



# EPA'S TOXICS RELEASE INVENTORY (TRI): THE DIAZ FAMILY LEARNS THAT THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT TOXIC CHEMICALS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD



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## THE DIAZ FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS



Julio



Johnny



Rosie



Cesar



Lupe



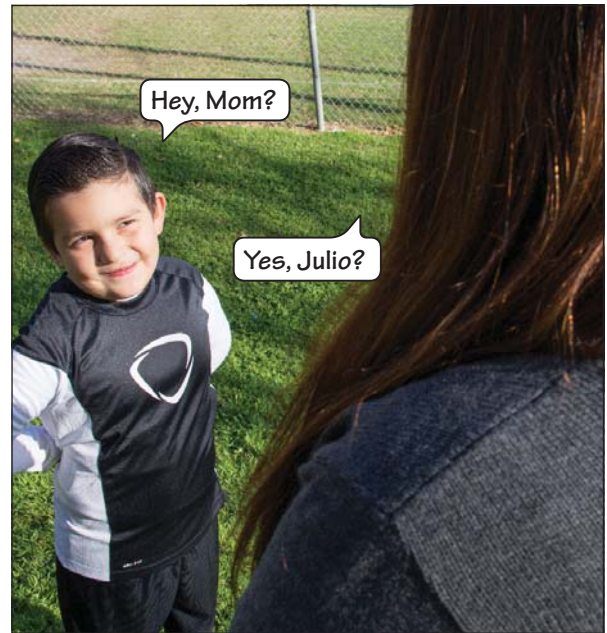
Dolores



Miguel

Julio's family has gathered at the park for lunch after his soccer game...













Look, all I do is type in <http://myrthk.epa.gov/info>, and then type in our street address, and we'll see which factories around here reported toxic chemical releases.



Wow! It shows our whole neighborhood. See Julio, we're here and there's the factory where Miguel works.



What does it say, Mom?

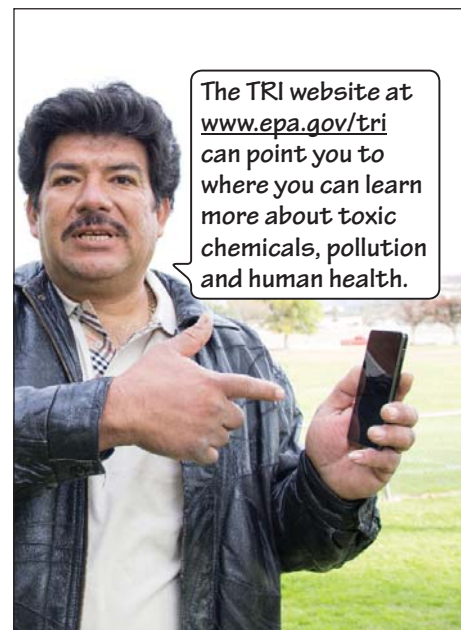
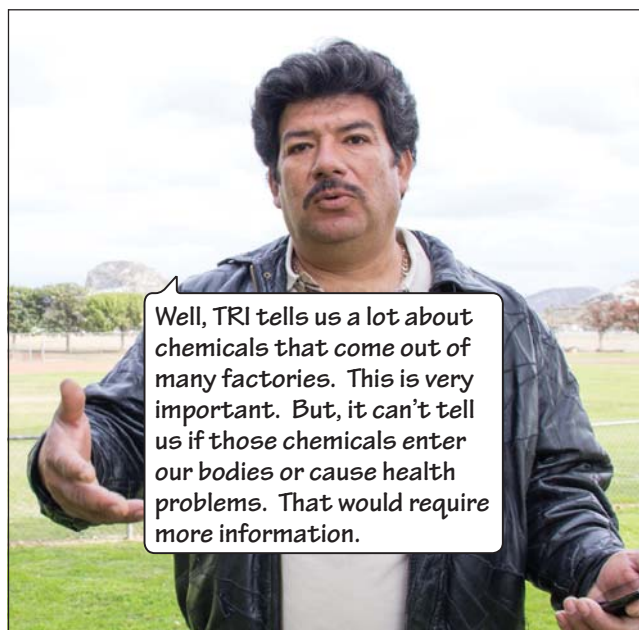


Well, it says here the factory released 800 pounds of one chemical to the air and 450 pounds of another chemical into the water.



But there are lots of environmental laws that factories must follow to control their toxic chemical releases and to protect the environment.





How come I don't see anything about all the smelly trucks passing by here when I look up TRI information?



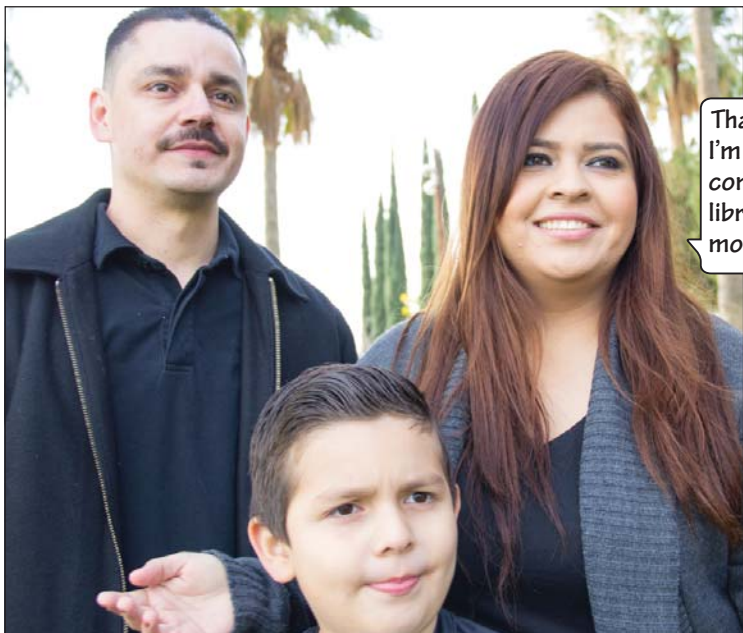
TRI doesn't cover all types of pollution.



You won't find information in TRI, for example, about pollution from cars and trucks, gas stations, and lead paint in homes. But TRI can help us find out a lot about pollution from many factories. It can also tell us whether or not they are trying to prevent or reduce their pollution.



Thanks, Miguel. I'm going to use a computer at the library to learn more about this.



We can talk to my science teacher too. She knows a lot about environmental issues and she runs an environmental group in town.



Carla at the health department is also very helpful, and she knows lots of people at other local and state agencies who can help answer your questions.



Yes, having this information is so important. And it's our **RIGHT TO KNOW!**



It's also my right to eat!  
Ok, everybody, let's have lunch.  
Our food is getting cold!!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, you can go to any of these resources:

Call the TRI Information Center: 800-424-9346 (Select menu option #3)

Website for general TRI information: [www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri) and website for TRI information for communities: [www.epa.gov/tri/communities](http://www.epa.gov/tri/communities)

Contact your EPA REGIONAL TRI COORDINATOR: [www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-regional-coordinators](http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-regional-coordinators)

Email the TRI HELP DESK: [tri.help@epa.gov](mailto:tri.help@epa.gov)

Use this link to report what appears to you as a possible violation of environmental laws and regulations: [www.epa.gov/enforcement/complaints](http://www.epa.gov/enforcement/complaints)