

RMP Emergency Planning and Response Exercises



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RMP History and Chemical Hierarchy

1990 Risk Management Program

+2,000 EPCRA Chemicals

140 RMP

Chemicals

+60,000 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemicals 1978 Chemical Substance Inventory

1987 *Toxic Release Inventory*

1986 Emergency Planning and

Community Right-to-Know Act

+1 million Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) Hazardous Chemicals

1990 OSHA Process Safety

+90 million Hazardous Materials with Chemical Abstract System (CAS) Numbers









Threshold Quantity (TQ)

As listed in §68.130 as specified in §68.115:

The greater the hazard the lower the TQ

77 Toxic chemicals 63 Flammables

112(r) Regulated Substances Toxics List

Chemical Name	CAS No.	TQ (lbs)
Acrolein	.107-02-8	5,000
Acrylonitrile	.107-13-1	20,000
Acrylyl chloride	.814-68-6	5,000
Allyl alcohol	.107-18-6	15,000
Allylamine	.107-11-9	10,000
Ammonia (anhydrous)	.7664-41-7 .	10,000
Ammonia (conc 20% or greater)	.7664-41-7.	20,000
Arsenous trichloride	.7784-34-1.	15,000
Arsine	.7784-42-1.	1,000
Boron trichloride	.10294-34-5	5. 5,000
Boron trifluoride	.7637-07-2	5,000
Boron trifluoride	.353-42-4	15,000
compound with methylether (1:1)		
Bromine	.7726-95-6.	10,000
Carbon disulfide	.75-15-0	20,000
Chlorine	.7782-50-5.	2,500
Chlorine dioxide	.10049-04-4	. 1,000
Chloroform	.67-66-3	20,000
Chloromethyl ether	.542-88-1	1,000
Chloromethyl methyl ether	.107-30-2	5,000
Crotonaldehyde	.4170-30-3.	20,000
Crotonaldehyde (E)	.123-73-9	20,000
Cyanogen chloride	.506-77-4	10,000
Cyclohexylamine	.108-91-8	15,000
Diborane	.19287-45-7	. 2,500
Dimethyldichlorosilane	.75-78-5	5,000
1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	. 57-14-7	15,000









BREAKDOWN OF RMP FACILITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA (280 FACILITIES)











RMP Incident Trends

RMP 10-Year Accident History (EPA 2017):

- 90% Facilities have no accidents
- 6% have 1 accident
- 2% have 2+ accidents
- 1/2 reportable accidents are from less than 2% of RMP facilities nationwide



ConAgra National Gas Explosion and Ammonia Release, June 2009 Garner, NC





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Preventing Incidents - Better Than Responding December 19, 2019 RMP Reconsideration Final Rule Compliance

Activity to Complete	Due Date	
 Develop Emergency Response Program Chemical, Quantity, Resource and Capabilities 	Within three years of owner or operator determining that facility is subject to the provisions	
Annual Coordination Requirements -Updates to Community ERP	Facilities shall coordinate response needs with local emergency planning and response organizations annually and more frequently if necessary.	
Develop exercise plans and schedules –	December 19, 2023	
facility ER staff, contractors	Frequency determined by coordination with facility	
	and local emergency response officials	
Conduct first annual notification exercise	December 19, 2024	
	Notification exercises. At least once each calendar	
	year, the owner or operator of a facility with any	
	Program 2 or Program 3 process shall conduct an	
	exercise of the facility's emergency response	
Conduct first field oversise	According to the oversise schedule established by	
simulated accidental release	the owner or operator in coordination with local	
	response agencies	
Conduct first tableton exercise	December 21, 2026	
-simulated accidental release	Frequency at minimum every 3 years	









Emergency Response Coordination What Must Facilities Provide?

Provide the local emergency planning and response organizations:

- The facility emergency response plan or emergency action plan;
- Updated emergency contact information; and
- Other information necessary for developing and implementing the local emergency response plan
- Responding Facilities (own hazmat team) Establishing schedules and plans for field and tabletop exercises









RMP Reports and Emergency Response

- Available in E-Plan
- **Under Facility Search** select RMP (by EPA)

Search Functions



Facility Documents

- I have submitted a site plan.
- I have attached a description of dikes and other safeguard measures.
- I have attached a list of site coordinate abbreviations.

File Name	File Category	Description	Upload Date or Index	Download
100000228336.pdf	RMPDoc	RMP Report for epa_facilityid= 100000228336	1415065	









RMP Report ER Information

- RMP Reports nine sections, ER information in:
- **Section 1**: LEPC, Process Chemical description, type of facility
- Section 2-5: Worst and Alternative Case for Toxics and Flammables includes modeling information and description of public impacts
- Section 6: Accident history description
- Section 9: Emergency Response capabilities
- **Executive Summary**: May include description of the chemical process, emergency response capabilities, etc.









RMP Response Status: Is it Correct?

- Many facilities indicate yes to having emergency response plans
- When reviewing plans is the facility actually equipped to respond to the chemical release?

-Written Emergency Response (ER) Plan

Community Plan (Is facility included in written community emergency response plan?):

Facility Plan (Does facility have its own written emergency response plan?):

Response Actions (Does ER plan include specific actions to be taken in response to accidental releases of regulated substance(s)?):

Public Information (Does ER plan include procedures for informing the public and local agencies responding to accidental release?):

Healthcare (Does facility's ER plan include information on emergency health care?):

-Emergency Response Review

Review Date (Date of most recent review or update of facility's ER plan):

-Emergency Response Training

Training Date (Date of the most recent ER training for facility's employees):





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Utilizing E-Plan for Responses

Tier II Submittals

- Annual Tier II submittals may include planning tools
- Emergency plans, facility maps with hazmat location, water supply and safe zones, chemical mitigation descriptions, ER equipment, process diagrams and SDSs
- Local responders and LEPCs may request facilities to upload documents in E-Plan











Emergency Response Plan Guidance











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