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Release Reporting of a Hazardous Substance

Did you know that a verbal notification to the local fire department, local emergency planning commission (LEPC), and state environmental agency are required in the event that a reportable quantity (RQ) material is released into the environment? In addition, after the incident is resolved the responsible party is required to compile an extensive report including various forms of documentation, photographs, site maps etc. and submit it to the aforementioned parties within 30 days.

What should be reported?

Materials subject to release reporting are:

- Extremely Hazardous Substances 40 CFR; Part 355; Appendix A and B,
- CERCLA Hazardous Substances 40 CFR Part 302; Table 302.4, and
- Oil/fuel, any type.

How do you know if you should report?

The reportable quantity of a substance is a given weight or amount of a material determined by the EPA that must be reported if released into the environment. The RQ can be found in most hazardous materials handbooks and is required to be carried by any transporter of hazardous materials. In some cases your state agency may have a RQ that is lower than those given by federal regulations so it is important to know local regulations or have a competent response team who does.

The EPA recommends that if you are unsure, report it. Midwest Environmental Services staff is made up of highly knowledgeable professionals that are well versed on state and federal regulations pertaining to emergency response and have an established working relationship with environmental regulators in the Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky area. Penalties for non-compliance with reporting requirements can lead to fines of a minimum of ten thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars for each day that the release goes unreported, and possibly two to four years in prison depending on the state you are in and material released.

Midwest Environmental Services has several highly qualified emergency response teams in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky that are equipped to tackle your emergency needs 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Midwest handles all clean up procedures and mandatory reporting; relieving you from the frustration of filling out unfamiliar documentation, and giving you the peace of mind that all requirements are being met.

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