

# Louisiana State Police



## Emergency Services Unit

# ESU Goals and Objectives

1. Public Safety & Education
  - Provide for public safety through education and enforcement of regulations and statutes.
2. Training and Equipment
  - Maintain adequate personnel, training and equipment to enable responders to adequately respond.
3. Enforcement
  - Enforce State and Federal regulations.
4. Support
  - Provide technical information, response and logistical support to the Department, other State, Federal and Local Agencies.

# SARA TITLE III

SARA Title III is a complex federal law with a simple purpose: to protect lives and property by enabling all segments of a community to have access to timely detailed information about hazardous materials in their community and to use that information to plan for potential chemical emergencies.



SARA Title III encompasses four sections:

- Sections 301-303 deal with emergency planning (**LERC & LEPC**)
- Section 304 encompasses emergency release notification (**HAZMAT Hotline**)
- Sections 311-312 cover hazardous chemical reporting (**Tier II Filing**)
- Section 313 covers toxic chemical release reporting and inventory (EPA & DEQ)

# Emergency Release Notification

- Sections 304

HAZMAT HOTLINE

**225-925-6595**

**877-925-6595**

**ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION - 2014**



# Emergency Release Notification

## HAZMAT Hotline

- 1998 6,139 INCIDENTS
- 1999 7,299 INCIDENTS
- 2000 7,705 INCIDENTS
- 2001 7,953 INCIDENTS
- 2002 8,724 INCIDENTS
- 2003 9,065 INCIDENTS
- 2004 9,004 INCIDENTS
- 2005 9,268 INCIDENTS
- 2006 7,779 INCIDENTS
- 2007 7,873 INCIDENTS
- 2008 8,138 INCIDENTS
- 2009 7,008 INCIDENTS
- 2010 7,386 INCIDENTS
- 2011 8,130 INCIDENTS
- 2012 8,103 INCIDENTS
- 2013 5,808 INCIDENTS
- 2014 5,648 INCIDENTS

Emergency Release Notification

# **Incident Reporting Requirements**

Fixed Site Incident Reporting:

Revised Statute 30:2373

Transportation Incident Reporting:

Revised Statute 32:1510



# Immediate Notification

All reportable releases must be reported immediately

Each release or incident must be reported to:

1. **Local Emergency Planning Committee** with jurisdiction over a facility; and then to
2. Office of State Police, Transportation and Environmental Safety Section using the **Hazardous Materials Hotline** phone number 225/925-6595 or toll free 1-877-925-6595
3. The owner or operator must ensure that timely notification is made to the department



# Fixed Site Reporting

Revised Statute 30:2373

## Incident Reporting Requirements

1. The release causes any **INJURY** requiring **hospitalization**, defined as "The admission into a hospital as a patient for an overnight stay or emergency treatment at a hospital to the extent that the owner or operator requested such treatment or becomes aware of such treatment within twenty-four (24) hours of the initiation of the relevant release." or any **FATALITY**; or

# Fixed Site Reporting

2. The release results in a **FIRE OR EXPLOSION** which could reasonably be expected to affect the public safety beyond the boundaries of the facility; or



# Fixed Site Reporting

3. The release exceeds the **REPORTABLE QUANTITY** during any continuous twenty-four (24) hours period when that reportable quantity could reasonably be expected to escape beyond the site of the facility; or



# Fixed Site Reporting

4. The incident, accident or clean-up within the facility could reasonably be expected to affect public safety beyond the boundaries of the facility; or

# Fixed Site Reporting

5. The owner or operator knows a protective action beyond the boundaries of the facility has been initiated.

# Transportation Reporting

Revised Statute 32:1510

**Each person** involved in an **INCIDENT, ACCIDENT, or CLEAN-UP** involving hazardous materials must notify the Louisiana State Police Haz-Mat Hotline immediately if it involves:



# Transportation Reporting

1. There is a fatality due to fire, explosion or exposure to the material; or

# Transportation Reporting

2. Hospitalization is required, defined as  
"The admission into a hospital as a patient  
for an overnight stay or emergency  
treatment at a hospital to the extent that  
the owner or operator requested such  
treatment or becomes aware of such  
treatment within twenty-four (24) hours of  
the initiation of the relevant release."; or



# Transportation Reporting

3. There is a release of material; or

*Release* means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, or disposing into the environment (including the abandonment or discarding of barrels, containers, and other closed receptacles containing any hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant),



# Transportation Reporting

4. The transfer of bulk material is deemed necessary on a public highway or within five hundred feet of an inhabited building; or

# Transportation Reporting

5. If a bulk container is leaning at an angle of  $45^{\circ}$  or more; or

# Transportation Reporting

6. If there is property damage of  
\$10,000.00.



# Transportation Reporting

If there is mechanical damage unconnected to the hazardous materials involved, NO notification is necessary. HOWEVER, a courtesy notification to the LSP Hotline could be beneficial if problems arise during repairs.

# Chemical Reporting

## Section 311 - 312

### Tier II

For 2014 –

17,602 facilities in Louisiana  
filed a Tier II report

# CHANGES - 2014

- Electronic Notification
- New Tier II forms and questions



# Electronic Notification

## Act 311 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session

To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2366(C) and (D) and the introductory paragraph of R.S. 32:1510(A), and to enact R.S. 30:2363(20), relative to reporting requirements for state and local governments after certain incidents, accidents, and cleanups involving hazardous materials; to provide for definitions; to provide for electronic or telephonic notifications of such events; and to provide for related matters.

Tier II, Fixed Site and Transportation related regulations can be found on the Louisiana State Police web site.

<http://www.lsp.org/rtk.html>

For information on how to file your Tier Two form electronically via the Internet, please go to the following Internet address:

<http://www.dpsweb.dps.louisiana.gov/LCNweb.nsf>

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