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Dioxin Cleared for TRI

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The U.S. District Court in Washington has thrown out a lawsuit filed by an industry consultant claiming EPA should not be allowed to include dioxin emissions in the agency's toxic release inventory (TRI). EPA added dioxin to TRI in 1999. The suit was brought by Jim Tozzi, president of consulting firm Multinational Business Services (Washington) and an executive at the conservative think tank Center for Regulatory Effectiveness (Washington). The court has rejected Tozzi's claim that EPA violated right-to-know laws that require the agency to show how dioxin releases will be calculated.