

TIER II REPORTING

Background

Tier II Reporting is a requirement under the EPCRA law. EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) was promulgated by the EPA in 1986 as part of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

EPCRA was passed in response to concerns regarding the environmental and safety hazards posed by the storage and handling of toxic chemicals. These concerns were elevated by the disaster in Bhopal, India, in which more than 2,000 people suffered death or serious injury from the accidental release of methyl isocyanate. To reduce the likelihood of such a disaster in the United States, Congress imposed requirements on both states and regulated facilities.

EPCRA establishes requirements for Federal, State, and local governments, Indian Tribes, and industry regarding emergency planning and “Community Right-to-Know” reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. The Community Right-to-Know provisions help increase the public’s knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and releases into the environment. States and communities, working with facilities, can use the information to improve chemical safety and protect public health and the environment.

EPCRA has four major provisions:

- 1 - Emergency planning (Section 301-303)
- 2 - Emergency release Notification (Section 304)
- 3 - Hazardous chemical storage reporting requirements (Sections 311-312, 40 CFR Part 370) **(This is the Tier II Reporting provision).**
- 4 - Toxic chemical release inventory (Section 313).

This section will discuss the Tier II reporting. Items 1,2, and 4 will be discussed in other sections of this webpage.

Hazardous Chemical Storage Reporting Requirements (40 CFR Part 370)

The first provision of this regulation requires facilities that have MSDS sheets for chemicals held above certain quantities to submit either copies of their MSDS sheets or a list of MSDS chemicals to the SERC, the LEPC, and the local fire department.

The threshold quantities are 500 lbs or the Threshold Planning Quantity for Extremely Hazardous Substances and 10,000 lbs for all other hazardous chemicals on site at any one time during a year.

Facilities that are covered by section 311, must, under section 312, submit annually an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form to the LEPC, the SERC, and the local fire department. This is the Tier II reporting form. These reports are due to the agencies on March 1 of every year and reports the inventories of the hazardous chemicals and extremely hazardous substances for the previous calendar year.

In the State of Georgia, the Tier II report is submitted electronically to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.



NEW TIER II REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES LOCATED IN GORDON COUNTY!

BEGINNING WITH THE 2007 TIER II REPORT (DUE MARCH 1, 2008) FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN GORDON COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT TIER II REPORTS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE GORDON COUNTY LEPC VIA ELECTRONIC REPORTING!

GORDON COUNTY LEPC WILL HAVE THE ESTABLISHED EMAIL ADDRESS THROUGH THIS WEBSITE THAT SHALL BE USED BY ALL REGULATED FACILITIES TO SUBMIT TIER II REPORTS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THE LEPC AND EMA.

HOW TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE TIER II REPORT TO THE PROPER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE LEPC

- 1 – Prepare your Tier II Report as usual using the Tier2Submit program. (This program can be downloaded from GAEPD’s website). (Be sure to follow EPD’s instructions for naming your submittal file.)**
- 2- Submit your Tier II Report to GAEPD as usual following their instructions.**
- 3- Submit another copy of your Tier II report to one of the following email addresses (which can be accessed from this website):**

NOTE: When sending this email, be sure to attach your TIER II file to the email as an attachment and then send the email to the proper email address.

- 4- If your facility is located in the county and your primary fire department is Gordon County Fire Department, submit your Tier II to the following address:**

countytier2@gordoncounty.org

- 5- If your facility is located in the city of Calhoun and your primary fire department is City of Calhoun Fire Department, submit your Tier II to the following address:**

citytier2@gordoncounty.org

Both of these addresses will also automatically send the Tier II Reports to Gordon County EMA, who will function as the administrative recordkeeper of Tier II reports for Gordon County LEPC.

**NOTE: In the Subject line please put in the following information:
“2007 Tier II Report – (Company Name)”**

- 6- When your Tier II Report has been electronically submitted to the proper email address and has been received, and automatic reply notification will be sent back to you indicating that the agencies have received your Tier II Report.**

PRINT THIS NOTIFICATION AND PLACE IT IN YOUR TIER II FILE!

