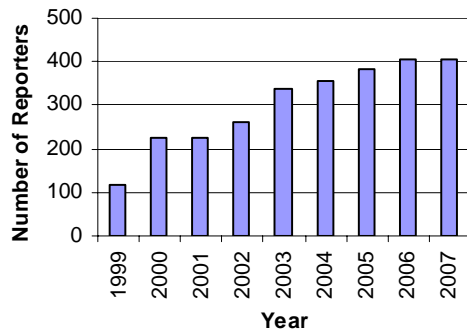




SA EPA 2008 NPI UPDATE

NPI in South Australia

The South Australian NPI team received a total of 407 reports for the 2006–07 reporting year which represents a 1% increase from 2005–06. The lower than expected increase is due to the fact that a number of facilities dropped below threshold for 2006–07.



The SA NPI team would like to welcome our new reporting companies:

- Campbell Brothers Ltd
- Children Youth & Women's Health Service
- EPIC Energy South Australia (nine sites)
- Infratil Energy Australia (two sites)
- Oxiana Ltd
- SA Sawmilling.

Thank you to all reporters for fulfilling their NPI reporting requirements and contributing to the important resource that NPI data is for all South Australians and beyond.

Legislation changes

The requirements for reporting to the NPI have changed. Make yourself aware of the changes and their impact by reading the *Changes to the National Pollutant Inventory in South Australia* brochure available from the SA NPI team or on the SA EPA website <epa.sa.gov.au/npi.html>.

The variation to the national legislation resulted in a range of changes including new substances and new thresholds. A copy of the National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) is available from the

Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) <www.ephc.gov.au>.

In addition, penalties can now be applied in South Australia if a NPI report is not submitted, late or does not contain the required information. The state legislation, the *Environment Protection (National Pollutant Inventory) Policy* has been updated to reflect the changes to the NPI NEPM and include mandatory provisions.

Updates to industry guidance material

The Australian Government has been progressively reviewing the Emission Estimation Technique Manuals including updating emission factors. The revised emission factors have been incorporated into new calculation tools, available within the Online Reporting System.

The following manuals have been updated in the last 12 months and are available on the NPI website <www.npi.gov.au/news/index.htm>:

- Alumina refining v2.0 (November 2007)
- Beef cattle feedlots v3.1 (May 2007)
- Beer and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverage manufacturing v2.0 (March 2007)
- Fuel and organic liquid storage v3.0 (January 2008)
- Paint and ink manufacturing v2.0 (June 2007)
- Pig farming v2.0 (June 2007).

In addition, the following manuals are currently under review:

- Combustion engines
- Combustion in boilers
- Explosives detonation and firing ranges
- Wine and spirits manufacturing.

If you have your own spreadsheets that incorporate emission factors from these manuals, please ensure you modify these to reflect the new factors.

Online reporting

Did you know that you can now complete your NPI report online?

The new Online Reporting System (OLR), developed by the Australian Government, is designed to simplify the reporting process and reduce possible errors. This system will replace the existing National Reporting Tool (NRT).

Some important information about the online reporting system:

- Training sessions will be available in July or August 2008. Contact the SA NPI Team to register your interest.
- All users will need to specify their level of access to the system as a *reporter* or a *coordinator*. A reporter is responsible for entering a report and then passing it to the coordinator who is able to modify and submit the report. (Note: consultants can only be reporters).
- If the user is responsible for many sites, there is a functionality which enables those sites to be linked. One site is selected as the main site (*coordinating site*) and the others are linked to it (*coordinated sites*). This functionality allows details to be updated for the main site and the changes to be reflected in all other sites.

To gain access to this system, each user needs to complete a user registration form and return it to the relevant jurisdiction. A user name and password will then be forwarded via email. Please contact the SA NPI Team for a user registration form.

If you have sites in multiple states, please complete a form for each state.

Please note that the paper reporting form will still be an acceptable reporting method. The paper reporting form will be updated prior to the 2008–09 reporting period to incorporate the NEPM variation requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the SA NPI Team.

Reporting periods

Most companies report to the NPI on a financial year (July-June) basis however other reporting periods are available (ie calendar year). If you wish to change your NPI reporting period, please contact the SA NPI team to arrange.

Location coordinates

If you are having difficulties determining the coordinates of your facility, try using the make-a-map function on the NPI website <www.npi.gov.au>. Zoom in on the area around your facility until you are at a level where you can hold the mouse over the facility location. The latitudes and longitudes appear at the bottom of the screen.

Data release and submission

The 2006–07 data will be released on the website on 31 March 2008.

Calendar year reports (1 Jan 2007– 31 Dec 2007) are due on 31 March 2008.

Financial year reports (1 Jul 2007– 30 Jun 2008) are due on 30 September 2008.

Problems with reporting

If you have any questions that you want raised at a national level, please let us know. We will bring the issues up at the national Implementation Working Group (IWG) meeting and then provide feedback.

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