

Emergency Procedures and Spill Reporting Requirements

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For all imminent or actual emergencies, the emergency coordinator must immediately activate internal facility alarms or communication systems and notify appropriate state or local agencies.

Release, Fire or Explosion

The emergency coordinator must immediately identify the character, exact source, amount and areal extent of any released material and assess possible hazards to public health or the environment.

For release, fire or explosion that could impact public health or the environment off-site:

- Immediately notify appropriate local authorities if evacuation of local areas is advisable
- Immediately notify the ADEQ Emergency Response Unit (602-771-2330 or 800-234-5677) and

the National Response Center (800-424-8802) with the following information:

- Name, address, and telephone number of the reporter
- Name and address of the facility
- Time and type of incident (e.g., release, fire)
- Name and quantity of material(s) involved, to the extent known
- The extent of injuries, if any
- The possible hazards to public health, or the environment, outside the facility.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure fires, explosions and releases do not recur or spread to other hazardous waste at the facility

If the generator stops operations, the emergency coordinator must monitor for leaks, pressure buildup, gas generation, or ruptures in valves, pipes or other equipment, as appropriate.

Immediately After an Emergency

- Provide for treating/storing/ disposing of recovered waste and contaminated soil/water
- Do not treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste that may be incompatible with the released material until cleanup procedures are completed
- Clean and evaluate all equipment listed in the Contingency Plan

In addition, submit a written report to ADEQ **within 15 days** of the incident and include:

- Name, address and telephone number of the generator
- Date, time and type of incident (fire, explosion)
- Name and quantity of material(s) involved
- Extent of injuries, if any
- An assessment of actual or potential hazards to public health or the environment
- Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material from the incident

More Information

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