

# CIECA Developing New EPA Reporting Standards for Collision Repair Shops

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In response to the EPA Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule requiring states to provide compliance records similar to the new California Environmental Reporting System regulation, the Collision Industry Electronic Commerce Association (CIECA) has assembled a new Combined Environmental Reporting (CER) committee to develop reporting standards specific to the collision repair industry. The Committee is made up of body shop owners, paint manufacturers, and insurance company executives together with regulatory professionals from the EPA Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP).



Robert Turchan, Pride Collision Centers, said, “Local and Federal EPA reporting is about to become incredibly complicated and a CIECA data solution will enable simpler compliance for the nations’ Body Shops. A uniform language for reporting will enable paint companies and regulated industries to quickly offer solutions to body Shops. Without this solution many shops will be at risk for litigation, fines and closure.”

Matt Lynch, Color Software Support Specialist at PPG commented, “PPG is an industry leader that understands and meets compliance standards and determines the best ways to enhance the overall repair process. Most of our California shops are adopting best practices to improve shop efficiency. However, compliance reporting requirements can often be confusing, and compliance processes can be cumbersome and difficult to implement. I’m excited to join the CIECA Committee members in clearly identifying these issues and sharing ideas, so we can continue to provide our customers with clear direction as compliance reporting requirements evolve and expand across the country.”

“Why does the collision industry need a compliance reporting standard?” asked Regulatory consultant Steven Schillinger during the CIECA Conference. “State and local permitting agencies are creating questionnaires mandated under the new Federal electronic reporting regulation, which requires data from unrelated industries. Now is the time to work with the regulatory reporting authorities to eliminate non-essential, time-consuming and repetitive compliance data reporting.”

“Implementing compliance reporting standards within collision repair facilities will result in more efficiencies, consistencies, cost savings, and conformity – saving the collision industry time, effort, and money”, said Fred Iantorno, CIECA’s Executive Director.

#### New EPA Electronic Reporting Standards:

The EPA seeks to streamline multiple reporting processes. Currently, reporting information is collected by the state, local or tribal agencies through numerous separate regulations, in a variety of formats, according to different reporting schedules, and using multiple routes of data transfer. E-Enterprise for the Environment is a new model for industry standards. E-Enterprise reporting is expected to reduce the cost to industry and government for providing and managing important environmental data and to improve decision-making capacity through more timely availability of data.

For more information:

- EPA [E-Enterprise Electronic Reporting for the Environment](#) (E-Enterprise)
- EPA [Small Business Environmental Assistance Program](#) (SBEAP)
- CalEPA [California Environmental Reporting System](#) (CERS)
- EPA [Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule](#) (CROMERR)
- EPA [Combined Air Emissions Reporting](#) (CAER)