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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 substance(1) or a CERCLA hazardous substance(2) 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 https://iemaohs.illinois.gov/preparedness/serc.html.
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 material(3) 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 water(4) and/ or threatens navigable waters;
   7. Any spill or overfill 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 for 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.

C. 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. rev. 12/2020