

Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) is required in 2016. A facility may be required to submit a report if the facility manufactures chemicals, imports chemicals, or coincidentally manufactures other chemicals.

What is Chemical Data Reporting?

The Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule is required by section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The CDR rule requires manufacturers (including importers) to provide EPA with information on the production and use of chemicals in commerce. CDR is required every four years. The last reporting period was in 2012. The next reporting period is 2016. The 2016 reporting period covers chemicals manufactured in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015.



What Facilities Are Affected?

Manufacturers (including importers) are required to report if they meet or exceed certain production volume thresholds, generally 25,000 pounds per year of a chemical substance. A reduced reporting threshold (2,500 pounds per year) now applies to chemical substances subject to certain TSCA actions. For the 2016 reporting period, if a facility exceeds a threshold in any year from 2012 to 2015, a report is required.

What Chemicals Must be Reported?

CDR is generally required for all chemical substances manufactured for commercial purposes. This includes any chemical substance on the TSCA Inventory that is not specifically exempted by 40 CFR 711.6(a).

Chemicals manufactured for commercial purposes include those that are:

- Produced for Commercial Purposes
- Imported for Commercial Purposes
- A component of a chemical substance extracted from a previously existing chemical substance or complex combination of substances
- Coincidentally manufactured during the manufacture, processing, use, or disposal of another chemical substance or mixture, including both byproducts that are separated from that other substance or mixture and impurities that remain in that other substance or mixture. Byproducts may potentially be exempt if the byproduct is not put to use for a separate commercial purpose. For example, a byproduct that is disposed of in a landfill is not reportable. A byproduct that is recycled for another use is reportable.



What data are required to be submitted?

CDR required data include site identification data, parent company data, contact information, and the following manufactured and processing and use related data:

Manufactured Related Data

- Chemical name and CAS number
- Production volume manufactured for each year (2012-2015)
- Number of workers likely to be exposed (range codes)
- Maximum concentration of the chemical in a mixture and the physical form of the substance
- Indication whether the substance is recycled, remanufactured, or reused.

Processing and Use Related Data

- Industrial Processing and Use data including industrial sectors the substance is used in, and the number of sites and number of workers exposed in each sector.
- Commercial and Consumer Use data including product categories the substance is used in and number of workers exposed in each product category.

How is the Report Submitted?

The Form U must be completed and submitted via Central Data Exchange (CDX).

When is the Report Submitted?

The submission period for the 2016 CDR will be from June 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. This report covers the years 2012 to 2015.

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