



## EPA Region 7 Report-Out Tribal/State Breakout Session July 2017



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### [CAA 112\(r\) - Risk Management Program News](#)

- If you know of any facility that needs compliance assistance with their Risk Management Program or Risk Management Plan (RMP), please contact your state coordinator.
- If you have concerns about any Risk Management Program facility or know of one that has closed, contact your state coordinator.
- 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 your name, title, agency/company name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Patricia Reitz at [reitz.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:reitz.patricia@epa.gov)

### [Rule Modernizing Risk Management Program Regulation Effective Date Delayed Until February 19, 2019](#)

EPA has further delayed the effective date of finalized amendments to February 19, 2019, in order to reconsider the amendments based on petitions received by EPA and to consider other issues that may benefit from public comment.

### [EPCRA / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act \(CERCLA\) News](#)

#### [New Region 7 Emergency Preparedness Newsletter Available](#)

In June EPA Region 7 released its first Emergency Preparedness Newsletter. The purpose of this semiannual newsletter is to provide information relating to emergency planning/preparedness and accident prevention to the regulated community and emergency responders/planners. Articles in the June issue included: 2017 Region 7 LEPC/TERC Emergency Planning and Response Conference; FAQs for EPCRA 311/312; releases reported to the National Response Center from 2012-16; railroad emergency preparedness; LEPC highlight: November 2016 Platte County emergency response to pipeline explosion; state and EPA announcements; training resources. To be added to e-mail list send an e-mail to [R7PreparednessNewsletter@epa.gov](mailto:R7PreparednessNewsletter@epa.gov) with the subject "Add Me to Newsletter List".

#### [CAMEO App Available for Android and iOS Devices](#)

An app has been developed to allow users to access CAMEO on their smartphone and tablet, in both Apple and Android. For more information or to download the app visit: [www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software#download%20cameo%20chemicals](http://www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software#download%20cameo%20chemicals)

#### [Changes to EPCRA 312 Tier II Reports Required by January 2018](#)

On June 13, 2016 federal register 39104 FR 81 was published amending EPA's hazardous chemical reporting regulations at 40 CFR part 370 (EPCRA 311/312) to conform to the revisions of OSHA's HCS due its adoption of the GHS classification and labeling of chemicals. Facilities will be required to report the new information on their CY 2017 Tier II reports (due March 1, 2018). For questions please contact your EPCRA Nebraska State Coordinator, Terri Blunk at [blunk.terri@epa.gov](mailto:blunk.terri@epa.gov) or 913-551-7013.

[EPCRA \(non313\) Online Training Now Available for Tribal, State, and Local Emergency Planners](#)

This online training course is designed to help state, local, and tribal agencies to know the requirements of EPCRA and their role and responsibilities prescribed in the law. Participants in this course will learn facilities' reporting requirements providing information on the storage and releases of hazardous chemicals and how state and local agencies could use that information to prepare and protect the community from chemical emergencies. This training is available on the following website:

[http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/epcranon313nonepa/event/event\\_info.html](http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/epcranon313nonepa/event/event_info.html)

[How to Better Prepare Your Community for a Chemical Emergency: A Guide for State, Tribal and Local Agencies Now Available](#)

This guide provides an overview of the EPCRA's emergency planning, emergency release notifications, and hazardous chemical inventory reporting requirements for State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), and Tribal Emergency Planning Committees (TEPCs). The guide can be downloaded at: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/how-better-prepare-your-community-chemical-emergency-guide-state-tribal-and-local-agencies>

[2015 Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\) Analysis Available – Shows Major Decline in Air Releases Over 10 Years](#)

The TRI Program is pleased to announce the publication of the 2015 TRI National Analysis, EPA's summary and interpretation of the most recent data on toxic chemical releases and pollution prevention activities at more than 20,000 U.S. industrial facilities. In the National Analysis, you'll find local- and national-level data on toxic chemical releases to air, water and land, and information about what companies are doing to prevent these releases. With the report's integrated mapping features, you can take a closer look at this information for specific geographic locations, including your community. For more information visit [www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri)

New Data, New Features - Among the highlights from the 2015 data:

- Between 2005 and 2015, air releases of toxic chemicals from TRI facilities decreased by 56% (850 million pounds). An 8% decrease from 2014 to 2015 contributed to this 10-year decline.
- In 2015, of the nearly 26 billion pounds of total chemical waste managed at TRI facilities (excluding metal mines), approximately 92% was not released into the environment due to the use of preferred waste management practices such as recycling, energy recovery, and treatment.

## *Emergency Response and Removal News*

- For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit [www.epaosc.org](http://www.epaosc.org)
- To ensure that this nation is better prepared for environmental emergencies, EPA is working with other federal partners to prevent accidents as well as to maintain superior response capabilities. One of our roles is to provide 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. If you are interested in learning more about this effort, please visit: [www.epa.gov/emergency-response](http://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](http://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/](http://www.uscg.mil/npfc/urg/)