

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILL OR RELEASE NOTIFICATIONS

All significant releases or threatened releases of a hazardous material, including oil and radioactive materials, require emergency notification to government agencies. Notification shall be made by telephone and must be immediately reported.

**First Call:**  
**9-1-1**

(or your local emergency response agency)

**Secondly** Call the National Response Center at:

**800-424-8802**

Code of Federal Regulations requires immediate verbal notification for any Federal Reportable Quantities (RQ) release. Reporting is required (as soon as possible) but no longer than 15 minutes after release.

**Third** Call the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection at:

**888-331-6337**

**Next** Call the Nevada SERC at:

**775-684-7511**

**Also you need to contact your county LEPC and the local fire department if you haven't already.**

EPCRA requires a written report to be completed and submitted to the SERC as soon as practical (usually to be considered 30 days). The written follow-up shall discuss the status and corrective actions taken.

**If radioactive materials are involved Call:**

**877-438-7231**

Nevada State Emergency  
Response Commission  
(SERC)  
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Carson City, NV 89711  
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NEVADA STATE  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
COMMISSION

**The mission of SERC is to protect the citizens of the State of Nevada against the negative effects of Hazardous Materials and Terrorism**



SERC provides grant funds for planning, equipment and training activities related to hazardous materials mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.



SERC distributes the money generated by the sale and renewal of the United We Stand specialty license plate. The fund are given out as grants to LEPC's and State Agencies and are used to prevent terrorism.

# Nevada State Emergency Response Commission

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The Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 11001-11050, requires each state to have a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The intent of this federal law was to improve state and local planning and response capabilities to react to hazardous materials emergencies and to provide access to information about hazardous materials to the public. EPCRA specifies what kind of releases and quantities require notification, to who reports and notification are required, and establishes threshold-planning quantities. The provisions of EPCRA requires industries to comply with reports of storage, manufacturer and release to specific agencies annually. Along with these reporting requirements, fees required by state law are collected and granted to state and local agencies to provide assistance in planning, training and equipment activities, to prevent and respond to hazardous material incidents. The Nevada SERC was established in 1987 and codified in Nevada Revised Statute 459.735. The planning districts or Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) stipulated in the federal law is divided by county in Nevada, there are 17 LEPCs in Nevada that carry-out the activities set forth in EPCRA.

The Nevada SERC consist of individuals appointed by the Governor and maintains a balance reflecting private industry, local and state government, and geographical area. The operations of the SERC are funded from the Highway Fund pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 459.735.

## Local Emergency Planning Committee's (see [www.serc.nv.gov](http://www.serc.nv.gov) for contact information)

Carson City	Lincoln County
Clark County	Lyon County
Churchill County	Mineral County
Douglas County	Nye County
Elko County	Pershing County
Esmeralda County	Storey County
Eureka County	Washoe County
Humboldt County	White Pine County
Lander County	

The Nevada SERC supports the LEPCs by providing operation funds which help pay the operational costs as they relate to hazardous materials under EPCRA , state law, and SERC regulations and policies. The SERC also ensuring that each LEPC maintain a current Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plans which is in compliant with the National Response Team (NRT-1) planning elements. The federal publication contains specific recommendations on how each of the nine required planning elements that need to be addressed. In addition, each LEPC must exercise its plans annually.



Regulated facilities are required to prepare and submit their hazardous materials information into the Nevada Online Hazmat Reporting System by March 1 of each year. This information can be accessed by the SERC, LEPCs, and local fire department and public safety officials in order to plan for and respond to hazardous materials incidents in their respective counties and jurisdictions.

The Nevada SERC collects funds from a federal grant program called Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP), state fees collected on the chemical inventory and release reports, and on the fees collected from the specialty license plate United We Stand. These funds are then distributed to LEPCs and state agencies by using various grant applications and a SERC approval process.

