



## 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 substance<sup>(1)</sup> or a CERCLA hazardous substance<sup>(2)</sup> 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 material<sup>(3)</sup> 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<sup>(4)</sup> 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)<sup>(4)</sup>. 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.

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.

<sup>1</sup> See 40 CFR 355 for a listing of extremely hazardous substances (EHS)

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

<sup>3</sup> See 49 CFR 172.101 for a list of hazardous materials

<sup>4</sup> 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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