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Canada's Pollutant Release and Transfer Register

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Canada 

CANADA'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT

- Canada sees much value in promoting rigorous registries and ensuring transparency and accountability concerning environmental matters, in alignment with the *Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters*. However, we are not in a position to provide specific input.
- Canada promotes pollutant release and transfer registers as part of our international environmental bilateral engagement.
- To date, Canada has no mandate to consider ratification of the *Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters*.
- Canada's attendance is limited to an observer/expert role as one of the interested parties.



POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS

- The National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) is Canada's legislated, publicly accessible pollutant release and transfer register (PRTR).
 - PRTRs enhance transparency and accountability of industrial facilities that release pollutants.
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REPORTING TO THE NPRI

- To facilitate the reporting of complete and accurate information, the NPRI offers general and sector-specific tools to industry.
 - Compliance promotion activities are performed annually where gaps in reporting are identified.
 - Enforcement mechanisms are in place for non-compliance.
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INTEROPERABILITY

- Single Window Information Manager (SWIM) is the administrative portion of Environment and Climate Change Canada's Single Window submission system.
 - SWIM integrates information and data collected through federal and provincial programs into one streamlined system.
 - There are currently 29 partners using this system for their reporting programs.
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LINKAGES TO OTHER DATASETS

- Integration with other registries allows stakeholders to use PRTR data for more comprehensive analyses.
 - Linkages to other national datasets are available for facilities reporting to the NPRI, Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission on radionuclides.
 - North American PRTR initiative for international analyses.
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- The information collected through Canada's PRTR is publicly available and helps Canada set environmental priorities and monitor environmental performance.
 - Canadians can also use this information to learn about pollution in their environment and engage in discussions about sources and impacts of pollution.
 - Canadian participation in PRTR activities plays a key role in fulfilling the Government of Canada's international commitments.
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