

EPA's Retail Industry Portal

Recently EPA launched a Web Portal for the retail industry. In collaboration with the Retail Industry Leadership Association, Food Marketing Institute, National Retail Federation and numerous retail company representatives, EPA created the [Retail Industry Portal](#) to support the specific needs of the retail industry. The Retail Portal provides one-stop access to the many programs and resources available to help prevent and resolve environmental issues at retail establishments. In addition to helping retailers understand their environmental compliance obligations, the Retail Industry Portal provides a vast amount of information to help retailers: buy and sell environmentally friendly products; create and maintain buildings that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle; reduce the impact of transportation related activities on the environment; and mitigate climate change by reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in their own operations.

The Retail Portal's compliance and sustainability information is provided along the lines of a retail business:

- New buildings and infrastructure
- Facilities Management
- Transportation Logistics / Supply Chain
- Merchandising: Products and Packaging
- Customer Services and Programs.

The EPA is committed to routinely updating the Retail Portal with information you can use to manage your environmental responsibilities. For example, in December 2009, new compliance information was added to the Retail Portal regarding: new standards for portable fuel containers manufactured or imported and sold in the United States; revised regulations that affect the importation of "mini trucks"; and an October 2009 pesticide container repair interim policy.

Please contact Tracy Back at the U.S. EPA with any suggested improvements for the Retail Portal: 202.564.7076 or back.tracy@epa.gov. To receive Retail Portal update messages, email Tracy and include "Retail Portal Updates" in the subject line.