



SPILL REPORTING

There are emergency planning and reporting requirements for hazardous chemicals under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and for oil under the Oil Pollution Act. The exact requirements depend on the type of chemical handled.

Each EPCRA hazardous chemical has an associated "reportable quantity." If you spill or release more than this quantity at your construction site, you are required to report the spill or release to a local authority. If you have hazardous chemicals on your site, you can identify the authority who should receive the reports by contacting your local fire department. EPCRA also requires that you maintain a material safety data sheet (MSDS) for all materials on your site that contain hazardous chemicals. You can obtain an MSDS from the chemical supplier. When purchasing chemicals, be sure to ask if they are hazardous.