



SERC-TERC Updates [May 8, 2018]

The purpose of the *SERC-TERC Updates* is to identify and share new policies, guidance, and training resources that may be useful to the State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs).

**SERCs, TERCs, and Federal Partners:
Please forward this monthly update to your stakeholders**

****Mention of non-EPA documents, presentations, training opportunities and conferences does not constitute an U.S. EPA endorsement of their contents, only an acknowledgment that they exist and may be relevant to the SERC-TERC audience.***

If you have any comments or questions on this Update, please contact wharris@imd.idaho.gov

Regulatory and Policy Information related to Chemical Safety & Security

- **Updated Contact Information for Federal Explosives Licensees and Permittees**
 - The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will provide updated contact information for federal explosives licensees and permittees (FELs) in each SERC/TERC's geographic area.
 - In May, ATF will disseminate this information directly to SERC and TERC points of contact.
 - ATF provides this information on a biannual basis.
 - This plan was developed partially in response to concerns voiced by explosives industry associations that emphasized the need for more frequent and regular contact with local authorities.
 - This information can be further disseminated to first responders and appropriate LEPC/TEPC members to:
 - Help establish relationships and facilitate better communication between these local responders and the FELs in their areas;
 - Assist local responders in discussing FEL explosives storage information for emergency planning and response purposes; and
 - Enable local authorities and FELs to discuss and develop training for emergencies involving the explosives plants and storage facilities.

- Questions / for more information on locations in Idaho: wharris@imd.idaho.gov
- **CERCLA and EPCRA Reporting Requirements for Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Animal Waste at Farms: Update**
 - The Fair Agricultural Reporting Method (FARM) Act exempted farmers from reporting "air emissions from animal waste at a farm" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).
 - On May 2, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals issued its mandate vacating the 2008 final rule. However, farms will remain exempt from the CERCLA reporting requirements as a result of the FARM Act.
 - Additionally, air emissions from animal waste do not need to be reported under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).
 - For more information: www.epa.gov/animalwaste
- **RESPONSE Act of 2016: Final Report & Recommendations**
 - This Act amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002, directing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to establish the National Advisory Council (NAC) Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council.
 - The RESPONSE Subcommittee was tasked with developing recommendations for improving emergency responder training and resource allocation for hazardous materials incidents involving railroads.
 - The Subcommittee included federal officials from Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Transportation (DOT), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as other qualified individuals from non-federal entities.
 - The final report, [Ensuring Rail Preparedness: Improving Responder Training and Resource Allocation for Rail Hazardous Materials Incidents](#), contains seven NAC-approved recommendations, based on proposed recommendations submitted by the NAC RESPONSE Subcommittee.
 - For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/response-act-subcommittee>

Hot Topics

- **New Propane Fact Sheet & CFATS Videos Now Available**
 - The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has developed a new fact sheet to educate chemical facilities that possess propane, pursuant to the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program.
 - DHS has also developed two new videos to assist stakeholders with basic information regarding the CFATS program, as well as understanding the various regulated Chemicals of Interest found on Appendix A.
 - Video: ["What is CFATS?"](#)
 - Video: ["What are Reportable Chemicals?"](#)
 - For more information, visit the CFATS Knowledge Center: <https://csat-help.dhs.gov/>

Training Opportunities & Conferences

- **Ammonia Safety and Training Institute (ASTI) "Ammonia Safety Days" Training**

- ASTI offers FREE ammonia safety training.
- Each training is an 8-hour conference-style presentation designed for industry, firefighters and regulators addressing prevention of and safe response to ammonia emergencies.
- Sample topics include hazard analysis, equipment problems leading to emergencies, emergency shutdown, emergency control and containment, safety plans, personnel protection equipment, decontamination, integrating with public safety responders, monitoring systems, public receptors, communications, and safe escape or shelter.
- Ammonia Safety Days are scheduled for the following locations:

Salinas, CA	May 24
Kehei, Maui HI	May 31
Pago Pago, AS	June 7
Reno, NV	September 12
Pasadena, TX	September 17
Aurora, CO	October 10
Oakton, IL	October 11

- For more information and registration: <https://ammonia-safety.com/safety-days> or contact asti@ammonia-safety.com or 831-761-2935.

- **EPA Region 8 Tribal Solid & Hazardous Waste Workshop, 22 to 23 May, Pierre, SD**

- This EPA Region 8 workshop is co-sponsored by the Lower Brule and Yankton Sioux Tribes.
- Come learn and talk shop with tribes, federal, state, and local agencies about solid and hazardous waste topics impacting tribal nations and what resources are available.
 - Training will be 1.5 days with a field trip to the City of Pierre Solid Waste Bailing Facility.
 - Environmental directors, solid waste directors, and staff are invited to attend.
- To register, contact George Honeywell, ghoneywell@lbt-epo.org or 605-730-2603, or Roger Hancock: 303-312-6135.
 - There is no fee to attend this workshop.

- **LEPC Workshops, run through September 2018, EPA Region 6**

- For the past three years, the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6 has conducted Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) workshops throughout the region, working with state partners, OSHA and DHS.

- These workshops are designed to provide assistance and ideas to LEPCs and facilities on how to further implement EPCRA provisions.
 - EPA Region 6 states include: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas.
- The tentative schedule and agenda are now available.
- New dates will be added to the schedule periodically.
- For more information: mason.steve@epa.gov
 - There is no fee to attend these workshops.
- **FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Tribal Curriculum Schedule, runs through August 2018**
 - FEMA offers tribal government-specific emergency management training at various locations.
 - For more information/Schedule of Courses: <https://training.fema.gov/tribal/schedule.aspx>
 - Please Note: Applications must be received at EMI no less than 6 weeks prior to the course start date.
- **2018 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum (TLEF), 13 to 16 August 2018, Spokane, WA**
 - This year's Forum will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on our conference theme: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources.
 - Topics include:
 - Solid/hazardous waste management
 - Brownfields
 - UST/LUSTs
 - Superfund sites
 - Emergency response
 - Tribal waters
 - For more information: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef/Index

For More Information

- CAMEO: <https://cameo.noaa.gov/>
- CFATS: <https://www.dhs.gov/risk-chemical-facility-anti-terrorism-standards-cfats>
- Critical Infrastructure / Chemical Security: <http://www.dhs.gov/critical-infrastructure-chemical-security>
- EPCRA: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra>
- NASTTPO: <http://nasttpo.com/>
- PSM: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/processsafetymanagement/>
- RMP: <https://www.epa.gov/rmp>