

Did You Know...

- Wisconsin has over 6,000 facilities that must submit Tier II reports for hazardous chemicals under EPCRA?
- There are over 2,500 planning facilities that are required to submit information on EHS chemicals stored at their facility?
- There were 296 reported hazardous materials incidents in Wisconsin in 2013 that caused \$490,000 in damages?

What Is EPCRA?

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know-Act (EPCRA) is a federal requirement for businesses that store hazardous materials to report the quantities of those materials. Those reports are then used by emergency management officials and emergency responders for emergency preparedness.

About WEM

WEM coordinates with local, state, tribal and federal agencies, as well as volunteer and private sector partners. We support 72 counties and 11 Tribal Nations bringing emergency management services to the state's 5.6 million citizens.



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EPCRA

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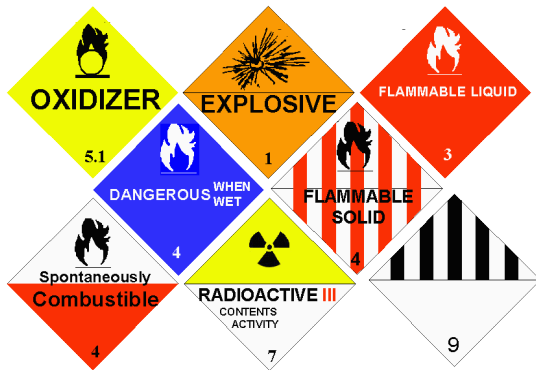


Information for Businesses

History

In 1984, a chemical release from a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India killed over 3,000 people. This incident showed the need for emergency planning in the event of an accidental chemical release.

In 1986, Congress created EPCRA to improve local emergency planning for accidental chemical releases and provide the public and local governments with information concerning potential chemical hazards present in their communities.



Who Reports...

Any facility that has at any one time:

- a hazardous chemical at or above 10,000 lbs., and/or
- an Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) above the Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) for that substance (or 500 lbs., whichever is lower.)

This is an annual reporting requirement that is due on March 1 each year.

Facilities that have an EHS at or above the TPQ must also file a one-time Emergency Planning Notification within 60 days of having an EHS present at or above the Threshold Planning Quantity.

Businesses that have 10 or more full-time employees may have to pay an annual reporting fee and/or a one-time emergency planning fee. Businesses with less than 10 employees are fee exempt.

How to Report

Facilities can report via the Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System (WHOPRS) accessible at:

<https://whoprs.wisconsin.gov>

More detailed information on EPCRA requirements, WHOPRS instructions, and training videos, is on the WEM web site at:

<https://dma.wi.gov/dma/wem>

The web site also has information on how to contact an EPCRA Compliance Officer for more help.

Businesses interested in learning how to prepare themselves and their employees for emergencies can go to readywisconsin.wi.gov.

