

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY NATIONAL POLLUTANT INVENTORY NEWSLETTER 2022



Every year the South Australian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provides an update of the National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) program in South Australia.

## **2020–21 data release and 2021–22 submissions**

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

The EPA published a total of 480 reports in South Australia for the 2020–21 reporting year. There are still a few outstanding reports due to staff changes at the facility, so this is a friendly reminder to ensure your technical contact details are kept up to date.

The 2020–21 data was released on the website on 31 March 2022.

Calendar year reports (1 January–31 December 2021) were due on 31 March 2022.

Financial year reports (1 July 2021–30 June 2022) are due on 30 September 2022.

Since our last newsletter you may have been notified by the Commonwealth NPI team of the problems that some users were having regarding access to the [Online Reporting System](#) (ORS). This is following recent changes to internet browser security requirements. There were a few minor issues, but the ORS is back online and open for business. The updated advice from the Commonwealth is as follows:

The login buttons on the NPI website (homepage and industry reporting page) now open the new address at [https://environment.gov.au/reporting/pages/page\\_main.jsf](https://environment.gov.au/reporting/pages/page_main.jsf)

The calculation tools in the ORS have been configured to use the new secure address.

While the ORS is still accessible via bookmarks to the former address (and using an older browser), please use a modern browser and update your bookmarks to the new address from now on to make sure that ORS data is transported as securely as possible.

## **NPI Review 2021 report**

The NPI program has completed its third formal review since it came into effect in 1998. In 2018 the review called for public submissions from industry, government and non-government organisations, and the general community. This review takes account of those submissions as well as more recent whole of government reforms that affect the delivery and operation of the NPI. The key findings from the review relate broadly to outcomes, performance and delivery. The report is now available on the [NPI website](#).

## **NPI training**

In recent years due to COVID-19, training for all interested NPI reporters has been provided using online platforms (eg Microsoft Teams) instead of in-person training at the EPA office. As the situation is constantly changing, and NPI training is usually conducted later in the year, we will update reporters via email in the coming months once training arrangements have been finalised advising whether in-person training can be held in addition to online training. As always, the SA NPI team will be available via phone or email to support you in submitting your NPI reports.

## **Open data and uses of NPI data**

Since 2017, all NPI data across South Australia and other states and territories have been published on multiple online databases, including [NPI website](#), [Commonwealth website](#) and [National Map](#). Open data enables information from various years and facilities to be more easily compared.

Data can be searched on the [NPI website](#) by map or form. Data is used by the community for benchmarking, research, air modelling and evidence-based policy.

The EPA uses NPI data to calculate the [Resource Efficiency Fee \(REF\)](#) for load-based licensing.

## **NPI calculation tools**

For those reporters using the calculation tools available from the ORS please be aware of the new 'All-in-one Calculation Tool – Beta' that can be download for use. This tool combines the other individual tools into a single tool and is compatible with the latest version of Excel. The All-in-one Calculation Tool should resolve the Excel incompatibility error that many users were experiencing when using the older tools.

## **New facilities**

The EPA would like to welcome our new facilities:

- BASF Australia Ltd – BASF Whyalla
- Top Coat Asphalt Contractors Pty Ltd – Topcoat Asphalt Lonsdale
- VINPAC International Pty Ltd – Prowine
- Pacific National Pty Ltd – Adelaide Freight Terminal
- South Australian Water Corporation – Murray Bridge Brinkley WWTP
- AAA Asphalt Pty Ltd – AAA Asphalt PTY LTD
- Mogas Regional Pty Ltd – The Big Galah

## **Tips for submitting your report on time**

Start your report early and ensure that NPI reporting is part of your internal procedures. This may mean including NPI reporting as part of a job description and writing an internal operating procedure on how to prepare a NPI report.

All NPI correspondence including reminder emails are directed to the technical contact. As such it is important that you inform us if your technical contact has left your company or changed roles.

The EPA recommends using the [Online Reporting System](#) (ORS) to ensure that your report is received on time. If you choose to submit a paper report, ensure that you send it with enough time to reach the EPA office by the due date or preferably send the scanned report to us by email.

### Contact us

If you require any assistance in reporting or have any other queries, please contact the SA NPI Team.

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## National Pollutant Inventory data now available for 2020–21



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23 years of data  
available



4,381 facilities  
reported nationally



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