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5. How does dioxin get into my drinking water?

The major sources of dioxin in drinking water are emissions from waste incineration and other combustion; and discharge from chemical factories.

A federal law called the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) requires facilities in certain industries, which manufacture, process, or use significant amounts of toxic chemicals, to report annually on their releases of these chemicals. For more information on the uses and releases of chemicals in your state, contact the Community Right-to-Know Hotline: (800) 424-9346.

- [EPA's Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\) website provides information about the types and amounts of toxic chemicals that are released each year to the air, water, and land.](#)

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----- Chromium
----- cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene
----- Copper
----- Cryptosporidium
----- Cyanide
----- Dalapon
----- Di(2-ethylhexyl) adipate
----- Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
----- Dichloromethane
----- Dinoseb
----- Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)
----- Diquat
----- Endothall
----- Endrin
----- Epichlorohydrin
----- Ethylbenzene
----- Ethylene dibromide
----- Fluoride
----- Giardia lamblia
----- Glyphosate
----- Haloacetic acids (HAA5)
----- Heptachlor
----- Heptachlor epoxide
----- Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)
----- Hexachlorobenzene
----- Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
----- Lead
----- Legionella
----- Lindane
----- Mercury
----- Methoxychlor
----- Nitrate
----- Nitrite
----- o-Dichlorobenzene
----- Oxamyl (Vydate)
----- p-Dichlorobenzene
----- Pentachlorophenol
----- Picloram
----- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
----- Radium 226 and Radium 228 (combined)
----- Selenium
----- Simazine
----- Styrene
----- Tetrachloroethylene
----- Thallium
----- Toluene
----- Total Coliforms
----- Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)
----- Toxaphene
----- trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene
----- Trichloroethylene
----- Turbidity
----- Uranium
----- Vinyl Chloride

- Viruses (enteric)
- Xylenes (total)
- Facts, Figures, and Databases
- Filters/Home Water Treatment Units (HWTUs)
- (Household) Private Wells
- Lead and Copper
- Local Drinking Water Quality
- LT2/Stage 2 Rule
- Other
- Public Notification (PN)
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