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USEPA CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was founded on December 2nd, 1970. In 1969, just before the agency was established, the Cuyahoga River in Ohio became so polluted that it caught fire – a situation that provided impetus for Congress to pass the federal Clean Water Act. Visit the Agency's 40th Anniversary website: <http://www.epa.gov/40th/index.html>
- 40 Years of Images: Past, Present, Future - is a pictorial tour through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's forty year history. Track the inception and the evolution of the Agency through this interactive gallery of images that represent the past, present and future of environmental protection. [View images](#)
- 40 Years of Milestones - Through this interactive timeline, you can explore more than 40 years of environmental milestones. [View the timeline](#)
- Current Priorities: Taking action on climate change; Improving air quality; Assuring the safety of chemicals; Cleaning up our communities; Protecting America's waters; Expanding the conversation on environmentalism and working for environmental justice; Building strong state and tribal partnerships.

EPA ANNOUNCES 2010 ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE RESULTS

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced in December the release of its annual enforcement and compliance results. In fiscal year (FY) 2010, EPA took enforcement and compliance actions that require polluters to pay more than \$110 million in civil penalties and commit to spend an estimated \$12 billion on pollution controls, cleanup, and environmental projects that benefit communities. These actions when completed will reduce pollution by more than 1.4 billion pounds and protect businesses that comply with regulations by holding non-compliant businesses accountable when environmental laws are violated.
- View the FY 2010 results and an announcement message from Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Cynthia Giles: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/reports/endofyear/eov2010/index.html>

EPA LAUNCHES WEBSITE TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY OF REGULATORY ACTIVITY

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has launched a new website called Reg Stat that will enhance public understanding of its regulatory process and the number, type, and range of regulatory documents developed each year by the agency. This new resource is part of the EPA's continuing efforts to enhance the accessibility and transparency of its regulatory activities.
- Users will be able to download and sort the data based on categories of interest. Information on Reg Stat will be updated annually. More information on Reg Stat: <http://www.epa.gov/regstat>

EPA SEEKS COMMENTS ON NEW WEB-BASED TOOL FOR ACCESSING WASTEWATER POLLUTANT DISCHARGE INFORMATION: "BETA" VERSION NOW AVAILABLE

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a "beta" version of a new web-based tool that allows anyone to search and identify the amount, type, and location of wastewater pollutant discharges and the identity of the discharger. EPA is seeking comments on how to

improve this tool and on the accuracy of the discharge monitoring data supporting it. EPA has designed the tool for two main audiences: (1) members of the general public (concerned citizens, researchers), and (2) technical users (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit writers, watershed modelers, and regulatory agencies). The increased access to wastewater pollutant discharge data will allow for better transparency of wastewater pollutant discharges and enhanced utility of the data.

- EPA will accept comments on the new tool through February 4, 2011. This two-month period will also allow reviewers to submit requests to EPA to correct any data they suspect is in error. To access the “beta” version of the tool go to: <http://www.epa.gov/pollutantdischarges/>.

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