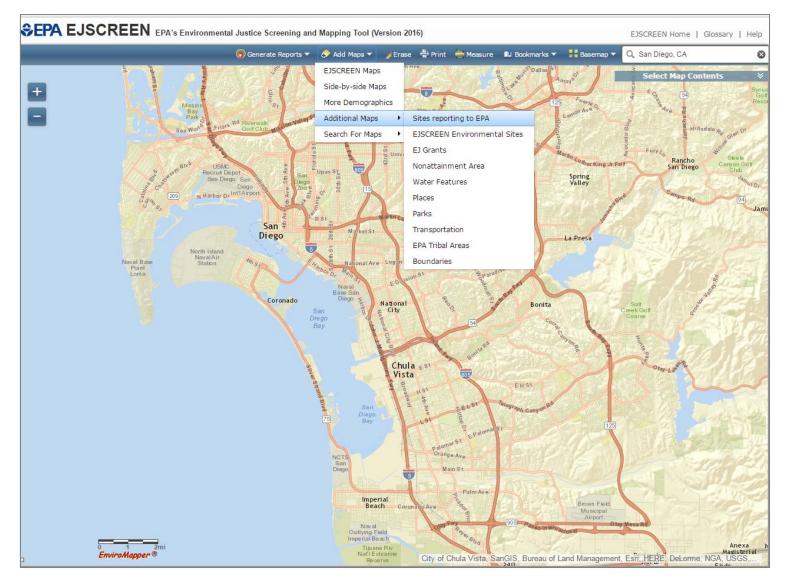


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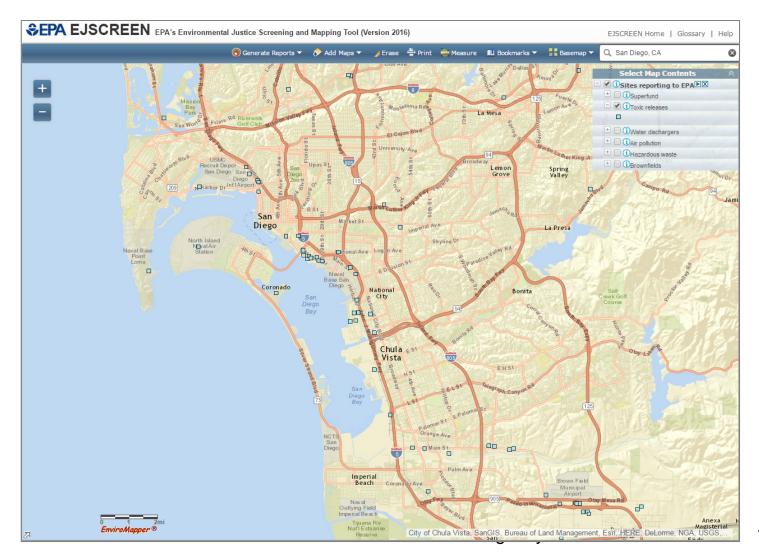




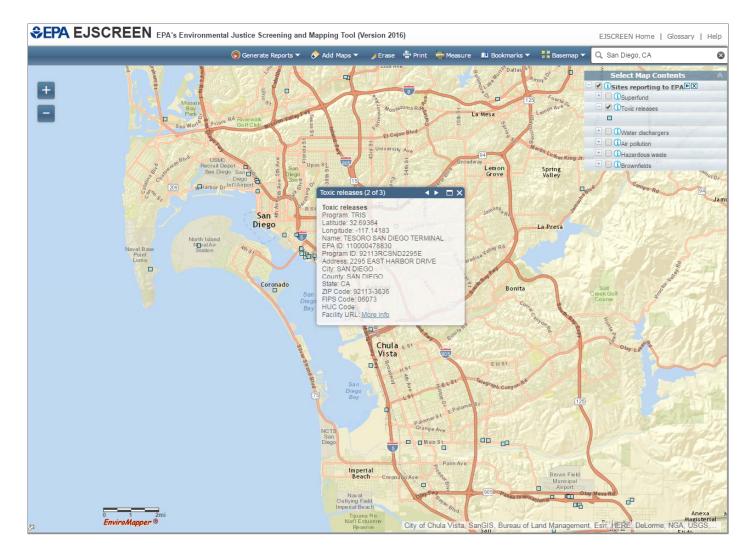














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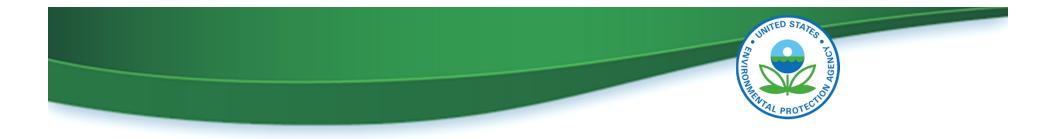
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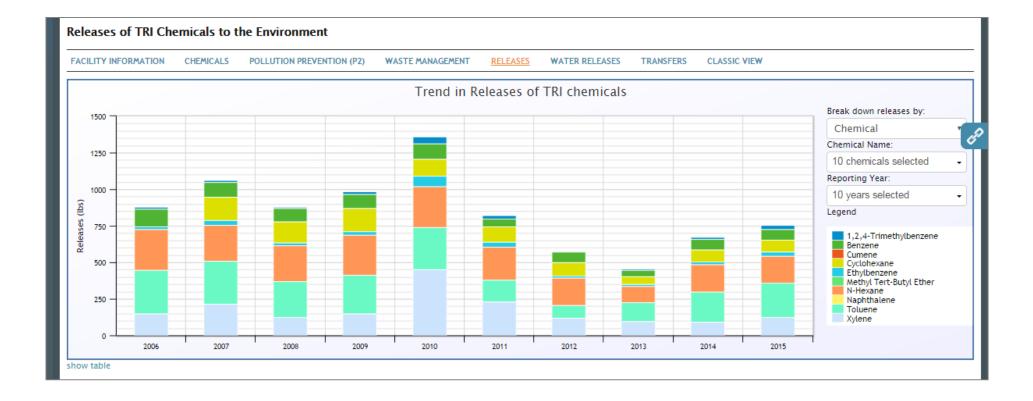


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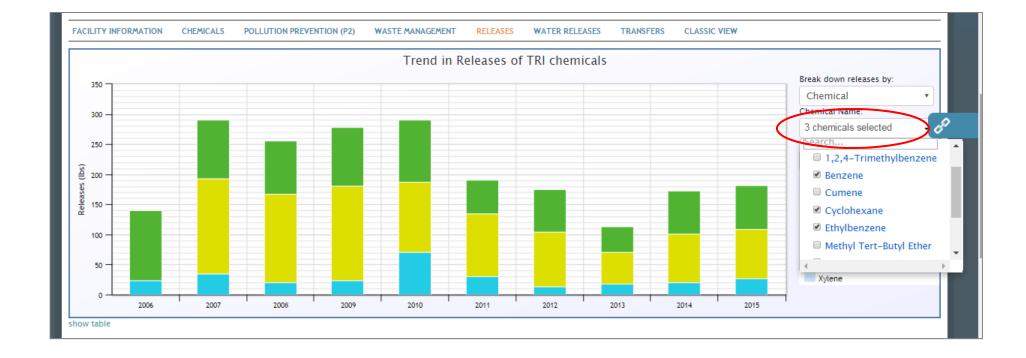


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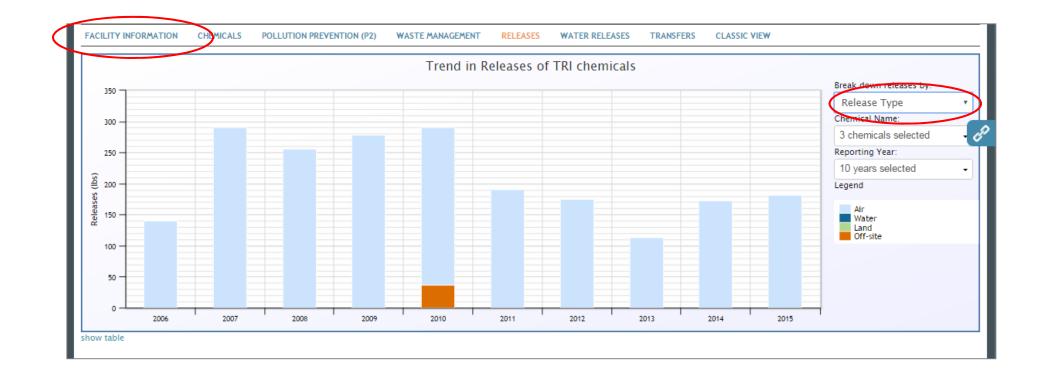














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### CDC's ToxFAQs

#### Benzene - ToxFAQs<sup>™</sup>

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This fact sheet answers the most frequently asked health questions (FAQs) about benzene. For more information, call the CDC Information Center at 1-800-232-4636. This fact sheet is one in a series of summaries about hazardous substances and their health effects. It is important you understand this information because this substance may harm you. The effects of exposure to any hazardous substance depend on the dose, the duration, how you are exposed, personal traits and habits, and whether other chemicals are present.

> HIGHTLIGHTS: Benzene is a widely used chemical formed from both natural processes and human activities. Breathing benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, and unconsciousness; long-term benzene exposure causes effects on the bone marrow and can cause anemia and leukemia. Benzene has been found in at least 1,000 of the 1,684 National Priority List (NPL) sites identified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### What is benzene?

Benzene is a colorless liquid with a sweet odor. It evaporates into the air very quickly and dissolves slightly in water. It is highly flammable and is formed from both natural processes and human activities.

Benzene is widely used in the United States; it ranks in the top 20 chemicals for production volume. Some industries use benzene to make other chemicals which are used to make plastics, resins, and nylon and other synthetic fibers. Benzene is also used to make some types of rubbers, lubricants, dyes, detergents, drugs, and pesticides. Natural sources of benzene include emissions from volcanoes and forest fires. Benzene is also a natural part of crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke.

### What happens to benzene when it enters the environment?

- Industrial processes are the main source of benzene in the environment.
- Benzene can pass into the air from water and soil.
- It reacts with other chemicals in the air and breaks down within a few days.

#### How might I be exposed to benzene?

- Outdoor air contains low levels of benzene from tobacco smoke, automobile service stations, exhaust from motor vehicles, and industrial emissions.
- Vapors (or gases) from products that contain benzene, such as glues, paints, furniture wax, and detergents, can also be a source of exposure.
- Air around hazardous waste sites or gas stations will contain higher levels of benzene.
- Working in industries that make or use benzene.

#### How can benzene affect my health?

Breathing very high levels of benzene can result in death, while high levels can cause drowsiness, dizziness, rapid heart rate, headaches, tremors, confusion, and unconsciousness. Eating or drinking foods containing high levels of benzene can cause vomiting, irritation of the stomach, dizziness, sleepiness, convulsions, rapid heart rate, and death.

The major effect of benzene from long-term exposure is on the blood. Benzene causes harmful effects on the bone marrow and can cause a decrease in red blood cells

### http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/index.asp



### Other Resources

- Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI) is a risk-screening tool that incorporates TRI data about toxic chemicals released to the environment with information about chemical toxicity, chemical fate, and potential human exposure. <u>https://www.epa.gov/rsei</u>
- **TRI University** example projects: <u>https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-</u> program/2013-14-tri-university-academic-partners



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