



# Waste Wise e-News

*A Tool for Environmental Sustainability Resources and Networking*

## GREENHOUSE GAS REPORTING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a mandatory greenhouse gas Reporting rule, published in the Federal Register on October 30, 2009, which went into effect December 29. The new rule applies to suppliers of fossil fuels or industrial greenhouse gases, manufacturers of vehicles and engines, and facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons or more per year of GHG emissions. The table below illustrates how much of each fuel type would need to be burned in order to reach the 25,000 threshold.

### Total Fuel Use to Reach the 25,000 metric ton Threshold

Fuel Type	# of Units	Unit	MMBtu/hr
<b>Coal</b>	10,938	Tons	29.97
<b>#6 Oil</b>	1,992,201	Gallons	36.39
<b>#2 Oil</b>	2,456,638	Gallons	39.26
<b>Nat Gas</b>	4,644,061	Therms	53.01
<b>Propane</b>	4,391,541	Gallons	45.62

Under the new rule, greenhouse gas emissions must be reported electronically to EPA for the 2010 emission year. This means that eligible facilities need to monitor greenhouse gas emissions beginning January 1. You may use best available monitoring methods until April 1, but by April 1, you must follow all applicable monitoring methods and QA/QC requirements as listed in the rule. The facility also is required to prepare and follow a written GHG monitoring plan.

(Sources: U.S. EPA and Sebesta Blomberg)

## RESOURCES

### U.S. EPA Final Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases Rule

[www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html](http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html)

### Sebesta Blomberg

Engineering-based consulting firm that provides greenhouse gas consulting services to a wide range of clients across the country

[www.sebesta.com](http://www.sebesta.com)

## IN THE NEWS

“2010 Living Green Expo Back On”

Click [here](#) for full story.

**“Xcel Energy Launches Cash for Energy Clunkers Program in MN”**

Forbes.com, February 18, 2010

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**“The Elephant in the Room has a Big Carbon Footprint”**

GreenBiz.com, January 27, 2010

Click [here](#) for full story.

**“Weyerhaeuser, M&S, L’Oreal Among Leaders in First Forest Footprint Report”**

GreenBiz.com, February 16, 2010

Click [here](#) for full story.

## EVENTS

**Twin Cities Sustainable Communities Conference**

March 12-13

Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

For details, conference agenda, and to register, visit [www.afors.org](http://www.afors.org).

**Greening Your Business Expo**

April 27

Target Field – Minnesota Twins Ballpark

[www.greenminneapolisbusiness.com](http://www.greenminneapolisbusiness.com)

**2010 Living Green Expo**

May 1-2

Minnesota State Fair Grand Stand

[www.livinggreenexpo.mn](http://www.livinggreenexpo.mn)

**Sustainable Business Event**

*Hosted by Minnesota Waste Wise & Madden’s Resort*

May 19-21

Madden’s on Gull Lake, Brainerd

[www.maddens.com](http://www.maddens.com)

[www.mnwastewise.org](http://www.mnwastewise.org)

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Hammel, Green & Abrahamson Architects & Engineers (Rochester)  
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Mississippi Market – Randolph (St. Paul)  
Mississippi Market – Selby (St. Paul)  
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River Market Community Co-op (Stillwater)  
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Thomas Engineering Company (Minneapolis)  
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