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Welcome to the March-April 2005 edition of the National Pollutant Inventory Update newsletter.

The National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) provides information on the web about pollutant emissions from industrial facilities and diffuse sources, their possible impact and what you can do to decrease emissions.

The NPI is a cooperative programme implemented by the Australian, State and Territory Governments.

This is the first NPI newsletter by the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) for some time.

[Find out more about this and earlier NPI newsletters.](#)

The NPI newsletter will only be available electronically and notification of its publication on the web will be provided by DEH's weekly 'Environment News' email.

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If you have any feedback or comments about the NPI contact the DEH or the relevant state or territory agency. [Contact details](#) are at the end of the newsletter.





Publication of NPI data: January 2005

On 31 January 2005 the DEH published the new industry facility data on the web. This data is determined by facility operators for their facilities, then provided to states and territories for assessment and finally forwarded to the DEH to publish.

The new data is on the web at: www.npi.gov.au

An overview is provided that outlines some key results from the data:

- [NPI overview](#)

As in previous years particular industry sectors and substances were focused on to demonstrate how NPI data can be used.

The industry sectors focused on were:

- [Intensive animal raising](#)
- [Cement and lime manufacturing](#)

The substances focused on were:

- [Formaldehyde emissions](#)
- [Total volatile organic compounds emissions](#)

In 2003-04 motor vehicles remain the chief cause of pollution in Australia.

Review of the NPI

A review of the NPI commenced in March 2005.

The review aims to determine the NPI's effectiveness and whether it is delivering benefits to the community, industry and governments. Stakeholder consultation was scheduled for March 2005.

The results of the NPI review will be presented to the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers in July 2005. These Ministers make up the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC).

The review will provide a starting point for Ministers to consider whether to change the design of the NPI, and the scope of any change.

More about the [NPI review](#)

Newsletter ideas

If you have any suggestions relating to future articles in the NPI Update, please contact the NPI at npi@deh.gov.au

Your comments are most welcome.



Update of the NPI website

The NPI web site has been updated recently with quick and easy access to information about pollution. Some of the new features include:

- Hot topics - the messages in this window will change regularly, and provide an instant update on what's new in the NPI.
- Targeted resources for industry, government, schools, and new users.
- User-friendly navigation – including a site index, and fly out menus.

Key dates

30 June 2005 - the 2004-05 NPI reporting year ends on 30 June.

1 July 2005 – the NPI reporting period commences on 1 July each year.

More about the [NPI reporting period](#).

Events

Qld NPI May 2005 road show:

For community awareness and promotion of the NPI, the Queensland NPI team will be conducting a road show commencing in Cairns on 12 May proceeding down the coast and finishing in Brisbane on 24 May.

To find out more about the Queensland NPI road shows, contact:

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WA NPI workshops May/June 2005

The WA NPI team will be conducting NPI workshops for reporters and consultants in Perth and in regional centres (if numbers are sufficient) during May and June.

Workshops will be held in Perth, and in the following regional centres if there is sufficient interest: Albany, Bunbury, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Karratha and/or Port Hedland and Kununurra.





If you are interested in attending a workshop in one of the regional centres during May or June, please contact the WA NPI Unit by email –

npi@environment.wa.gov.au

Cleaning up with the NPI – a course in professional practice:

Dates: 6 and 7 June 2005

Venue: Griffith University, Nathan Campus, Brisbane

Cost: \$595 or \$560 for members of professional associations and \$450 for students/concessions.

This two-day course will provide environmental managers, staff in industry and consultants with the key competencies required for reporting to the NPI. It will also cover some of the fundamental concepts of advanced environmental and sustainability reporting.

The Institution of Engineers and the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand recognize this course as a continuing professional development activity. It may also attract CPD points from other professional bodies.

Participants will be presented with a Certificate of Competency from Griffith University on successful completion of the course.

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There is more information about the workshops and training on the NPI web site at [NPI industry training](#)

Did you know that 3,629 facilities reported to the NPI in the 2003-04 reporting period?



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