

**EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act)**  
**Alaska State 40 CFR Part 355.40**  
**Emergency Chemical Release Reporting**

Congress passed a law to help America's communities deal safely and effectively with the hazardous substances used throughout our society. The law is called the **Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act**. The law has two main purposes:

- to encourage and support emergency planning for responding to chemical accidents; and
- to provide local governments **and the public** with information about possible chemical hazards in their communities.

**Immediate reporting** must be made (within 15 minutes if possible) if there is a **spill or release** of an Extremely Hazardous Substance or a release of a CERCLA Hazardous Substance that exceeds the **Reportable Quantity**. The following agencies must be **notified** and the report must contain the items identified in the regulations:

- **911**, call to report the emergency and get help (not required by statute, however, this is always a good idea)
- **National Response Center (NRC)**, 1-800-424-8802, if it is a CERCLA chemical.
- **State of Alaska**: During normal business hours call the nearest Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) response team office.

Area	Phone	FAX
Central (Anchorage)	269-3063	269-7648
Northern (Fairbanks)	451-2121	451-2362
Southeast (Juneau)	465-5340	465-2237

Outside normal business hours call: 1-800-478-9300 (International: 1-907-428-7200)

- **Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**; notify all LEPCs that could potentially be affected by the spill or release. Phoning 911 may satisfy this requirement if the community is set up this way, it may not satisfy the requirements for notification of other LEPCs potentially affected by the spill or release.  
[http://www.ak-prepared.com/serc/LEPC\\_Home.htm](http://www.ak-prepared.com/serc/LEPC_Home.htm)

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) establishes Local Emergency Planning Districts and manages LEPCs. Coordination of SERC and LEPC activities resides with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, 907-428-7000. The LEPC Coordinator is Mariel Fonteyn, 907-428-7024, email Mariel Fonteyn, [Mariel.fonteyn@alaska.gov](mailto:Mariel.fonteyn@alaska.gov) and the SERC Coordinator is Kim Weibl, 907-428-7020, email Kim Weibl, [kim.weibl@alaska.gov](mailto:kim.weibl@alaska.gov).

**Report a spill or release within 15 minutes if possible.**  
**No penalties for reporting a spill or release unnecessarily.**  
**Significant penalties possible for not reporting a spill or release.**

**Written Follow-up Reports** are required under **EPCRA SECTION 304(c)** and must be submitted within 30 days of a spill or release. The report must contain items in the regulations. Submit reports to the nearest DEC office and the LEPCs that could potentially be affected by the release.

**WHEN MORE THAN ONE LEPC IS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY A SPILL OR RELEASE, EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS AND WRITTEN FOLLOW-UPS MUST BE MADE TO ALL LEPCs POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE SPILL OR RELEASE.**  
[http://ready.alaska.gov/serc/LEPC\\_Home.htm](http://ready.alaska.gov/serc/LEPC_Home.htm)

**The List of Lists-Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to EPCRA, CERCLA and Section 112(r) of the CAA- was prepared to help firms handling chemicals determine (for a specific chemical) whether they may be subject to reporting requirements.** <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/tools.htm#lol>

Industry, interested citizens, environmental and other public-interest organizations, and government at all levels must work together to reduce the risk to the public from releases of toxic chemicals into the environment.  
[http://www.epa.gov/region10/pdf/epcra/alaska\\_release\\_reporting\\_guide.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region10/pdf/epcra/alaska_release_reporting_guide.pdf)