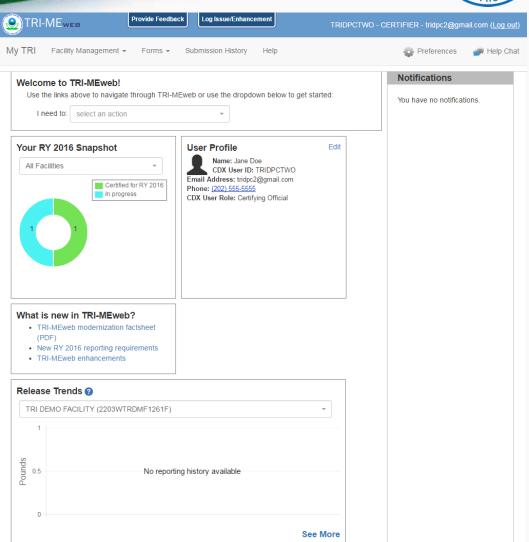
# TR-MEweb Modernization 2016 TRI National Conference

Washington, DC October, 2016

#### Agenda



- ➤ What is TRI-MEweb?
- ➤ Why Modernize?
- ➤ Background
- ➤ What's New?
- > TRI-MEweb Outcomes
- > Timeline



#### What is TRI-MEweb?



- > TRI-MEweb is the web application used by TRI facilities to report their annual TRI data
- First released in 2006 and updated over the years
  - The only way to submit TRI data to EPA since Electronic Reporting Rule (ERR) introduced in 2014
- Separates collection and management of facility and chemical data
- Leverages Services provided by EPA:
  - CDX: user authentication, LexisNexis for ESA, Copy of Record Storage, etc.
  - TRIPS: pre-population of forms, eFDP reports and data storage
  - FRS: exchanges facility info (name, lat/long), POTWs, off-site transfer sites
  - SRS: retrieves chemical names/aliases
  - Office of Water: water bodies with REACH codes

21,518 facilities reported 80,840 chemicals in RY 2015

#### Why Modernize?



There are three main reasons why we modernized TRI-MEweb

## 1.- Simplify Reporting & Reduce Reporting Burden



- Feedback From User Community provided insight on what was working and what was not working
  - Survey provided to TRI facilities reporting in May 2016
  - Industry participation in beta testing in September 2016
  - Help Desk statistics combined with Data Processing Center metrics identified additional areas for improvement

### Why Modernize?



## 2.- Standardize Architecture & Leverage New Technologies



- Outdated framework that requires more coding than the modern framework used throughout
- CDX NGN node upgrade and new platform stack configuration for TRI-MEweb allowed for new features/technologies to be developed



#### 3.- Operations & Maintenance

• Years of patches, enhancements, and workarounds increased development and support burden.

### Modernization background



- Kick-off meeting was held in October 2014 (nearly 2 years)
- 58 core requirements were identified from the TRI-MEweb legacy system to be transitioned into Modernized version

Section name	Legacy
Welcome	5
Account management	4
Facility management	8
Form preparation	15
Error checking	14
Certification	12
Totals	58

- CDX, TRI regulatory branch and IT operation staff involved in developing additional RY 2016 enhancements
- New IT SLC tools used (JIRA, Confluence) that lead to more efficient collection of comments by EPA and an accelerated review/development process by Contractor

#### What's New?





Over 59 new features and enhancements



Improved online help



Simplified navigation, management of facility accounts, and user profile information



Enhanced error checking and simplified certification process

## TRI-MEweb Enhancements

#### & New Features





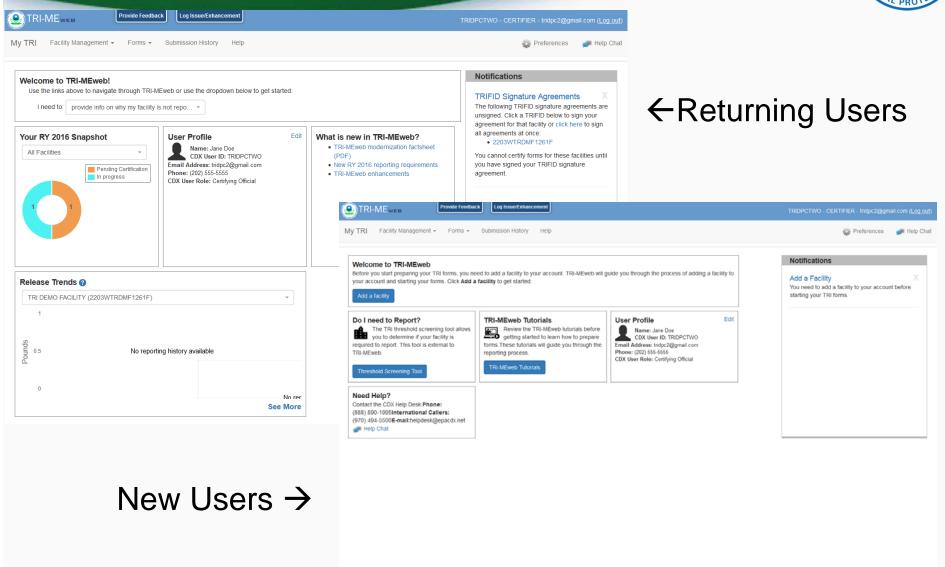
Total Primary Requirements/Enhancements				
Primary Requirements cross-over	58			
RY 2016 Enhancements	13			
Modernization enhancements	19			
Added platform features	50			
Total Enhancements	140			

#### > Enhancements highlighted

- ➤ Redesigned Welcome page
- > New mapping widget for POTW in 50 mile radius around facility
- > Enhance error navigation through entire form
- On demand request of access keys
- > SMS text verification during certification
- Graphical confirmation of Federal and State/Tribe submission

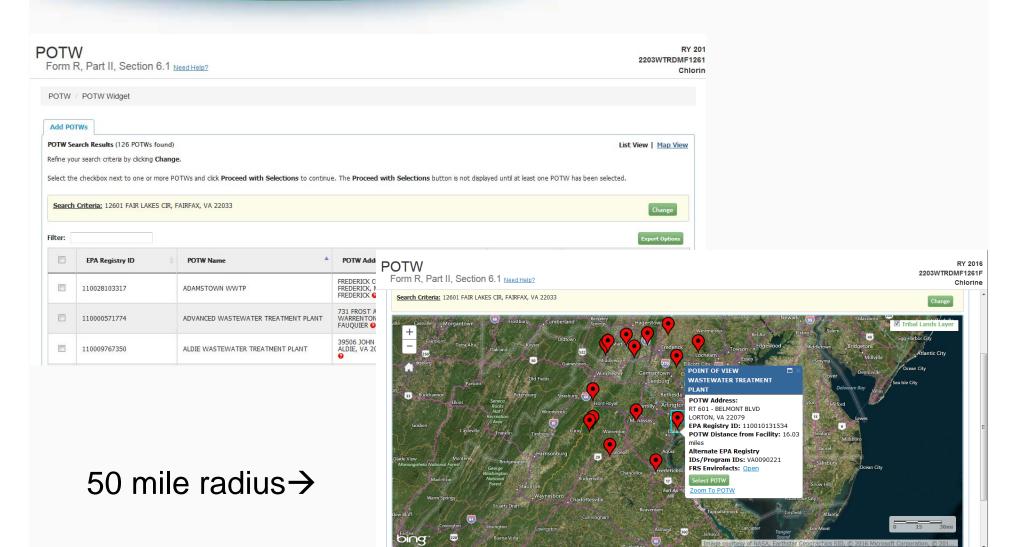
#### Welcome Screen





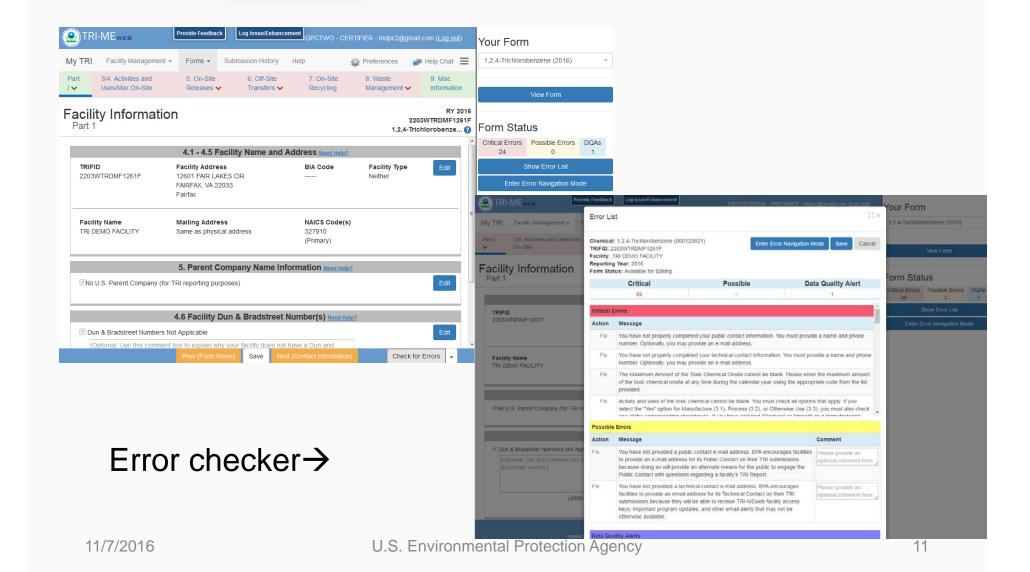
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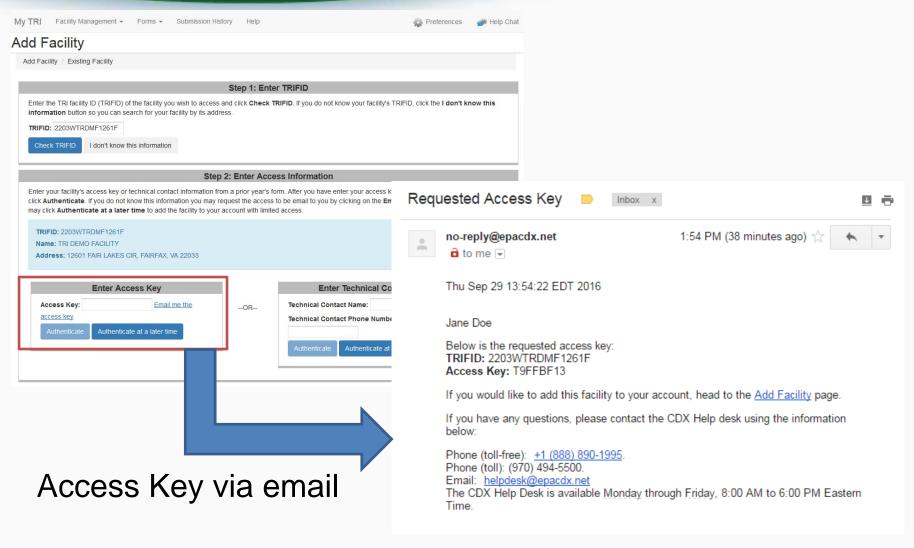
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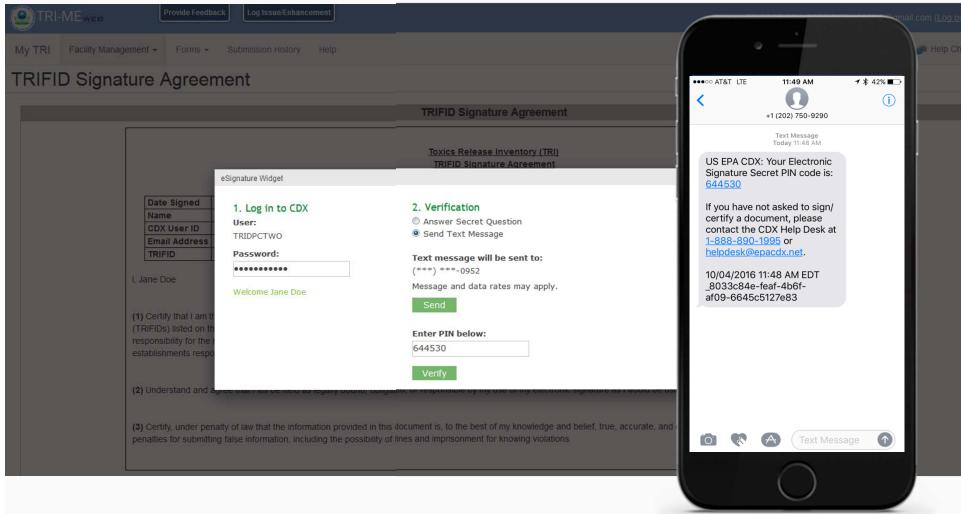
#### **Email Access Key**





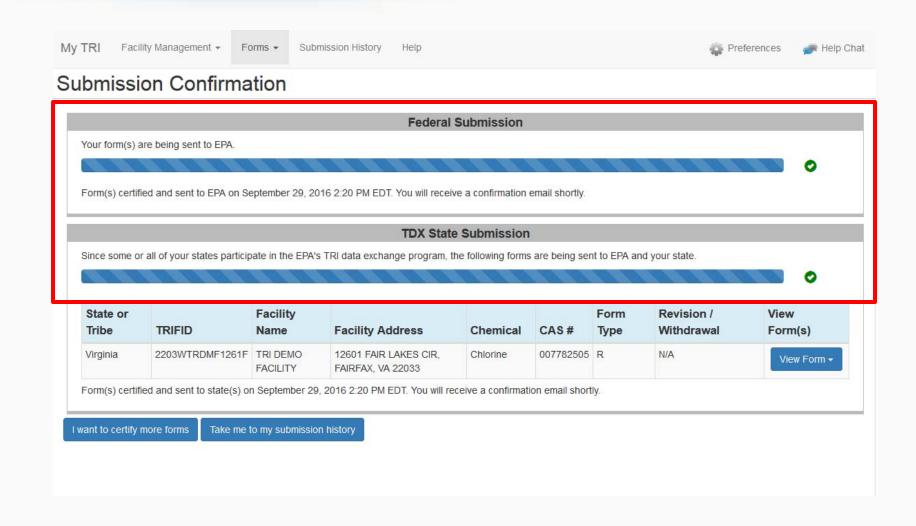
#### SMS Verification





#### **Submission Confirmation**







### Improved Online Help



- Search on regulatory topics, TRI chemicals, or specific form sections from a centralized tool
- View context sensitive tips via instructional language, hover text, and icons
- Use short tutorial segments to learn how to complete certain tasks in TRI-MEweb
- Launch a live chat from anywhere in the software
- Access contact information for the CDX Help Desk and TRI Information Center



## Simplified Navigation



- Navigate fewer pages to add facility, prepare and certify forms
- New My TRI pages for new users and returning users
- Quick actions dropdown to jump into specific pages of the application
- RY Snapshot displays summary of form statuses for current reporting year
- > Important notifications for pending tasks on Welcome page
- > Dynamic navigation bar that shows error status
- Email links to go directly to your form

# Simplified Profile/Facility Management



- Update user profile information (i.e., registered email in CDX)
- ➤ Link a facility to a TRI-MEweb account by answering simple questions
- Verify TRI facilities in 50 mile radius for new reporters
- ➤ Manage multi-establishments more easily
- Request a facility access key directly from TRI-MEweb rather than through the CDX Help Desk
- View chemical release trends for each facility
- > Preferences to personalize your experience

# Streamlined Error Checking & Submission



- View relevant errors while preparing form sections
- Validate facility and form data in a single step
- Facility critical errors are now included in Error Navigation Mode
- Certifiers can return individual forms pending their certification to preparer with notes
- Use SMS verification during certification instead of answering one of the 5 questions they provided
- New Submission Confirmation page displays graphically forms being sent to EPA and States/Tribes

#### Modernization outcomes



#### > Reduced operations and maintenance of source code

		Modernized TRI-MEweb	Difference
Lines of Code	197,891	76,194	121,697
Number of Files	1,121	716	405
Deployment File Size	83,749 MB	61,850 MB	21,899 MB

- > Reduced call center operations costs (40% of calls)
  - > Access key requests to CDX call center
  - SMS Text verification for certification
- Increased data quality
  - Mapping of POTWs, FRS Widget, improved error checking

#### Modernization outcomes



- Less time required for industry to electronically report to TRI
  - ➤ Reduced number of pages

Page Counts Reductions					
Section	Current	Future	Comment		
Welcome	16	2	User Guide absorbed 11 pages		
Facility Management	16	4	CDX/FRS Widget replaces 10 pages		
Form Preparation	129	70	Simplified flow replaces 35 JSPs		
Form Validation	16	3	UI simplification		
Submission / Certification	16	5	Consolidate workflow		
Total	193	84	56% reduction		

# What makes outcomes possible?



- ➤ Built on Java 1.8 latest common libraries and security.
- Tomcat 8 application server allows for the best performance and latest security.
- Common frameworks such as Spring and Hibernate help provide common libraries for integrating the application with the latest security and database access.
- Common modules to implement rules and auditing provides for common code sharing throughout the application.
- More client-side scripting allows for better performance, cleaner user interface and better user experience
- Leveraging more CDX services

#### Timeline



- User Acceptance Testing in November 2016
- Load Testing- November 12, 2016
- Public release January 9, 2017



## Invitation to TRI-MEweb Demonstration Exhibit booth



Thank you Questions?

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