Streamlining & integrating industrial emissions reporting in Europe Transatlantic differences and similarities with CAER

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# Background & Legal Basis



#### European Environment Agency (EEA)

- Independent agency of the European Union (EU)
- Headquartered in Copenhagen
- Provides sound, independent information on the environment
- Closely collaborates with its 33 member countries and the European Environmental Information and Observation Network (Eionet)

#### European Topic Centre on Air Pollution and Climate Change Mitigation (ETC/ACM)

- ETCs are centres of thematic expertise contracted by the EEA
- Aether is leading the task to support EEA with the streamlining of industrial emissions reporting
- Focus is on thematic issues and reviewing IT products



# Background - Programmatic

# European Pollutant Release & Transfer Registry (E-PRTR)

- Provides easily accessible environmental data from 30,000 facilities in the EU Member States (MS)
- E-PRTR Regulation requires annual facility-level reporting of:
  - Releases to air, water and land
  - Off-site transfers of waste

For 91 key pollutants



#### Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)

- Main EU legal instrument regulating industrial emissions
- Requires detailed new reporting of administrative information around 50,000 applicable industrial installations
- Requires reporting of annual emissions of NOx, SO<sub>2</sub> and PM from around 3,400 large combustion plants (LCPs)



### **Specific Reporting Requirements**

E-PRTR Regulation 2006, Annex 3	IED 2010, Article 72	IED Implementing Decision 2012, Annex II, Module 2
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### **Comparison of Programmes**

#### Europe

#### LCP Reporting

Convention on Long-Range Transport of Air Pollutants (CLRTAP)

#### **E-PRTR**

#### Seveso Reporting

European Union Emission Trading System (EU ETS)

#### European Commission Information Requests

#### **United States**

National Emissions Inventory (NEI)

Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

**EPCRA** Tier II Reporting

Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program (GHGRP)

Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI)

# Project Drivers & Objectives



# Project drivers and objectives

#### Why integrate reporting?

- European Commission decision in 2014
- E-PRTR and LCP fit well together
- Immediate QA/QC cross-checks can improve data quality
- Reduce the cost of data management and review

#### Address key problems:

- Different identifiers
- Different rules on handling changes over time
- Duplications and inconsistencies

#### **Project goals:**

- To simplify and clarify industrial emissions reporting, reducing the administrative burden where possible
- Provide a robust reporting structure for the EU Registry on Industrial Sites
- Establish an integrated reporting channel for E-PRTR and LCP emissions data
- Develop a coherent view of the universe of reporting facilities
- Generate consistent EU thematic datasets
- Comply with INSPIRE requirements



Potential Approaches to Combining Data Flows



### 1) Business as Usual (As is State)

- Current situation with no further action to streamline industrial point source reporting
- Various reporting processes follow separate paths from data submission to publication
- Data published at different times, very hard to correlate and check data between reporting obligations



### 2) Consolidation at Database Level

- Linking of different datasets
- Based on linking of the unique identifiers reported in the different datasets
- Impact is limited to the output (a single database) but does not improve the reporting process itself



### 3) Integrated Reporting

- Merging of reporting schemas
- Tackles data reporting streamlining in an earlier phase
- Main challenges are the differences in criteria and definitions set out by the different legal frameworks



# 4) Streamlining of Legislation

- Streamlining of legislation aims at removing inconsistencies, reducing duplications and aligning definitions
- High initial investment:
  - Legislative action (involves full co-decision process for the different legislative acts)
  - Substantial changes needed to the existing legislation
  - Development of a single reporting framework





# 5) Implemented Approach

- New centralized EU Registry to gather administrative data for all industrial sites
  - Includes names, ownership, geographic coordinates, competent authority details
- Separate integrated data flow for thematic data submissions that meets all legal requirements



# Complying with INSPIRE Requirements



### INSPIRE

#### Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe

Basic principles:

- Data collected once and kept where maintained most effectively
- Seamlessly combine spatial information from different sources across Europe
- Information collected at one level/scale shareable with all levels/scales
- Geographic information should be readily and transparently available

Member States must be compliant with INSPIRE Directive by 2020





#### **Production Facilities (PF) and INSPIRE**



### **Extending the INSPIRE PF data model**

#### Data modelling exercise:

- Removed unnecessary feature types
- Added extensions to include fields specific to the reporting legislation

#### INSPIRE identifiers can be defined by MS, but must satisfy requirements for:

- Uniqueness
- Persistence
- Traceability
- Feasibility





### **Final streamlined view**



# Entity Definitions and Data Structures



### **Entity definitions**

Term	INSPIRE	E-PRTR	IED
Site	'A Production Site represents the geographical location of the facility or a piece of land where the facility was, is, or is intended to be located.'	'Site means the geographical location of the facility.'	No definition
Facility	'A Facility represents something designed, built, installed to serve a specific function, comprehending the complete equipment or apparatus for a particular process or operation. A facility groups together one or more installations that are operated on the same site by the same natural or legal person'	'Facility' means one or more installations on the same site that are operated by the same natural or legal person.'	No definition
Installation	'A Production Installation represents something installed, such as machinery, an apparatus, a device, a system, or a piece of equipment placed in position or connected for use.'	'Installation means a stationary technical unit where one or more activities listed in Annex I [of the E- PRTR] are carried out, and any other directly associated activities which have a technical connection with the activities carried out on that site and which could have an effect on emissions and pollution'	'Installation means a stationary technical unit within which one or more activities listed in Annex I or in Part 1 of Annex VII [of the IED] are carried out, and any other directly associated activities on the same site which have a technical connection with the activities listed in those Annexes and which could have an effect on emissions and pollution'
Installation Part	'A Production Installation Part represents a specific technical part of the installation, developing a representative functionality that should be registered under the legislation.'	No definition	Equivalent to: 'combustion plant' (Article 3 [25]) 'waste incineration plant' (Article 3 [40]) 'waste co-incineration plant' (Article 3 [41])

# **Example Site**

#### Governing principles of the EU Registry data model:

- Geographic hierarchy
- Facility definition in the INSPIRE PF data specification and the E-PRTR Regulation

In both documents a facility is defined as one or more installation(s) on the same site operated by the same natural or legal person.

This focus follows the permitting approach in many countries



### **Geographical hierarchy**





### **Thematic data model structure**





# Resources for Member State Reporters



### **Reporting routes**





#### **Project communications**



European Environment Agency



# Comparisons with CAER



## **Differences with CAER**

#### **Compare and contrast...**



- There are key differences with the US Combined Air Emissions Reporting (CAER) project
- European effort is simpler in scope:
  - Lower level of reporting detail
  - Limited controls information collected
  - Only certain sources are resolved to the installation part (process) level
- Fundamental reporting legislation unchanged
- Project is more tightly constrained and more tightly defined
- Quicker timeline full implementation by March 2019



### **A simpler implementation**





#### The European effort:

- Only deals with data flows between Member States and the EEA
  - Equivalent to just State/Local/Tribal (S/L/T) reporting of data to EPA
- Does not deal with industry reporting to Member States
- Only addresses two emissions reporting flows
  - With simpler reporting elements
- Adheres to existing thematic reporting requirements
  - No direct equivalency of emissions



# **Concluding thoughts**

- Streamlining industrial emissions reporting in Europe faces challenges similar to those in the US
- The European effort has greatly benefited from the US experience with CAER
  - And indeed from the earlier implementation of the US Emission Inventory System
- Compared to CAER, a simpler, more constrained solution is being implemented in Europe

- 80/20 Rule:
  - A less comprehensive but
  - A more tractable solution?
- What are the most benefits that can be achieved, without full integration and full equivalence?
- Can the more limited-scope
  European project help delineate and deconvolve some issues that could apply to the E-Enterprise CAER and Facility Team projects?



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