







To the attention of the County, the staff has generated the following report detailing Toxic Release areas and effected schools and County tracts. It is the recommendation of the staff that the County address policy to limit the toxic release in light of the plethora of schools affected. If allowed to continue, the percentage of at-risk schools grows from just under 5% to a staggering 12%. Policy should be in place to further study the effects on students and faculty.

Additional policy needs to be in place to study the impact on the tracts. While the maps prior to this report showcase at-risk tracts these are the worst-case scenarios. More study needs to be done on how much any interactions with the toxic release hurts the entirety of the tract. There are chemicals being released that may seep overtime into aqua-firs and cause irreparable damage if left unchecked. While current policy indicates that the areas affected by the TRIs is minimal at a half mile radius, it is the findings of the staff that a one mile radius better includes the potential damages of the releases. In following the one mile estimate a staggering 52% of the total population are effected in someway by these toxic releases. This is too high and will require action.

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