

ERU News | April 2020

The mission of the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) is to minimize injuries, deaths, property damage and threats to human health and the environment from chemical spills, fires, explosions and other pollutant releases by stabilizing emergency incidents through its role as the environmental element of the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan.

ERU's Primary Responsibilities

- Respond to hazardous material and pollutant releases that pose an immediate threat to public safety. Identify materials, assess immediate health and environmental risks, and evaluate mitigation measures. Advise local authorities and responsible parties on safe handling and disposal procedures consistent with State and Federal environmental law.
- Directly provide for containment and proper disposal of materials when responsible parties are not capable of doing so. Refer cases to ADEQ program offices or other authorities for appropriate follow-up.
- Operate the Statewide hazardous substance spill reporting network. Document calls, dispatch and refer effectively. Develop and operate the spill report database. Provide information to the public as requested.
- Support the Emergency Response Planning outreach and education efforts of individual facilities, local agencies and other planning and prevention agencies. This includes participating in preplanning activities, drills, training and other assistance.



Non-Emergency Spill Calls

January - March 2020 total: 52 spills reported

| <u>County</u> | <u># of Spill Calls</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Apache | 0 |
| Cochise | 1 |
| Coconino | 2 |
| Gila | 1 |
| Greenlee | 0 |
| Graham | 3 |
| La Paz | 0 |
| Maricopa | 23 |
| Mohave | 4 |
| Navajo | 0 |
| Pima | 5 |
| Pinal | 7 |
| Santa Cruz | 0 |
| Yavapai | 4 |
| Yuma | 0 |
| Unknown | 2 |

Welcoming a New Manager



We would like to introduce our new Emergency Response Unit Manager, Arcangel Barragan! Arcangel has been with ADEQ since June 2017 where he has served as an Emergency Response Specialist. He also served in the Marine Corps from June 2009 to June 2017.

Online Trainings Starting May 2020

We will be hosting bi-monthly, one-hour Training Events online. To get more information, please contact: Michele Martinez at 602-771-4633 or martinez.michele@azdeq.gov

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Info

LEPCs are made up of local officials including police, fire, civil defense, public health, transportation and environmental professionals, as well as representatives of facilities subject to the emergency planning requirements, community groups and the media. LEPCs are responsible for developing emergency response plans, reviewing the plans annually and providing information about chemicals in the community to citizens.

Recent LEPC Workshops

Feb. 5, 2020, LEPC Workshop @ ADEQ Phoenix | [View Agenda](#) | [View/Download Presentation >](#)

Emergency Response Fund 2020 Update | [View >](#)

LEPC Contacts by County | [View List >](#)

Changes in LEPC membership must be submitted to AZSERC within 30 days of change, using a *Notice of LEPC Member Appointment, Resignation or Removal* form:

- [View/Download LEPC Membership Change Form >](#)
- [View LEPC Member Review Process >](#)

AZSERC / EPCRA

The Arizona State Emergency Response Commission (AZSERC) is tasked with the implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) in Arizona. In pursuit of that task, AZSERC oversees 15 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) across the state and provides emergency response support to community, industry and government | [Learn More about AZSERC and EPCRA >](#)

AZSERC Members | [View List >](#)

Upcoming AZSERC Events

AZSERC Public Meeting
Summer 2020 | Details TBD
[Subscribe to Receive Updates >](#)

Past Events

AZSERC Public Meeting
Oct. 22, 2019 | [View Meeting Minutes >](#)

EPCRA 311/312 Reporting Requirements - Lithium Ion Batteries

Are lithium ion batteries subject to MSDS Reporting under EPCRA Section 311 and Chemical Inventory (i.e., Tier II) Reporting under EPCRA Section 312?

[Read EPA's answer >](#)

EPCRA Amendments Summary | PUBLIC LAW 115-270-OCT. 23, 2018 | [View/Download >](#)

- Amendments to Section 304 - Emergency Notification
[Read Section 304 Amendments >](#)
- Amendments to Section 312 - Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms ("Tier II Information")
[Read Section 312 Amendments >](#)

Updates from EPA

Upcoming Event - CANCELLED

Regional Response Team 9 (RRT9) Workshop & Meeting
April 28-29, 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

To receive updates regarding future meetings, please contact EPA's Region 9 Emergency Planning and Preparedness Coordinator, Bill Jones, at Jones.Bill@epa.gov.

Chemical Safety Board Final Rule Published

On February 21, 2020, the Chemical Safety Board published a [final rule for Accidental Release Reporting](#). The enabling statute of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) provides that the CSB shall establish by regulation requirements binding on persons for reporting accidental releases into the ambient air subject to the Board's investigative jurisdiction. The final rule is intended to satisfy this statutory requirement. The rule describes when an owner or operator is required to file a report of an accidental release, and the required content of such a report. The purpose of the rule is to ensure that the CSB receives rapid, accurate reports of any accidental release that meets established statutory criteria.

TRI-MEweb Available for 2019 TRI/EPCRA 313 Reporting

Facilities may now begin using TRI-MEweb to prepare and submit Toxics Release Inventory reporting forms for reporting year 2019. Facilities must submit their reporting

forms to EPA and the relevant state or tribe by July 1, 2020. Find out what's new for RY19 TRI reporting at <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/electronic-submission-tri-reporting-forms> >

PFAS Added to the TRI/EPCRA 313 Chemical List

Effective January 1, 2020, the National Defense Authorization Act added certain Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) to the list of chemicals subject to TRI reporting requirements. The first TRI reporting forms for these chemicals are due to EPA by July 1, 2021. For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/addition-certain-pfas-tri-national-defense-authorization-act> >

Tier II

Tier II - 2019

Reporting season end: March 1, 2020.
4,093 facilities
12,602 chemicals reported

Tier II - 2018

4,566 facilities
14,050 chemicals reported

[View/Download Tier II Reporting Instructions >](#)

ADEQ will continue to work on the Tier II website and enhancements to ensure customer compliance and satisfaction.

Contact us: Tier II Support Team | 602-771-0397 | azserc@azdeq.gov.



Training Opportunities

Military/Veteran Resource Navigator Training

Arizona is home to more than 625,000 service members, veterans & their families. How do we ensure there is no wrong door and no wrong person for them to connect to resources? Arizona's Military/Veteran Resource Navigators!

Resource Navigators are members of our community who are trained to connect service members, veterans & family members to the array of available resources. Navigator training includes:

- How to use the Resource Connection Guide.
- Key factors that may affect a person or family's access to resources.
- Navigation strategies.
- How to link into the military/veteran community to find resources to address a range of issues, including employment, physical & mental health, finances, family issues and more.

Dates with Upcoming Registration Opportunities (all trainings are held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.):

May 13 | Phoenix
June 17 | Tucson
July 15 | Phoenix
August 12 | Tucson
October 14 | Tucson
December 16 | Tucson

[Click to Register >](#)

Directions and room location will be emailed to registered participants. There is no cost but space is limited. We are continuously adding new dates and locations, so check the registration link again later! Interested in hosting a Resource Navigator training? Contact us at info@arizonacoalition.org or 602-753-8802. Questions? Please email events@arizonacoalition.org or call 602-753-8802.

Questions?

Contact our Support Team at 602-771-0397 or azserc@azdeq.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

[Tier II FAQs](#) | [Haz Materials Emergency Preparedness FAQs](#) | [Emergency Response Fund FAQs](#) >