



EPA Region 7 Report-Out Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission Meeting July 2019

[Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act \(EPCRA\) / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act \(CERCLA\) News](#)

[Lions, and Tigers, and Crocodiles – Announcing the 2019 Region 7 LEPC Conference Social “An Evening at the Zoo”](#)

The Douglas County Nebraska LEPC, in partnership with the Henry Doorly Zoo, is excited to announce that the social will be on Friday August 9th from 5pm to 11 pm at the Zoo. Attendees and their families will have the opportunity to network while viewing the animals, including a chance to view the Kingdom of the Night exhibit in full light. To participate you'll need to register for the conference by July 26th. For more information about the conference visit www.regonline.com/2019LEPC

[Looking for Emergency Planning/Response Training but Can't Commit to a Whole Weekend – Attend the Region 7 LEPC Conference Free Training Sessions Offered Thursday August 8th](#)

For those with limited time or funds, the Thursday Training Sessions are free for all to attend. Trainings include:

- Hazardous Material Incident Response – Awareness;
- Transcaer (a combination of in-person and on train training);
- Funding Your LEPC;
- Chemistry Refresher;
- Preparing For and Responding to Pipeline Emergencies (including representatives from numerous pipelines in Region 7);
- CAMEO Tools for Emergency Planning and Response;
- Decontamination Techniques from the Awareness Level to the Technician Level; and
- Unified Response 2019 – Tabletop Exercise

To attend only these sessions, please visit www.regonline.com/2019LEPC and click on the “Register Now” button and choose the “Thursday Only” option.

[**Updated List of List is Now Available](#)

The List of Lists is a consolidated list of chemicals subject to EPCRA, CERCLA, and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). It was prepared to help facilities handling chemicals determine, for a specific chemical, whether they may be subject to certain reporting requirements. For more information visit. www.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists-under-epcracerclacaa-ss112r-june-2019-version

[**Reporting Amendment for Air Emissions from Animal Waste at Farms](#)

On June 4, 2019, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler signed a final rule to amend the emergency release notification regulations under EPCRA. This amendment adds a reporting exemption for air emissions from animal waste at farms. For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/epcra/cercla-and-epcra-reporting-requirements-air-releases-hazardous-substances-animal-waste-farms

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****July 2019 EPA Region 7 Emergency Preparedness Newsletter Available**

The latest EPA Region 7 Emergency Preparedness Newsletter was just released. Articles in this issue include:

Region 7 Chemical Safety and Security Workgroup Renews Charter
Region 7 LEPC Emergency Planning & Response Conference, August 8-10 in Omaha
Underwater – Midwest Flood Recovery
Flood Cleanup Tips from OSHA
Emergency Planning for Pesticide Spills
Agriculture Chemical Accident Prevention Workshop
National Ammonia Safety Day
Emergency Response to Agricultural Anhydrous Ammonia Releases
U.S. Department of Labor Urges Caution to Avoid Hazards During Tornado and Storm Cleanup
Removing Chemicals from Santee Community School
Amendments to EPCRA – America’s Water Infrastructure Act, *A Guide for SERCs, TERCs, and LEPCs*

To view the newsletter, visit: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/9c604b06-866c-48b3-8fad-eab3aab3af6f>

To be added to the e-mail list send an e-mail to R7PreparednessNewsletter@epa.gov with the subject “Add Me to Newsletter List”.

If you have articles you would like to see in future issues, or would like to write an article discussing successful events, lessons learned, or announcing upcoming events, send an e-mail to Jodi Harper at R7PreparednessNewsletter@epa.gov

****Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Updates**

- **The 2017 TRI complete dataset is available** and contains data about chemical releases, waste management and pollution prevention activities that took place during 2017 at more than 20,000 federal and industrial facilities across the country. For more information see: www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/tri-data-and-tools
- For TRI related questions contact Karen Johnson at johnson.karent@epa.gov or 913-551-5014.

CAA 112(r) - Risk Management Program News

- SERC and LEPC members may have access to RMP facility data for official use. If you want access to the RMPInfo website (with/without offsite consequence data), e-mail Jodi Harper at harper.jodi@epa.gov.
- If you know of any facility in Nebraska that needs compliance assistance with their Risk Management Program or Risk Management Plan (RMP), please contact Terri Blunk at blunk.terri@epa.gov or 913-551-7013.
- If you have concerns about any Risk Management Program facility or know of one that has closed, contact Terri Blunk.

[Emergency Response and Removal News](#)

- For information on removal actions completed by EPA visit <https://response.epa.gov>
- For more information about response efforts, regulations, tools, and research that will help the regulated community, government entities, and concerned citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies visit: www.epa.gov/emergency-response
- **Local Government Reimbursements – Hazardous Substance Claims.** To make a claim to EPA for reimbursement of costs associated with a hazardous materials response, go to www.epa.gov/emergency-response/local-governments-reimbursement-program
- **U.S. Coast Guard National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) – Oil Claims.** To make a claim for costs or damages from an incident under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, use the two-page form found at the bottom of the NPFC Claimant's Guide, which can be found at www.uscg.mil/npfc/urg/

****EPA Flood Response Assistance March thru May 2019**

- EPA conducted reconnaissance and recovery of orphaned containers on the Missouri River, the Platte River, and the Elkhorn River. To date, EPA has completed reconnaissance, and recovery of orphaned containers when possible, of 546 river miles. This represents 68% of the 800 total river miles.
- Approximately 888 orphaned containers have been collected to date. Collected containers include fuel tanks, propane tanks, herbicides/pesticides and other hazardous materials.
- Recovered containers are staged at a Department of Transportation yard near Fremont, pending hazardous waste characterization and proper disposal and/or recycling.
- For more information visit https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=14172

****Cleanup Complete at Cleburn Street Well Superfund Site**

In April, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 announced that it completed the Remedial Action phase at the Cleburn Street Well Superfund Site in Grand Island, Nebraska. A thermal treatment system was used at the site to address the soil and groundwater contamination. Post cleanup samples of soil and groundwater confirm that thermal treatment removed more than 99 percent of contaminants.

[General News](#)

****Free Lithium Battery Recycling Workshop Hosted by U.S. EPA and DOT on July 30th, 2019**

This is a free three-hour workshop to learn how to prevent, reduce risks of fire and explosions from the improper packaging, marking, labeling, or recycling of lithium batteries. To register visit: https://opsweb.phmsa.dot.gov/hm_seminars/default_workshop.asp

****Planned Training in Region 7**

The following training opportunities are planned through December 2019. For more information or to register, please visit: www.trainex.org/default.cfm

- Best Practices for Site Characterization Throughout the Remediation Process Hosted by U.S. EPA, Lenexa, KS, December 3, 2019- December 5, 2019

The NETI eLearning Center provides online eLearning, live webinar, and classroom training opportunities to environmental enforcement personnel (including government inspectors, the legal community, and investigators) in federal, state, tribal and local governments. For more information on all learning opportunities visit www.epa.gov/compliance/national-enforcement-training-institute-neti-elearning-center