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To RDG

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We can get this information
if we go to the TRC. Chances
are the groups we would be
concerned about would make
requests at the state or "local"
level. (The data went to 3 places)
I don't believe they are keeping
such logs at local levels.
CMA maybe tracking - I'll check

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EPA is maintaining a log of the number and types of information requests it receives and the purposes and sources of the requests. To date, approximately 20 people have visited the TRC, including representatives of EPA, trade associations (American Petroleum Institute and CMA), environmental groups (National Research Defense Council and National Wildlife Federation), one newspaper (Evansville (Ind.) Courier) and several chemical companies.

By spring 1989, EPA plans to have a computerized inventory of Section 313 reports and intends to make the inventory available to the public. When the TRI database is completed, the TRC will be able to provide database search capabilities and computer printouts of Section 313 form records.

The TRC's primary function is to receive and maintain documents submitted by facilities. Supplementary information on chemicals or risk factors is not available through the TRC, but officials say that information may be included in the future. In addition, the TRC does not have the capability to interpret Section 313 form data for the visitor.

It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, (federal holidays excluded) and can accommodate up to 10 visitors at a time. The TRC is located at 470 L'Enfant Plaza East, S.W., Suite 7103, Washington, D.C. 20024. To schedule an appointment, call (202) 488-1501.

Texas CAER group sponsors outreach activities

The Orange County, Texas CAER Group, composed of 12 companies, recently sponsored a meeting to discuss Title III emissions data with government officials, civic leaders and the public.

The 100 attendees were shown ABC's "20/20" segment in which Dr. Bruce Ames of the University of California at Berkeley discussed carcinogens from man-made and natural sources. In addition, they heard a speaker from the Texas Air Control Board present a review of the Board's air sampling study of Orange County. The conclusion was favorable toward industry and stated in part, "Analysis of data above detection limits and interpretation of the nondetectable data show no indication of health risk."

When the meeting ended, attendees received a booklet with information about each company, its products and its contribution to the local economy. The booklet also lists emissions data and whom to contact for additional information.

"Many people had favorable comments about industry taking the time to explain what Title III emissions data mean," said J. B. Rives, CAER coordinator at Du Pont's Sabine River Works in Orange.

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