

**HTRW Center of Expertise
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Fact Sheet 99-03**

**EPA Implements Nationwide Registration
of PCB Transformers**

Purpose

PCB regulatory amendments were published in the Federal Register on 29 June 1998. The rule contains multiple new requirements for managing PCBs. This fact sheet discusses new requirements established in 40 CFR 761.30 that specifically address a mandatory nationwide registration program for PCB Transformers.

Summary of Requirements

As a result of this rulemaking, EPA has finalized a national registration requirement for PCB Transformers containing ≥ 500 ppm PCBs. This new registration requirement extends to all PCB transformers, both in use and in storage for potential reuse. Registration must be done by 28 December 1998 with the Environmental Protection Agency, National Program Chemicals Division, Office of Pollution, Prevention and Toxics (7404), 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. PCB Transformers that are not registered are not authorized for use.

To avoid duplicate reporting, facilities are no longer required to register PCB transformers with local fire departments. EPA intends to provide its registration data to state fire bureaus for distribution to local fire departments.

EPA has provided a form for registration (EPA Form 7720-12, PCB Transformer Registration). As an alternative, EPA will accept the information on company stationary. When using company stationary, the following information must be provided:

- (1) Company name and address.
- (2) Contact name and telephone number.
- (3) Location of transformer(s) (address, or for a mobile source like a ship, the name of the ship).
- (4) Number of PCB Transformers and the total weight of the transformers in kilograms.
- (5) Whether any transformer at this location contains flammable dielectric fluid (optional).
- (6) Signature of the owner, operator, or other representative authorized to certify the accuracy of the information submitted.

Copies of EPA Form 7720-12 can be obtained by contacting the HTRW CX at (402) 697-2561 or visiting the World Wide Web at the following address:

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/pcb/pcbdisp.htm>

The transformer owner must retain a record of each PCB Transformer's registration (e.g., a copy of the registration and the return receipt signed by EPA) with the inspection and maintenance records. If that documentation is absent, not only will there be a violation, but the inspector will easily be able to double-check the national database to determine if the registration in fact occurred.

Reference

For additional details, see 60 Federal Register 35383, 29 June 1998, Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls.

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