



ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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EMERGENCY RELEASE NOTIFICATION FACT SHEET

- A. Immediate telephone notification shall be given by the owner or operator of a facility when a release equal to or exceeding the reportable quantity of an extremely hazardous substance¹ or a CERCLA hazardous substance² occurs at the facility.

In such incidents, notifications are to be made to the following:

1. Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)/State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) at 1-800-782-7860 (within state) or (217) 782-7860 (when calling from out-of-state);
2. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) that is likely to be affected by the release. The LEPC telephone number(s) may be obtained from the IEMA Website at <http://www.illinois.gov/iema/Preparedness/SERC/Pages/default.aspx>.
3. National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802 (if the substance is a CERCLA hazardous substance).

Please Note: *Transportation-related incidents only require 9-1-1 notification.*

- B. Immediate telephone notification is also required if an incident or accident involving a hazardous material³ occurs which results in:

- 1) a member of the general public is killed;
- 2) a member of the general public receives injuries requiring hospitalization;
- 3) an authorized official of an emergency agency recommends an evacuation of an area by the general public;
- 4) a motor vehicle has overturned on a public highway;
- 5) Fire, breakage, release or suspected contamination occurs involving an etiologic agent;
- 6) Any release of petroleum (or oil) that produces a sheen on nearby surface water⁴ and/or threatens navigable waters;
- 7) Any spill or overflow of petroleum that results in a release to the environment that exceeds 25 gallons (25-gallon reporting threshold for USTs only).⁴ ASTs are not subject to the 25-gallon spill reporting threshold in 41 IAC 176.340 but are subject to 29 IAC 430.

In such incidents, notification shall be made as noted in Paragraph A, above, except no notification is required to the NRC, except items 6 and 7 (oil that impacts water and overfills emanating from underground storage tanks).

At a minimum, notification shall include:

- 1) the chemical name or identity of any substance involved in the release;
- 2) an indication of whether the substance is an extremely hazardous substance;
- 3) an estimate of the quantity in pounds of any such substance that was released into the environment;
- 4) the time and duration of the release;
- 5) the specific location of the release;
- 6) the medium or media (air, land, water) into which the release occurred;
- 7) any known or anticipated acute or chronic health risks associated with the emergency and, where appropriate, advice regarding medical attention necessary for exposed individuals;
- 8) proper precautions to take as a result of the release, including evacuations;
- 9) the name and telephone number of the person or persons to be contacted for further information.

WRITTEN FOLLOW-UP NOTICE IS REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO INCIDENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH A, ABOVE. As soon as practicable after such release (within 30 days), the owner or operator shall provide a written follow-up emergency notice (or notices, as more information becomes available) to the SERC and the LEPC, updating the information provided in the immediate notification and including additional information with respect to:

- 1) Actions taken to respond to and contain the release;
- 2) Any known or anticipated acute or chronic health risks associated with the release;
- 3) Where appropriate, advice regarding medical attention necessary for exposed individuals.

¹ See 40 CFR 355 for a listing of extremely hazardous substances (EHS)

² See 40 CFR 302.4 for a listing of Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) hazardous substances

³ See 49 CFR 172.101 for a list of hazardous materials

⁴ See 41 IAC 176.340 Reporting and Cleanup of Spills and Overfills (USTs).

(These rules are compiled in 29 IAC 430 and 29 IAC 620)

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