

# Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)

## Substance Priority List Dates and Notices

### *And Related Information*

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This table lists Run Dates, Support Document Cover Dates, and Federal Register Notices (FRNs) for the SPL. We discontinued FRNs as of 2015 and instead now announce updates via GovDelivery emails (see “Get Email Updates” on our home page, [www.atsdr.cdc.gov](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov)). FRNs traditionally called the SPL our Priority List of Hazardous Substances That Will Be the Subject of Toxicological Profiles. Each Reference is hot-linked to a PDF of its respective FRN:

SPL Year	Number Listed	Run Date	Support Document Date	Release Date	FRN Reference
2017	275	07/14/2017	August 2017	08/11/2017	<i>Not applicable</i>
2015	275	09/10/2015	October 2015	11/30/2015	
2013	275	01/24/2014	April 2014	05/28/2014	<a href="#">79 FR 30613</a>
2011	275	09/26/2011	October 2011	11/03/2011	<a href="#">76 FR 68193</a>
2007	275	08/29/2007	December 2007	03/06/2008	<a href="#">73 FR 12178</a>
2005	275	10/12/2005	November 2005	12/07/2005	<a href="#">70 FR 72840</a>
2003	275	07/18/2003	October 2003	11/07/2003	<a href="#">68 FR 63098</a>
2001	275	09/24/2001	October 2001	10/25/2001	<a href="#">66 FR 54014</a>
1999	275	08/31/1999	October 1999	10/21/1999	<a href="#">64 FR 56792</a>
1997	275	08/21/1997	November 1997	11/17/1997	<a href="#">62 FR 61332</a>
1995	275	02/08/1996	April 1996	04/29/1996	<a href="#">61 FR 18744</a>
1993	275	02/03/1994	February 1994	02/28/1994	<a href="#">59 FR 09486</a>
1992	275	08/20/1992	October 1992	10/28/1992	<a href="#">57 FR 48801</a>
1991	275	08/12/1991	October 1991	10/17/1991	<a href="#">56 FR 52166</a>
1990	25	<i>Not applicable</i>		10/17/1990	<a href="#">55 FR 42067</a>
1989	25			10/26/1989	<a href="#">54 FR 43615</a>
1988	100			10/20/1988	<a href="#">53 FR 41280</a>
1987	100			04/17/1987	<a href="#">52 FR 12866</a>

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA or Superfund), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), requires that ATSDR and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prepare a Priority List of Hazardous Substances commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). The mandate called for 100 substances to be announced in 1987, with 100 added in 1988, 25 in 1989, 25 in 1990, and a final 25 in 1991 (275 in total). The List is to be updated periodically thereafter.

Initially, ATSDR reviewed existing information about substances and used expert judgment to make the List. These lists are in the pre-1991 Federal Register Notices. In 1991, the agency completed a dynamic science database that identified substances of concern at hazardous waste sites, and coded an algorithm to

prioritize substances using the components mandated by CERCLA. This methodology has been used since that time (with some refinements) to update the SPL periodically, as shown in the table. For more information, see the Support Document on the [SPL Resources](#) web page.

By 1993, the List had become quite stable; there was little movement in the ranks of the top-most substances. Therefore, the agency went to a biennial update schedule. No List was generated in 2009 as the agency transitioned to a new science database.

**Run Date** refers to the date that the SPL and CEP Report were generated from the agency science database. Since 1997, ATSDR has also produced a Completed Exposure Pathway (CEP) Site Count Report at the same time it produces the SPL. While there is some overlap in the data used for the two reports, there are differences as well. For more information on differences between the two, see the Cover Page notes of the Full SPL Spreadsheet on our SPL Resources webpage.

The target for publishing the SPL and CEP Report is October. Sometimes it is has been delayed, but we still nominally consider it to be for the target year (the “SPL Year”, above).

For more information, see [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/SPL](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/SPL) and [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/CEP](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/CEP).