

Reporting Releases and Tier II Reports

Disclaimer: The information on this page is not intended to provide legal guidance or interpretation of any rule, regulation or standard as promulgated by state and federal agencies. It is intended to provide contact information for notification of the Douglas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (DCLEPC) when facilities are required to report to the local LEPC. This page does not include information for reporting to other agencies. Please refer to current rules, regulations or standards for definition of terms, clarification and legal reporting requirements.

REPORTING A HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL RELEASE TO THE DCLEPC:

The owner or operator of a facility shall provide notice to the DCLEPC if a release occurs of a hazardous material substance subject to the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 commonly referred to as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and/or the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1997 (NEPCRA). Prior to reporting to the DCLEPC, other emergency response agencies and services shall be notified first as necessary and required.

When requesting assistance or services for first responders, dial 911.

To report a release to the DCLEPC, email pertinent information to the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency (DCEMA) at DCLEPC@douglascounty-ne.gov and provide a response and explanation to each topic stated below.

- Name of the individual reporting the release to DCEMA along with follow-up contact information including phone number and email address
- Name, address and any other details that help identify the location of the release
- Name, quantity, date, time and any other pertinent details of the hazardous material that was released
- Who responded to contain or remediate the release (facility staff, public safety personnel, contractors, etc.?)
- Obvious release pathways (e.g. air, waterway, liquid runoff onto/into street, sewer, ground surface, parking lot, roof top, plant floor, etc.)
- Was 911 notified; if not, why not?
- Did anyone require medical attention beyond first aid?
- Was anyone required to evacuate the site?
- Was the released material reported as a Tier II chemical the previous calendar year?
- Was/is there applicable and relevant air sampling data or results from dispersion modeling available that measures or predicts off-site airborne exposure concentration to the public?
- When does the facility estimate that normal operations will be re-established and what facility operations will be delayed for normal start-up? Will there be off-site emissions due to the consequences of the release prior to returning to normal operations, if yes please describe.

Reporting the release to the DCLEPC does not relieve the reporting entity from its legal, prudent and/or ethical responsibilities to notify 911 or any other agency, department or service that should be notified to provide assistance, oversight or communication.

Sending Tier II Reports to the LEPC and Omaha Fire Department Special Operations Division

Facilities in Douglas County subject to the EPCRA must submit Tier Two Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory forms on an annual basis to the DCLEPC and to the Omaha Fire Department Special Operations Division. This can be accomplished by using the following methods.

- a. Scanning and emailing the forms to: DCLEPC-OFD@douglascounty-ne.gov , or by
- b. Sending a hard copy to: Douglas County LEPC c/o DCEMA, Civic Center EOC, 1819 Farnam St., Omaha, NE 68183, and to Omaha Fire Department Special Operations, Omaha Public Safety Training Center, 11616 Rainwood Road, Omaha, NE 68140.

In addition to the guidance stated in paragraphs “a” or “b” above, facilities should also ensure that Tier II forms are also sent to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Lincoln, Nebraska.

It should be noted that written communication with the LEPC pertaining to other topics can be accomplished by utilizing the DCLEPC@douglascounty-ne.gov email address.