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POLLUTANT RELEASE AND TRANSFER REGISTERS
Report on the first meeting of the task force

Corrigendum

Annex I

Paragraph 29 should read

29. The European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) is a key element of the European Council Directive on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) and will provide environmental information to the public. The EPER will be of great importance as a public instrument to provide accessible and comparable information on the emissions of pollutants from industry. After introduction in 2003, it will be a further step to improve public awareness and to meet the needs for the public “right-to-know” about industrial pollution. Every three years member States are obliged to report to the European Commission. Information on emissions

of 50 pollutants from about 20,000 individual industrial facilities, covered by the IPPC Directive, will be collected in the EPER. Member States will send their first reports to the Commission in June 2003, providing data on emissions in 2001 (optionally 2000 or 2002). The European Commission, assisted by the European Environment Agency, will make the data in the EPER register / database publicly accessible by dissemination of the reported data on the Internet, including disclosure of site-specific information on relevant polluting sources. Both the public and industry can use the EPER data to compare the environmental performance of individual facilities or industrial sectors in different countries. Governments can use the registered data to monitor the achievements in meeting environmental targets in international agreements and protocols.
