

## Plastic bag producer accused of failing to report toxins

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An Idaho environmental group is accusing a nationwide plastic bag producer of violating federal laws on toxic waste reporting.

The Idaho Conservation League announced Monday that it has notified Novolex—which has a plant in south-central Idaho—that it must begin filing information to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's toxic release inventory database.

A representative for the plastic bag company did not immediately return request for comment.

Austin Hopkins, conservation assistant for the environmental group, says Novolex has 60 days to respond or face a <u>lawsuit</u>.

Hopkins said in a prepared statement that his group discovered the reporting gap while reviewing <u>air quality</u> permits for Novolex's factory in Jerome. Upon further review, Hopkins argues that Novolex has failed to file appropriate reports in multiple factories across the country.

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