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Industry Perspective on Electronic Reporting

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Discussion Topics

- **HMIS as a comparison**
- **Benefits to industry**
- **Industry concerns**
- **Implementation challenges**
- **Summary**

HMIS as a Comparison

- **Labor intensive**
 - Large number of chemicals at a typical site
 - Multiple fire codes for every chemical
- **Duplication of effort**
 - Industry looks up data
 - Regulators check data
- **No single source for classification resulting in inconsistencies**
- **Separate systems for each requirement**
 - Building permits
 - Emergency response plans

Benefits to Industry

- **Leveraging**
 - Data entered in the system once
- **Consistency**
 - Single interpretation between and within agencies
- **Electronic submittal**
- **Electronic storage**
 - Easy to update in subsequent years
- **Efficiency**
- **Visibility of fire code limits**
 - Drill down to “problem” areas

Industry Concerns

- **Ability to use local systems**
- **Easy upload/download capability**
- **Security of data**
- **Accessibility by third parties**

Implementation Challenges

- **Systems are currently voluntary**
- **Industry does not want to use the system until the regulators adopt it**
- **Regulators reluctant to promote the system until industry starts using it**

Summary

- **Technological solutions are available to meet all concerns**
- **Collaboration and integration will speed implementation**
- **Electronic reporting is advantageous to all parties**