

Priority Pollutant List

Priority Pollutants are a set of chemical pollutants we regulate, and for which we have developed analytical test methods. The current list of 126 Priority Pollutants, shown below, can also be found at [40 CFR Part 423, Appendix A](#).

These are not the only pollutants regulated in Clean Water Act programs. The list is an important starting point for EPA to consider, for example, in developing national discharge standards (such as Effluent Guidelines) or in national permitting programs (such as NPDES).

1. Acenaphthene
2. Acrolein
3. Acrylonitrile
4. Benzene
5. Benzidine
6. Carbon tetrachloride
7. Chlorobenzene
8. 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene
9. Hexachlorobenzene
10. 1,2-dichloroethane
11. 1,1,1-trichloroethane
12. Hexachloroethane
13. 1,1-dichloroethane
14. 1,1,2-trichloroethane
15. 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane
16. Chloroethane
17. (Removed)
18. Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether
19. 2-chloroethyl vinyl ethers
20. 2-chloronaphthalene
21. 2,4,6-trichlorophenol
22. Parachlorometa cresol
23. Chloroform
24. 2-chlorophenol
25. 1,2-dichlorobenzene
26. 1,3-dichlorobenzene
27. 1,4-dichlorobenzene
28. 3,3-dichlorobenzidine
29. 1,1-dichloroethylene
30. 1,2-trans-dichloroethylene
31. 2,4-dichlorophenol
32. 1,2-dichloropropane
33. 1,3-dichloropropylene
34. 2,4-dimethylphenol
35. 2,4-dinitrotoluene
36. 2,6-dinitrotoluene
37. 1,2-diphenylhydrazine
38. Ethylbenzene
39. Fluoranthene
40. 4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether
41. 4-bromophenyl phenyl ether
42. Bis(2-chloroisopropyl) ether
43. Bis(2-chloroethoxy) methane
44. Methylene chloride
45. Methyl chloride
46. Methyl bromide
47. Bromoform
48. Dichlorobromomethane
49. (Removed)
50. (Removed)
51. Chlorodibromomethane
52. Hexachlorobutadiene
53. Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
54. Isophorone
55. Naphthalene
56. Nitrobenzene
57. 2-nitrophenol
58. 4-nitrophenol
59. 2,4-dinitrophenol
60. 4,6-dinitro-o-cresol
61. N-nitrosodimethylamine
62. N-nitrosodiphenylamine
63. N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine
64. Pentachlorophenol
65. Phenol
66. Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
67. Butyl benzyl phthalate
68. Di-N-Butyl Phthalate

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| 69. Di-n-octyl phthalate | 100. Heptachlor |
| 70. Diethyl Phthalate | 101. Heptachlor epoxide |
| 71. Dimethyl phthalate | 102. Alpha-BHC |
| 72. Benzo(a) anthracene | 103. Beta-BHC |
| 73. Benzo(a) pyrene | 104. Gamma-BHC |
| 74. Benzo(b) fluoranthene | 105. Delta-BHC |
| 75. Benzo(k) fluoranthene | 106. PCB-1242 (Arochlor 1242) |
| 76. Chrysene | 107. PCB-1254 (Arochlor 1254) |
| 77. Acenaphthylene | 108. PCB-1221 (Arochlor 1221) |
| 78. Anthracene | 109. PCB-1232 (Arochlor 1232) |
| 79. Benzo(ghi) perylene | 110. PCB-1248 (Arochlor 1248) |
| 80. Fluorene | 111. PCB-1260 (Arochlor 1260) |
| 81. Phenanthrene | 112. PCB-1016 (Arochlor 1016) |
| 82. Dibenzo(h) anthracene | 113. Toxaphene |
| 83. Indeno (1,2,3-cd) pyrene | 114. Antimony |
| 84. Pyrene | 115. Arsenic |
| 85. Tetrachloroethylene | 116. Asbestos |
| 86. Toluene | 117. Beryllium |
| 87. Trichloroethylene | 118. Cadmium |
| 88. Vinyl chloride | 119. Chromium |
| 89. Aldrin | 120. Copper |
| 90. Dieldrin | 121. Cyanide, Total |
| 91. Chlordane | 122. Lead |
| 92. 4,4-DDT | 123. Mercury |
| 93. 4,4-DDE | 124. Nickel |
| 94. 4,4-DDD | 125. Selenium |
| 95. Alpha-endosulfan | 126. Silver |
| 96. Beta-endosulfan | 127. Thallium |
| 97. Endosulfan sulfate | 128. Zinc |
| 98. Endrin | 129. 2,3,7,8-TCDD |
| 99. Endrin aldehyde | |

Additional Information

- [Toxic and Priority Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act](#)