

Toxic Release Inventory Program

FACTSHEET

What is a Toxic Release Inventory Program?

The Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) is a database that contains information concerning specific toxic chemical releases, transfers, waste management and pollution prevention activities from manufacturing facilities throughout the United States.

This inventory was established under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), which Congress passed to promote planning for chemical emergencies and to provide information to the public about presence and release of toxic and hazardous chemicals in their communities.

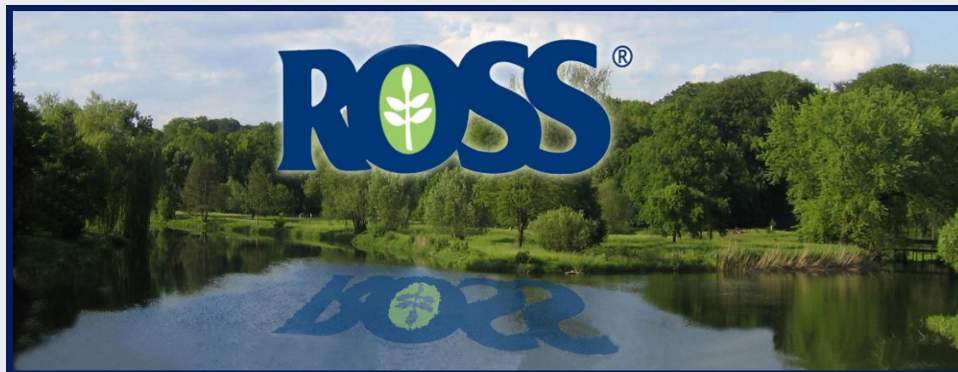
TRI does not regulate chemical discharges. In Ohio, state authority has been granted to Ohio EPA under the Ohio Right-to-Know Act of 1988 and Ohio Revised Code.

U.S. EPA continues to administer the national reporting program, by providing web-based reporting, web-based training, and user-friendly web-based access to the TRI data.

About Ross Incineration Services, Inc.

Ross Incineration Services, Inc. (RIS) is a member of the RossWay Group[®] which also includes: Ross Environmental Services, Inc. and Ross Transportation Services, Inc. The companies have been located in Lorain County since 1949 and have facilities in Eaton Township and the City of Elyria. Combined, they have more than 275 associates.

RIS specializes in the destruction, by incineration, of industrial waste materials. Ross Transportation provides transportation services to the industry. Ross Environmental provides sales, marketing, community relations, customer service, human resources, purchasing, information services and regulatory assistance to the other Ross companies and customers.



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Similar to other facilities involved in manufacturing, mining, power generation, chemical production, hazardous waste management, etc., RIS files Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) Reports to US EPA each year.

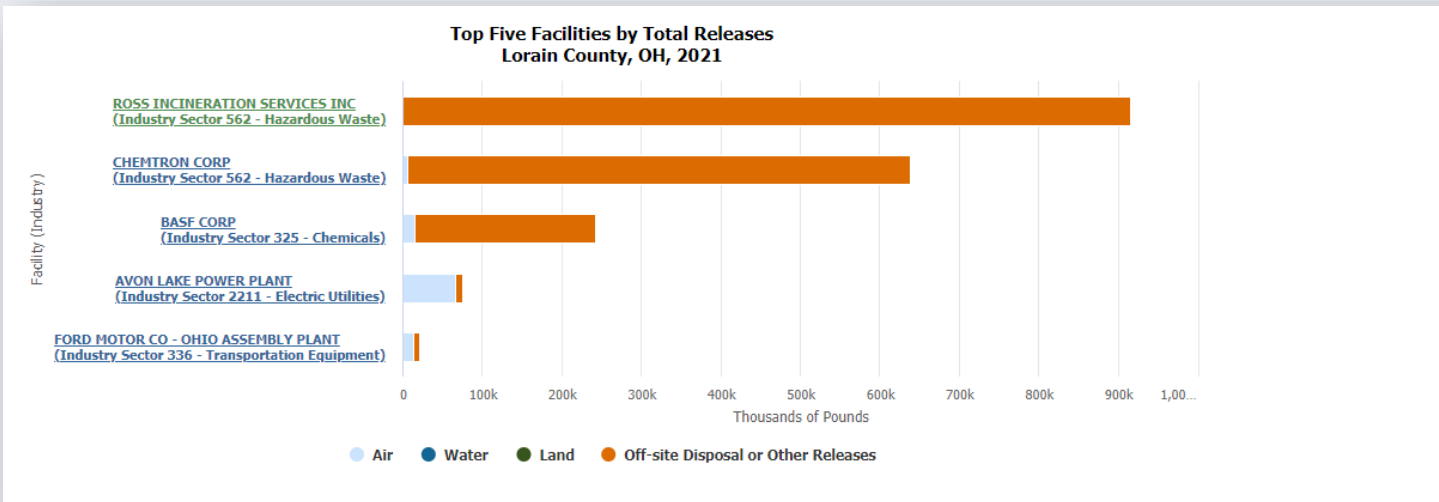
These Reports identify those regulated toxic chemicals we have received from offsite the previous year, how they were managed at our facility, and where we subsequently shipped any residuals to offsite.

In addition to the chemicals RIS treated in its incinerator, it also indicates the waste that RIS received onsite and then sent offsite to other permitted treatment, storage and disposal facilities where they were reused, recycled, blended into supplement fuels, or managed by other suitable EPA compliant processes.

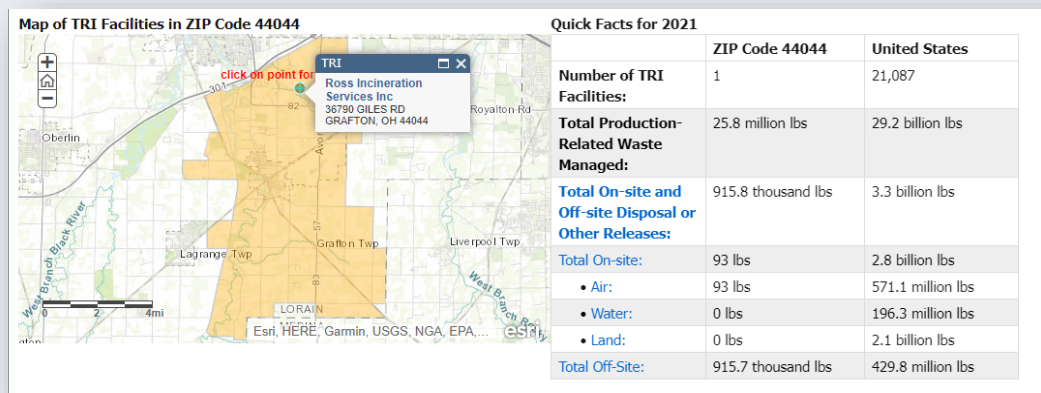
RIS' TRI Report

EPA's database indicates that RIS is one of 37 TRI reporting facilities in Lorain County, and it is at the bottom of the list for releases to the air, water and land. Of the 1,290 TRI reporting facilities statewide, Ross is again at the bottom of the list for releases to the air, water and land.

While it may appear that RIS is the "largest polluter" in Lorain County at first glance, that is a misnomer. As you can see from the graph below, the orange bar on the graph represents the volume of total releases sent to off-site disposal facilities. Similarly, the light blue, dark blue and green bars represent releases to air, water and land respectively.



<https://enviro.epa.gov/triexplorer/>



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Specifically, in 2021, RIS reported a total of 915,738 lbs of total releases to "offsite disposal or other releases". This represents the number of pounds of inert residual ash and spent scrubber water sent to other disposal services, such as a Subtitle C landfill and deep well injection. RIS reported releases to air of 93 lbs, and no releases to water or land as shown in the table above.

If you are concerned or have questions about operations at the RIS facility, you can call the Corporate Communications Department during regular business hours at (440) 366-2063. After hours, the guard at the RIS facility can have the Corporate Communications on-call associate return your call.