

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT

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## --BULLETIN--

*Regulatory Compliance Update*

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**EPA Form R due July 1:** If you have 10 or more employees (defined as 20,000 hours on payroll), and have processed at least 25,000 lbs. of Styrene (pure or in resin and gel coat, etc.) in 2000, start preparing your report now! The EPA reporting package for this year has already been issued. If you have not received yours, you can download it from the EPA's website, [www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri).

**DOT Hazmat Registration due July 1:** If you offer or transport any shipment of hazardous materials (or wastes) that require placarding, you must register with the DOT. You may register through the Internet at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/register.htm> or contact us at 800/621-8003 for a copy of the form.

**Unified Emission Factors:** Best available data should be used in preparing your Form R. In March of 1998, the EPA rescinded the AP-42 emission factors for filament winding, hand, spray-up and gel coat. The Composites Fabricators Association has posted better factors on their website, [www.cfa-hq.org](http://www.cfa-hq.org), or contact us at 800/621-8003 for the UEF Table.

**EPA TRI Explorer:** The 1999 Toxic Release Inventory from Form R data has been made available on the EPA's website. The TRI Explorer generates Form R release reports that can be sorted by facility, chemical, geographic location, and standard industrial classification code at the county, state and national levels. This query tool is accessible to industry, the public, state and local agencies, and EPA. If you have never reported and should have, it is getting easier and easier for you to be found! The web site is located at [www.epa.gov/triexplorer](http://www.epa.gov/triexplorer).

**OSHA Ergonomics Standard Repealed:** The October 14 deadline for complying with OSHA's new Ergonomics Standard, as mentioned in our January Bulletin, is no longer valid. The new Final Rule was removed on April 23. However, don't ignore ergonomics completely – OSHA can still cite under the "General Duty Clause".

**New OSHA Workplace Poster:** A new "Plain Language" poster has been issued to replace OSHA's currently required workplace poster. A Spanish version of the new poster is available as well. The old poster continues to be in compliance, however it will be phased out. A downloadable version of the new poster can be found at [www.osha.gov/oshapubs/poster.html](http://www.osha.gov/oshapubs/poster.html) or contact us at 800/621-8003 for a copy.

**OSHA's Most Frequently Cited Violations:** The following is a list of the top 10 violations OSHA issued to SIC 3089, Plastics Products, NEC, from the period of October 1999 – September 2000. If you're reviewing your safety program and are not sure where to start, this list gives you a good idea of where to place your emphasis.

1. Control of Hazardous Energy, Lockout/Tagout
2. Hazard Communication
3. Machines, General Requirements
4. Powered Industrial Trucks (relatively new standard – training was due by 12/01/99)
5. Electrical Systems Design
6. Occupational Noise Exposure
7. Respiratory Protection
8. Mechanical Power-Transmission Apparatus
9. Personal Protective Equipment
10. Electrical, Wiring Methods, Components & Equipment

The Department of Health, Safety & Environment encourages all customers of Composites One to give us a call at **800/621-8003**. Should you have any questions on compliance issues, please use us as a regulatory resource. We look forward to talking with you soon.

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