

## EJSCREEN Instructions

The EPA EJScreen is an environmental justice mapping tool that assesses environmental and demographic indicators within a specific geographic region, or buffer zone. For the Sacrifice Zone Policy, the EJScreen is used to determine if a four mile radius zone around a facility of greatest concern qualifies as a sacrifice zone. The EJScreen provides two measures of health risk that we use to determine if an area is a sacrifice zone – the cancer risk and respiratory health index, both provided as part of the National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA). **A sacrifice zone is defined as an area within a 4-mile radius that has a NATA air toxics cancer risk value and/or NATA respiratory hazard index value at or above the 70th percentile for the state.**

Use the following instructions to observe if your 4-mile radius zone qualifies as a Sacrifice Zone (The EJScreen Mapping Tool can be accessed here

(<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>):

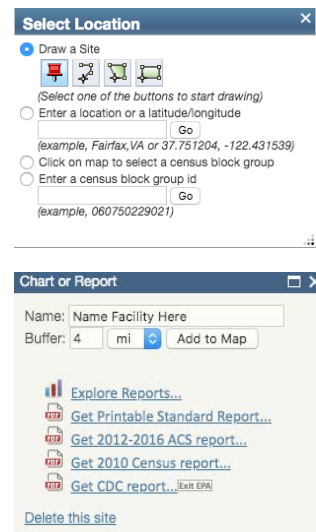
1. Identify a facility of greatest concern. This facility will mark the center of the four-mile radius for the sacrifice zone.
2. Search the location of your facility under the “**Select Location**” drop down tab



3. Enter the physical address of the facility of greatest concern in the second bullet point (“Enter a location or a latitude/longitude”) and click **Go**.

Facility of greatest concern:  
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

4. On the EJScreen map, a **Chart or Report** pop-up menu will appear at the location of the facility. Write the name of the facility in the space provided.
5. Change the Buffer radius from 1 mile to 4 miles.



- Click **Add to Map** to view the four-mile radius zone around the chosen facility.



- View the environmental indicators to see if the sacrifice zone meets the health risk criteria. Click the “**Explore Reports...**” link on the **Chart or Report** pop-up menu.

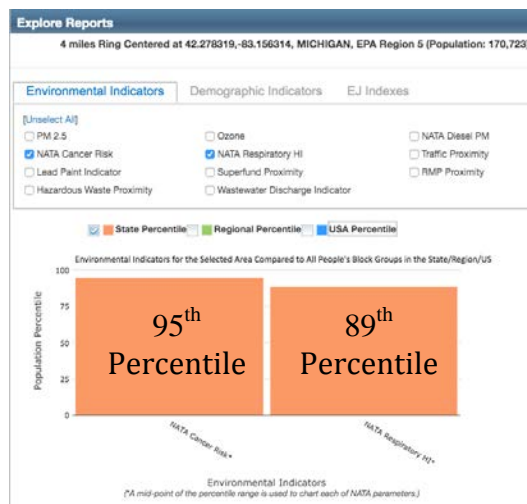


The following instructions will be displayed using an example from the Marathon Petroleum Co LP located in Detroit, Michigan:

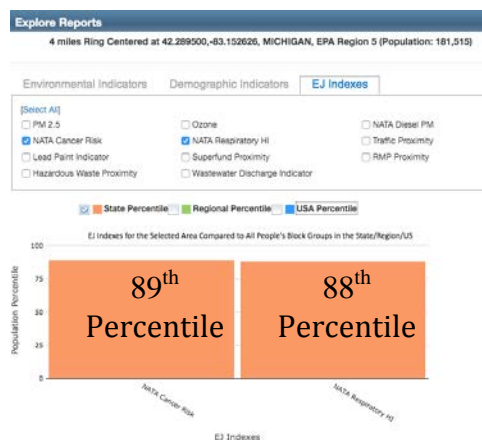
- In the Explore Reports screen look at the **Environmental Indicators** tab. Change the view from USA Percentiles (blue graph) to State Percentiles (orange graph). Uncheck the USA Percentiles box under the Environmental Indicators tab, and select the State Percentiles box. This view will show the state percentiles for all 11 environmental indicators.



- View the NATA Cancer Risk and NATA Respiratory HI. We are interested in only looking at the NATA Cancer Risk and NATA Respiratory HI. Unselect all other environmental indicators that are not the NATA Cancer Risk or NATA Respiratory HI.



- Repeat steps 8 and 9 now looking at the EJ Indexes tab within the Explore Reports menu.

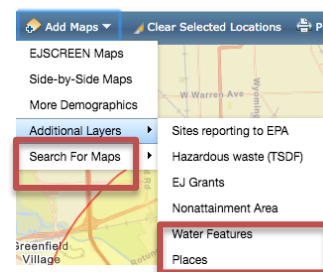


Using the environmental indicators for the NATA air toxics cancer risk for the 4-mile radius zone, with Marathon Petroleum Company LP as the center, the area is in the 95th percentile for the state. The NATA respiratory hazard index is in the 89th percentile for the state. Using these two environmental indicators, the zone can qualify as a sacrifice zone. If the zone does not qualify as a sacrifice zone using the environmental indicators, it is important to also check the EJ Indexes to see if either the NATA air toxics cancer risk (89<sup>th</sup> percentile) or NATA respiratory hazard index (88<sup>th</sup> percentile) meets the sacrifice zone qualifications. *A sacrifice zone can be established if either one or both of these environmental indicators and/or EJ Indexes is at or above the 70th percentile for the state.* This zone can submit an application to establish itself as a sacrifice zone.

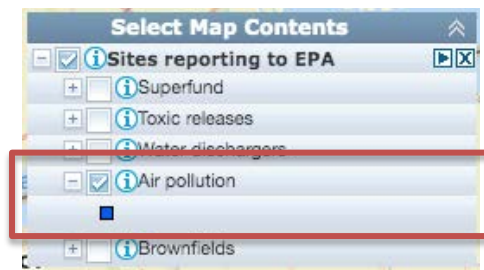
### View Official Facility Name or Registry ID Number:

This information will be needed when searching the facility's hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) emissions using the EPA ECHO database.

- In the blue tool bar at the top of the screen select the “Add Maps” drop down.
- In the “Add Maps” drop down menu, hover over the “Additional Layers” button and select “Sites Reporting to the EPA”.



3. Select the “**Air Pollution**” check box to view facilities that report air emission releases to the EPA



4. Click on the facility (identified on the map with a dark blue box) to view the **Air Pollution** pop-up tab. Take note of the **Primary Name** and **Registry ID**.



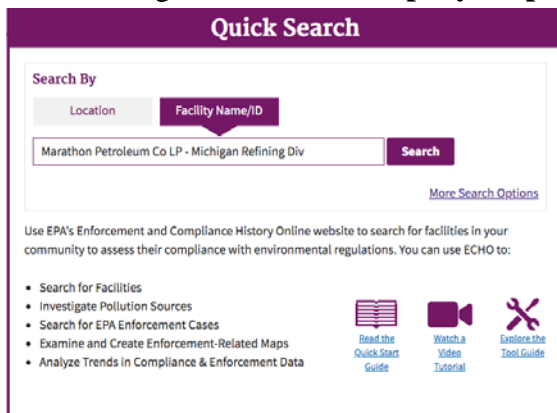
## ECHO Database Instructions

The EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) is an online database that provides detailed information on a reporting facility's enforcement, compliance, inspection, violation and release history. For the Sacrifice Zone Policy, the ECHO database is used to calculate the Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) released by all air emitting facilities located within the sacrifice zone. **In a sacrifice zone all aggregate Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) in the four-mile radius surrounding the facility of greatest concern is restricted to under 25 mixed or 10 individual tons of air emissions a year.**

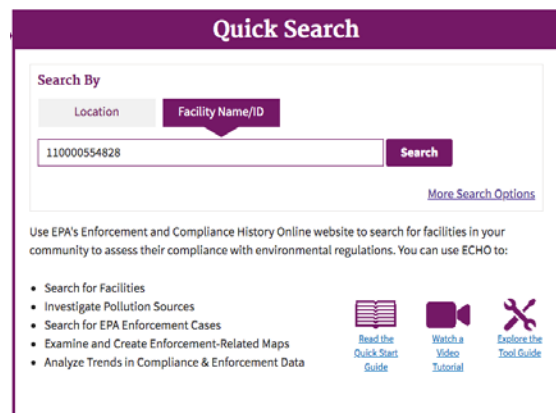
The ECHO database home search page can be found here: (<https://echo.epa.gov/>).

This example will be following the search of the **Marathon Petroleum Co., LP** facility.

1. On the ECHO database home quick search page, under the **“Facility Name/ID”** tab within the Quick Search box type in either the **facility name** or **facility ID number**. The primary facility name and facility registry ID number can be found using the **EJScreen Step-By-Step Instructions**.



The screenshot shows the 'Quick Search' interface. Under the 'Search By' section, the 'Facility Name/ID' tab is selected. The search input field contains 'Marathon Petroleum Co LP - Michigan Refining Div'. A 'Search' button is to the right of the input field. Below the input field is a link for 'More Search Options'. At the bottom, there is a list of search capabilities and three icons with links: 'Read the Quick Start Guide', 'Watch a Video Tutorial', and 'Explore the Tool Guide'.



This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but the search input field contains the facility ID number '110000554828'.

2. The ECHO database will direct you to a new page with the “Facility Search Results.” Click on the correct facility (matching the facility name or facility ID) that is located in your sacrifice zone.

Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia are working with EPA to fix problems with their Clean Water Act violation data. [Read More...](#)



- ECHO**  
Enforcement and Compliance

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https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110000554828#	12	12	1	\$62,000	1	\$474,975
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- On the Air Pollution Report page, look under the “**Emissions**” section to locate the **TRI HAPs** column. Record the value of total TRI HAPs in pounds for the most current year displayed.

**Emissions**

Please read [important information](#) about emissions data sources and reported values

**Total Aggregate Emissions Data**

Program	Pollutant	Units	Trend	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
GHG	Total GHGs	MTCO <sub>2</sub> e			634,554.27	724,939.17	738,087.87	878,758.86	906,553.66	884,668.05	896,579.70	823,521.35	825,403.74
NEI	Total HAPs	Pounds				88,813.87			122,108.91			56,660.82	
NEI	Volatile Organic Compounds	Pounds				1,357,850.13			871,221.90			685,303.67	
TRI	TRI Air Toxics	Pounds		208,552.30	293,063.30	308,177.90	201,466.60	253,062.70	234,878.80	155,429.55	152,783.60	144,582.40	151,205.20
TRI	TRI Criteria Pollutants	Pounds		7,219.80	21,304.30	6,976.40	4,267.10	38,391.50	27,143.50	15,544.20	16,155.20	22,134.60	18,946.10
TRI	TRI HAPs	Pounds		46,265.00	48,159.60	54,952.90	48,107.80	66,025.30	60,237.20	44,603.60	42,728.70	36,078.00	39,622.30
TRI	TRI Ozone Precursors	Pounds		201,150.30	271,573.70	255,737.00	135,401.80	163,050.40	157,243.60	94,037.95	89,797.90	73,743.40	87,283.90
TRI	TRI PBTs	Pounds		17.30	19.30	30.90	24.60	36.70	42.80	57.50	46.60	58.40	38.20

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- Convert the total TRI HAPs in pounds into tons  
Pounds x 0.0005 = tons  
39,622.30 pounds \* 0.0005 = **19.811 tons**

*The Neighborhood Enforcement Group (NEG) will be responsible for completing this process for all air reporting facilities located within the four-mile radius sacrifice zone.*



## TRI Database Instructions

The TRI (Toxic Release Inventory) database tracks the release of 595 chemicals and 33 chemical categories that can pose human and environmental health threats released by TRI reporting facilities. In the Sacrifice Zone Policy, all residents, businesses and medical professionals will receive a notification with a map of the four-mile radius sacrifice zone listing the names and addresses of all facilities in the zone and instructions on how to look up a facility's emissions data using the TRI database.

Go to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Program homepage:

<https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>.

1. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage to the section labeled, **“Learn About TRI in Your Community.”** Select the **Facility** bubble in the “Search By” menu. Type in the address of the facility you are searching, using the street address, city, state, and zip code. Then click “Go.”
2. On the EPA myRight-to-Know page, a map will display all reporting facilities in the vicinity of the searched address. To view a list of the names of the reporting facilities, select **“List”** in the menu above the Map. Locate and select the name of the facility being searched.

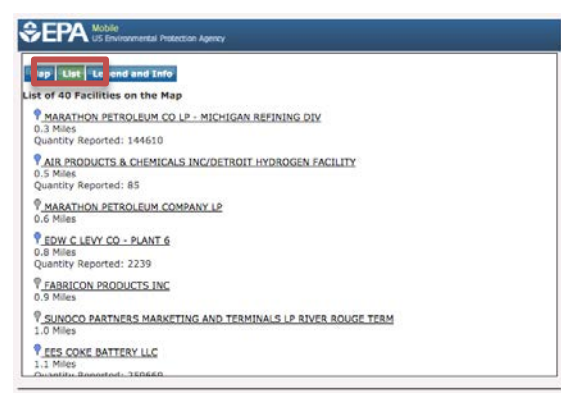
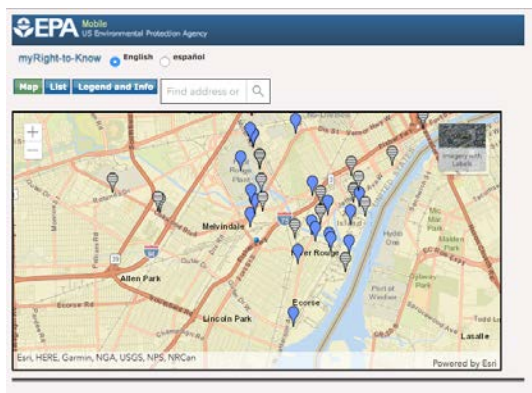
### Learn About TRI in Your Community

Get Location-Based Factsheets and Information on Specific Facilities

Search by: ☐ State ☐ Metropolitan Area ☐ Watershed ☐ Tribe ☒ Facility

Search for Facilities: Street: 1300 S Fort St City: Detroit State: MI Zip: 48217

Note: "Learn About TRI in Your Community" uses data from reporting year 2018. EPA updated these data in November 2019, and they are the most recent TRI data available.



3. Scroll to the “On-Site Total Releases” section to see the total air emissions released by the facility measured in pounds.

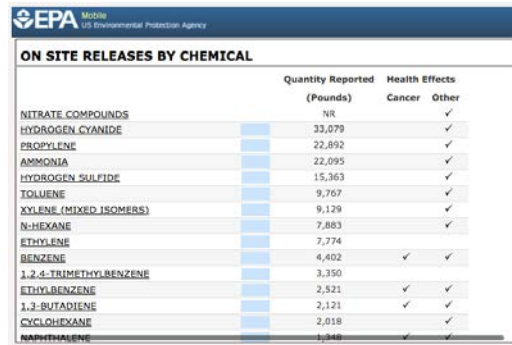
### ON SITE RELEASES TOTALS



Source	Quantity Reported
Air	144,582
Water	0
Land	28



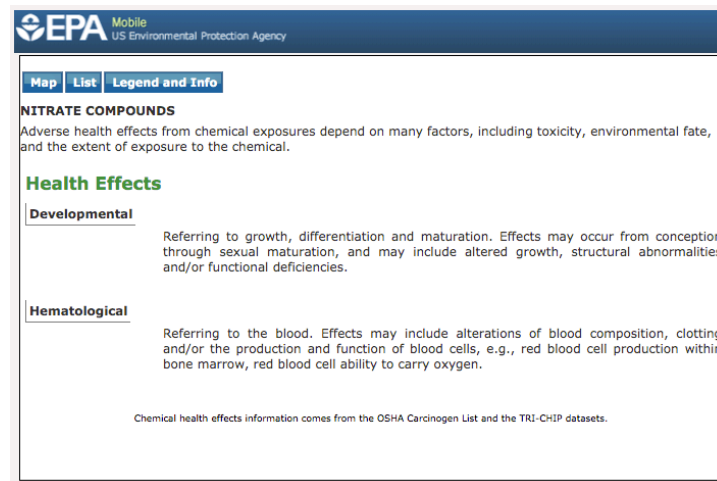
4. Scroll to the “On-Site Releases By Chemical.” This section will provide a full list of chemicals released from the facility by source (air, water, land, etc.). We are only concerned with monitoring air release data from the facility.
  - a. The table will show the number of releases per chemical by pounds.
  - b. The table will also show if the released chemical has a residual human health effect (cancerous or other).



The screenshot shows the EPA Mobile app interface with the title 'ON SITE RELEASES BY CHEMICAL'. The table lists various chemicals with their corresponding quantity reported in pounds and whether they have cancer or other health effects.

	Quantity Reported	Health Effects	
	(Pounds)	Cancer	Other
NITRATE COMPOUNDS	NR		✓
HYDROGEN CYANIDE	33,079		✓
PROPYLENE	22,892		✓
AMMONIA	22,095		✓
HYDROGEN SULFIDE	15,363		✓
TOLUENE	9,767		✓
XYLENE (MIXED ISOMERS)	9,129		✓
N-HEXANE	7,883		✓
ETHYLENE	7,774		✓
BENZENE	4,402	✓	✓
1,2,4-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	3,350		✓
ETHYLBENZENE	2,521	✓	✓
1,3-BUTADIENE	2,121	✓	✓
CYCLOHEXANE	2,018		✓
NAPHTHALENE	1,348	✓	✓

5. The chemical can be clicked on to provide more information on the potential health effects the chemical can cause from exposure.



The screenshot shows the EPA Mobile app interface with the title 'NITRATE COMPOUNDS'. It provides information on adverse health effects and includes a section for 'Health Effects' with sub-sections for 'Developmental' and 'Hematological' effects.

**NITRATE COMPOUNDS**  
Adverse health effects from chemical exposures depend on many factors, including toxicity, environmental fate, and the extent of exposure to the chemical.

**Health Effects**

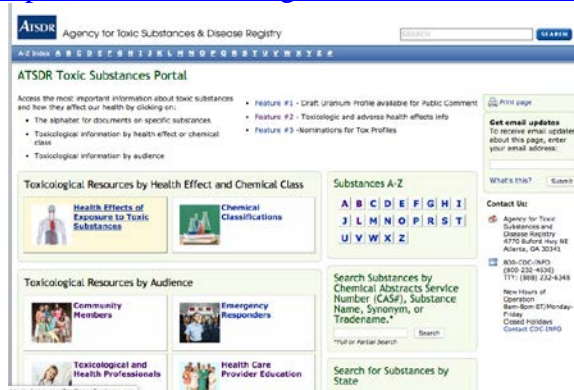
**Developmental**  
Referring to growth, differentiation and maturation. Effects may occur from conception through sexual maturation, and may include altered growth, structural abnormalities and/or functional deficiencies.

**Hematological**  
Referring to the blood. Effects may include alterations of blood composition, clotting and/or the production and function of blood cells, e.g., red blood cell production within bone marrow, red blood cell ability to carry oxygen.

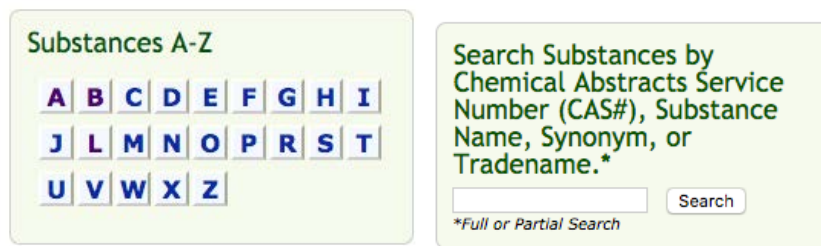
Chemical health effects information comes from the OSHA Carcinogen List and the TRI-CHIP datasets.

## ATSDR Toxic Portal Instructions

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is a federal public health agency of the Department of Health and Human Services. The ATSDR database provides toxicology and medical health information for thousands of chemicals. In the Sacrifice Zone Policy, residents, businesses and medical professionals will receive a notification with instructions and a link to the ATSDR Toxic Portal to look up further information on a chemical that is released in the zone. The ATSDR Toxic Portal website can be reached here (<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/index.asp>).



1. On the right side of the screen, search a chemical alphabetically using the “Substances A-Z” menu or by typing in the name of the chemical in the search bar.



2. The Toxic Substances Portal webpage includes background information on the chemical including its physical and chemical properties, human health impacts and its carcinogenic classification.

**Toxic Substances Portal**

**Substances List**

- Benzene
- Substances Resources
- Substances Map
- Health Effects of Exposure to Substances and Carcinogens
- Chemical Classifications
- Community Members
- Emergency Responders
- Medical Education and Training
- Toxicological and Health Professionals

**Benzene**

**CAS ID #: 71-43-2**

**Affected Organ Systems:** Hematological (Blood Forming), Immunological (Immune System), Neurological (Nervous System)

**Cancer Classification:** NTP: Known to be a human carcinogen. EPA: Known human carcinogen. IARC: Carcinogenic to humans

Please contact NTP, IARC, or EPA's IRIS Hotline with questions on cancer and cancer classification.

**Chemical Classification:** Hydrocarbons (contain hydrogen and carbon atoms), Volatile organic compounds

**Summary:** 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 synthetic fibers. Benzene is also used to make some types of rubbers, lubricants, dyes, detergents, drugs, and pesticides. Natural sources of benzene include volcanoes and forest fires. Benzene is also a natural part of crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke.

**On This Page**

- Community Members
- Emergency Responders
- Toxicological and Health Professionals

3. More information, including a chemical fact sheet (**ToxFAQs**) and a Public Health Statement providing a summary of the adverse health effects associated with the chemical can be found in the **Community Members** section.

**Community Members**



**ToxFAQs**

Fact sheet that answers the most frequently asked questions about a contaminant and its health effects.

**Public Health Statement**

Summary about a hazardous substance taken from Chapter One of its respective ATSDR Toxicological Profile.

**ATSDR Camp Lejeune Site Information**

U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina was established in 1942. In 1982, the Marine Corps discovered specific volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the drinking water provided by two of the eight water treatment plants on base.


Water from the Tarawa Terrace Treatment Plant was contaminated by PCE (perchloroethylene or tetrachloroethylene).

**Midlothian**

ATSDR and Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are conducting an extensive review of environmental health concerns raised by the community members in Midlothian, Texas to determine if chemical releases from local industries could or have affected the health of persons and animals in the area.

4. A more detailed **Toxicological Profile** on the chemical can be found in the Toxicological and Health Professionals section. The Toxicological Profile is a multiple hundreds page packet that includes comprehensive peer reviewed literature on a chemical's toxicology and medical properties.

**Toxicological and Health Professionals**



**Toxicological Profile**

Succintly characterizes the toxicologic and adverse health effects information for a hazardous substance.

**Addendum to the Profile (PDF, 575KB)**

Addendum to the Toxicological Profile for Benzene (June 2015)

**ToxGuide (PDF, 75KB\*)**

Quick reference guide providing information such as chemical and physical properties, sources of exposure, routes of exposure, minimal risk levels, children's health, and health effects for a substance.

**Priority List of Hazardous Substances**

Prioritization of substances based on a combination of their frequency, toxicity, and potential for human exposure at National Priorities List (NPL) sites.


**Minimal Risk Levels (MRL)**

The MRL is an estimate of the daily human exposure to a hazardous substance that is likely to be without appreciable risk of adverse, non-cancer health effects over a specified duration of exposure. The information in this MRL serves as a screening tool to help public health professionals decide where to look more closely to evaluate possible risk of adverse health effects from human exposure.

**Interaction Profiles**


Succintly characterizes the toxicologic and adverse health effects information for mixtures of hazardous substances.

5. Scroll down on the Toxic Substances Portal and click on the PDF icon for the Complete Profile.



**Complete Profile, 9.3 MB**

The table of contents and list of individual PDF files are given below.



**Preface, 474 KB**

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