

# **New Approach for Timely Development of the 2005 Emission Inventory**

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# Two Emission Inventories

<b>Criteria Air Pollutant EI (CAP EI)</b>	<b>Air Toxics EI (AT EI)</b>
<b>Permitted Facilities</b>	<b>Permitted Facilities</b>
	<b>Other TRI Reporting Facilities</b>
	<b>Non-point Sources</b>
	<b>Onroad Mobile Sources</b>
	<b>Nonroad Mobile Sources</b>

# CAP EI

- 7 pollutants
- State rule - mandatory submittal requirement
  - Used to calculate air emission fees
- Updated annually
- State developed database (DELTA)

# Air Toxics EI (AT)

- In addition to > 500 air toxics
  - PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and NH<sub>3</sub> for point
  - All CAPs for non-point and mobile
- Voluntary submittal requirement
  - Established on the Criteria EI
- Updated triennially
- Regional Air Pollutant Inventory Development System (RAPIDS)

# Possible Targets for Improvement from Survey

- Pollutants
- Sources
- Temporal Resolution
- Spatial Resolution
- Inventory Timeliness
- Inventory Frequency

# Adding New Pollutants

- Green house gases?
- Flame retardants, endocrine disruptors or others
  - New procedure for adding pollutants
  - Probably no Emission Factors available
  - Permits/Permit Rules only address HAPs

# Improving Coverage on Sources

## ■ Point

- Collect data from more sources for AT EI

## ■ Area

- Add more source categories
- Collect more state-specific activity data

## ■ Mobile

- Collect more state-specific activity data

# Improving Temporal Detail

## Monthly/Weekly/Daily/Hourly?

- Increasingly more complicated inventory with more detailed temporal resolution
- Data/Emission Factors may not be available
- Increasing number of records will overwhelm databases

# Improving Spatial Detail

## ZIP Codes?

- No ZIP code data for Area/Mobile Sources

## Census Tracts?

- Some area source data available
- Post EI Processing Project

# Improving Timeliness

## Short Term Actions:

- Improve coordination between CAP EI and AT EI for point sources
- Use older activity data for area and mobile sources

## Long Term Possibilities:

- Electronic data submission & Integrated CAP/AT reporting?
- Require large point source HAP recordkeeping/reporting?

# Greater Air Toxics EI Frequency

## Biennial?

- Doesn't match U.S. EPA's NEI cycle

## Annual?

- Only possible if Inventory Timeliness increases dramatically

# Why does it take so long?

## CAP EI

- Submissions from facilities - April 1
- Most of the emission calculations - April to November (~8 months)

## AT EI

- Point sources - after the CAP EI finishes
- Multiple information sources
- Multiple data formats or not at all
- Multiple pollutants
- Over a year to compile data for area and mobile sources

# CAP EI History

## Pre 2002

- December – Mail out CAP EI forms to facilities
- April 1 – CAP EI reports due
- April 15 – Nonsubmitters list to enforcement
- December - Complete processing inventories, QA/QC, mail out summaries
- February 1 – due date for corrections
- March 1 – finalize CAP inventory

# **CAP EI History**

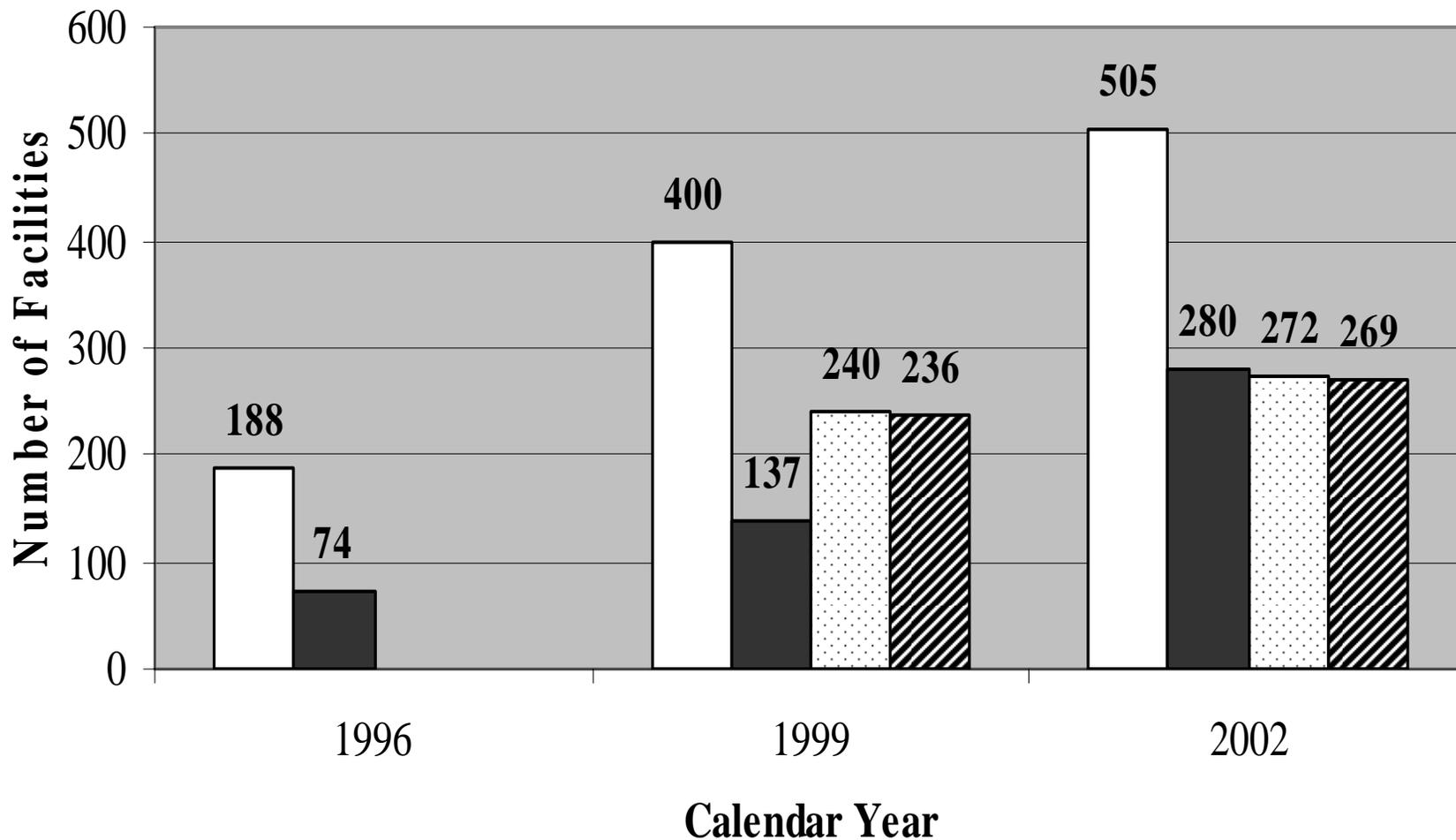
## **2002 - 2004**

- December – Mail out CAP EI forms to facilities
- April 1 – CAP EI reports due
- April 15 – Nonsubmitters list to enforcement
- October 1 - Complete processing inventories, QA/QC, mail out summaries
- 45 days after summary mailing – due date for corrections
- January 1 – finalize CAP inventory

# AT EI for Point Sources

- 3rd quarter of the EI year - Planning
- After CAP EI reports due - Mail out AT forms
- 12 Months after CAP EI complete
  - Converting data from Delta to Rapids
  - Entering voluntary submitted data
  - Estimating emissions
  - Incorporating TRI data
- QA/QC period – state, regional, and national
- 29 months after the end of EI year - Complete

Figure 1: Analysis of Responding Rate from Point Sources to AT EIs

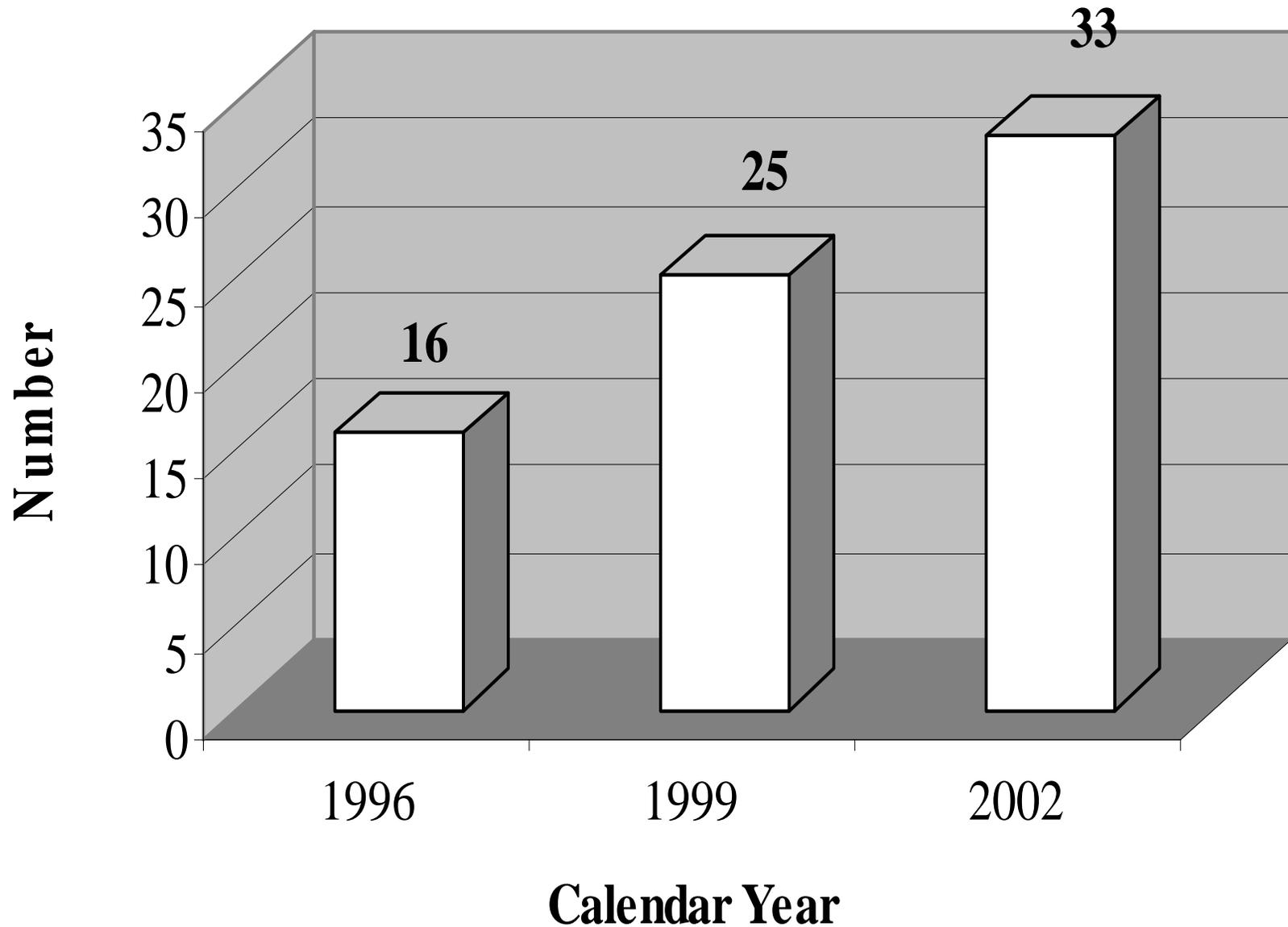


- Large facilities that received the letter
- Large facilities that responded
- ▣ Option D facilities that received the letter
- ▤ Option D facilities that responded

# AT EI for Non-Point Sources and Mobile Sources

- Non-Point
  - Increasing source categories
  - Multiple information sources
  - Different levels of activity data
- Mobile sources
  - on-road, non-road, aircraft, commercial marine vessels, and locomotives
- Duplicating EPA efforts for some categories
- About 30 months for completion

Figure 2: Number of non-point source categories for AT EIs



# Air toxics emission data sources for mobile sources.

(S – State estimated, N – NEI values adopted, C – CENRAP values adopted)

Mobile Source Categories	1996	1999	2002
On-road	S	N	S
Non-road	S	N	N*
Aircraft	S	S	S
Commercial Marine Vessels		N**	C
Locomotives	S	S	S

\* MPCA used state-specific data to spatially allocate recreational marine and snowmobile emissions, and used state-specific weather data to estimate snowmobile emissions.

\*\* MPCA made two modifications to the distribution of in port emissions. These modifications did not affect the total emissions for the state.

# New Strategy

- Data collection
- Creative changes in staff work distribution
- Integrated schedule
- Integrated approach to non-point and mobile sources EI
- Complete AT EI in 18 months after the end of EI year

# Data Collection

- Emphasis on point sources
- Mail CAP EI and AT EI forms together
- Set lower cut off of VOC emission levels for AT mailing for Option D permittees
- Added Option C permittees to AT mailing
- New submittal deadline date for AT EI -  
May 1

# Creative Changes in Staff Work Distribution

- Additional staff person added - work on smaller, less complex facilities and help with data entry for larger facilities
- Experienced Inventory staff - work on larger more complex facilities

# Integrated Schedule

- Process CAP EI for largest 24 facilities (power plants, taconite, refineries) as soon as selected facilities submit inventory
- AT EI starts with these 24 selected facilities - a seven month head start

# Integrated Approach to Non-Point and Mobile Sources EI

## ■ Non-point

- Focus on categories with state specific information
- Use the NEI data for other categories

## ■ Non-road

- Focus on aircraft and locomotives
- Review NEI input files and use NEI results for other categories

## ■ On-road

Review NEI input files and use NEI results

# Looking Forward

- Rule Updates
  - move CAP submittal deadline
  - reporting requirement for point AT EI
- Modeling Ready EIs
  - currently only one geographic point for facility
  - receive better stack locational coordinates
- Electronic Reporting
  - create electronic reporting process
- Combined Submittals
  - combining CAP and AT inventory