



EPA Region 7 Report-Out Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission Meeting April 2018



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

[Farmers Do Not Need to Report Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Animal Wastes](#)**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2018 Title XI, called the “Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act” or “FARM Act” exempts the reporting of air emissions from animal waste at a farm under CERCLA. When the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals issues its mandate vacating the 2008 final rule farms will remain exempt from the CERCLA reporting requirements. For more information visit www.epa.gov/animalwaste

[EPA Region 7 Expects to Release the Next Emergency Preparedness Newsletter in July 2018](#)**

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. To be added to 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 Terri Blunk at R7PreparednessNewsletter@epa.gov

[Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\) Updates](#)

- ****Free TRI training on April 26.** The EPA Region 7 Regional Office in Lenexa, Kansas will be hosting TRI Basic Concept Training from 9-noon and TRI Advanced Concepts from 1-5pm. To register for this free training visit <https://surveys.abtassociates.com/s3/Registration-for-the-EPA-Region-7-TRI-Training-Workshop>
- ****Information from the 2016 TRI National Analysis is available at** www.epa.gov/trinationalanalysis
- EPA has published a direct final action to update the NAICS codes that are currently used to classify facilities subject to reporting under Section 313 of EPCRA. Facilities meeting these TRI reporting requirements will be required to use 2017 NAICS codes on TRI reporting forms, beginning with reporting forms that are due on July 1, 2018 (covering releases and other waste management activities at facilities for the 2017 calendar year). For more information, visit www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/adoption-2017-north-american-industry-classification-system
- For TRI related questions contact Karen Johnson at johnson.karent@epa.gov or 913-551-5014

[Update to CAMEO and MARPLOT Now Available](#)

In December 2017, numerous improvements were made to the MARPLOT program. In January 2018, numerous improvements were also made to the CAMEO program, including the addition of new physical and health hazard categories found on Safety Data Sheets. For more information or to download the updates visit www.epa.gov/cameo/marplot-software and www.epa.gov/cameo/cameo-software.

[Region 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee \(LEPC\) Conference Updates](#)

Planning for the 2019 conference has started. Please contact Terri Blunk at blunk.terri@epa.gov if you'd like to join the planning committee.

Emergency Response and Removal News

- **An updated list of On Scene Coordinators and their outreach areas is attached at the end of this report.
- **For information on removal actions completed by EPA, please visit the new website at <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/

**Region 7 Assists with National Disaster Response Efforts

In 2017 and 2018, EPA Region 7 has deployed multiple personnel to support hurricane and wildfire responses in Texas, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, and California. EPA Region 7 conducted 62 deployments to assist Region 6 in response to Hurricane Harvey that impacted Texas. Due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Region 7 had approximately 45 deployments to support Region 2 in response efforts in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Finally, Region 7 had 40 deployments to support Region 9 in response to wildfires in Northern and Southern California.

**Highlights from Removal Actions Being Conducted in Nebraska

Northwestern Metals Site in Lincoln. The original smelter ceased operations in the 1960s. EPA and NDEQ have sampled residential yards near the former smelter to check for lead in the soil. EPA plans to begin residential yard lead remediation in April 2018.

General News

**Planned Training in Region 7

The following training opportunities are planned through October 2018. For more information or to register, please visit: www.trainex.org/default.cfm

- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response 40-Hour. Kansas City, KS. April 16-20, 2018
- Groundwater High-Resolution Site Characterization. Kansas City, MO. June 5-6, 2018
- Air Monitoring for Emergency Response. Lenexa, KS, August 28 - 30, 2018

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.

Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC), Underground Storage Tanks (UST) and Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) News

EPA Region 7's oil spill prevention program includes the SPCC, UST, and LUST programs. The SPCC rule helps facilities prevent a discharge of oil into navigable waters or adjoining shorelines. The UST/LUST program work includes increasing emphasis on properly operating, maintaining, and mitigating leaks in UST equipment. For more information, visit the following websites:

SPCC - www.epa.gov/oil-spills-prevention-and-preparedness-regulations

UST/LUST - www.epa.gov/ust

****Waters of the US Rulemaking Update**

EPA and the U.S. Department of the Army finalized a rule adding an applicability date to the 2015 Rule defining "waters of the United States". The 2015 Rule will not be applicable until February 6, 2020. For more information visit www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/final-rule-definition-waters-united-states-addition-applicability-date-2015-clean-water

****Hazardous Substances Spill Prevention – February 2018 Bi-Annual Report Available**

The Hazardous Substances Spill Prevention Letter of Intent, issued February 11, 2016, indicated EPA's intention to initiate a rulemaking pursuant to CWA section 311(j)(1)(C). Per that letter of intent, the next Bi-Annual update on the progress in the development of a proposed rule is available. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/rulemaking-preventing-hazardous-substance-spills/hazardous-substance-spill-prevention-bi-annual

End of Year UST Performance Measures Report Available

EPA collects data from states and territories regarding UST performance measures. These data include information such as the number of active and closed tanks, releases confirmed, cleanups initiated and completed, facilities in compliance with UST requirements, and inspections. The data table for October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 is now available and provides data for all states, territories, and Indian country. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/ust/ust-performance-measures

CAA 112(r) - Risk Management Program News

- 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.
- 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 Jodi Harper at harper.jodi@epa.gov.

Risk Management Program Training Now Available On-line

Region 7 has developed modules discussing the requirements of CAA 112(r)(7), common compliance pitfalls, preparing for inspections and the Region 7 inspection process, and case studies. Though the modules are geared for regulated facilities anyone who wants to learn more about the Risk Management Program would benefit, including emergency planners. Pdfs of the webinars can also be downloaded from the site. The training is posted at www.epa.gov/rmp/region-7-risk-management-program-webinars

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. For more information see the recently updated answers to frequently asked questions found at www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-08/documents/rmp_final_rule_qs_and_as_8-02-17.pdf



USEPA REGION 7 EMERGENCY RESPONSE OUTREACH PROGRAM

24-Hour Emergency Reporting Number: (913) 281-0991

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Saint Louis, Missouri

Smith, Heath	(636) 326-4724
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Federal On-Scene Coordinators have been assigned outreach areas indicated on the map, with emphases on assisting or participating in these areas at SERC/LEPC meetings, trainings, and exercises. In addition, On-Scene Coordinators work to understand principal threats in a given area and state and local response capabilities, as well as providing areas with an understanding of EPA response capabilities.

The 24-hour Emergency Reporting Number (913) 281-0991 will remain the point of contact for all emergencies.

