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NATIONAL POLLUTANT INVENTORY
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What is the National Pollutant Inventory?

The National Pollutant Inventory (NPI) is an Internet database that provides all Australians with information on the type and amount of pollution emitted to the air, land and water across the country.

The NPI provides pollutant emission estimates from facilities like manufacturing sites and from other sources such as households, and transport. Facilities estimate their own emissions and 'aggregated emissions' from households and other sources are estimated by government agencies.

The NPI National Environment Protection Measure (NEPM) was agreed to in February 1998 and the first year of reporting commenced in July 1998. It was the first NEPM and the desired environmental outcomes are the:

a. maintenance and improvement of:
    i. ambient air quality; and
    ii. ambient marine, estuarine and fresh water quality;
b. minimisation of environmental impacts associated with hazardous waste; and
c. expansion in the re-use and recycling of used materials.

What can the NPI do for you?

- Provide estimates of emissions from facilities that report.
- Give you a list of pollutant sources in your postcode area.
- Provide a map showing where you live and reporting facilities close by.
- Give background information about each of the 90 substances on the NPI.
- Show on a map the nutrient emissions to water for large parts of Australia.
- Detail the emissions to air from non-facility sources of a wide range of substances in many urban and rural areas across Australia.
- Show you on a map where a facility is located and what facilities are around it.
- Allow you to download detailed facility emission estimates so you can analyse the data off-line.
- Give information about facilities such as contact and ACN details.
- Provide details of the emission estimation techniques used to estimate NPI data.

Take a look at our database at www.npi.gov.au.

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