

Maine DEP Toxics Programs & Initiatives

March 11, 2004 State and Federal Emerging Information on Chemical Toxicity

DEP Programs

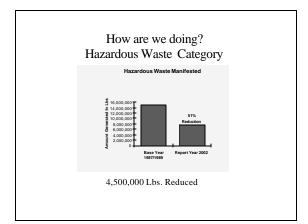
- Maine DEP Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Program (THWRP)
- Maine DEP Maine Air Toxics Initiative (MATI)
- Maine DEP Chapter 137, Emission Statements

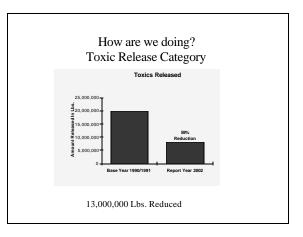
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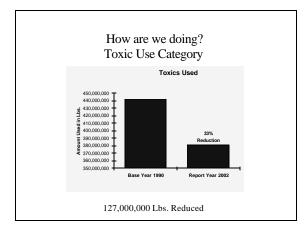
- Facilities must plan, report, set goals and pay fees.
- Facility Reporting Data must be widely available to the public including Web.
- Notification of reduction progress to municipalities.
- Must submit future Pollution Prevention (P2) goals.
- Involvement of facility labor organizations or employee committees in Pollution Prevention (P2) Plan development.
- Education and Outreach cited as a program power and duty under the Law

THWRP Education and Outreach

- WEB site posting of facility toxic data www.mainedep.com
- Continued dialogue and meeting with environmental advocacy groups including NRCM, MPA, and MTAC
- Continued review of program initiatives and feedback form DEP P2 CAP
- Education of Municipalities though presentations at MMA annual meetings, newsletter, and mailings
- · Town Meeting workshops
- RSEI workshop inviting stakeholders
- · Coordinated workshops with MEMA and EPA







Chemical Information Project State and Tribal Integrated Toxics Grant

- · Model to further enhance environmental protection
- Utilize EPA's RSEI Model & train interested parties
- · Improve local decision making
- Target technical assistance efforts within the THWRP
 program
- Encourage use of model for P2 planning & efforts
- Develop a better chemical information infrastructureOutcomes will include recommendations for further
- developing EPA's National Toxics Management Strategy

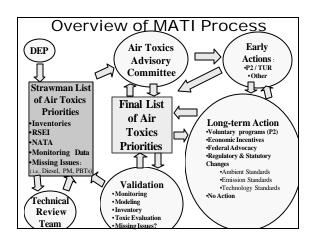
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Issue:

• EPA's recent National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) data suggests that there may be a problem in many areas of Maine

Goal:

- Prevent Unacceptable Risk to Public Health from Air Toxics
- Stakeholders develop a prioritized list of air toxics, so can target Maine's resources
- Stakeholders develop by the end of 2004, early actions and long term goals to cost effectively reduce risk posed by Air Toxics in Maine



DEP Air Emissions Rules, Chapter 137

- 137 gathers emission information from large sources
- Used for
 - regional modeling
 - regulation development, and
 - attainment demonstrations for ambient air standards
- Changes to
 - adopt fed Standards for collection of criteria data
 - Move reporting date up 5 months,
 - collect Green House Gas Emissions, and
 - update HAP thresholds
- Comment period March 4, April 26, 2004
- Public Hearing on April 15, 2004

Maine Toxics Outreach Components

- · Planned Chemical forum with statewide coverage
- Include all chemical programs and initiatives (Air, THWRP, HPV, Children's Chemicals, etc.)
- Invite special interest groups and stakeholders (Tribes, advocates, Businesses)
- Educate the public to build a foundation
- · Present chemical use and health information

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