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EPCRA NEWSLETTER

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Visit <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html> for more information on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and how it provides new information on industries.

Envirofacts (<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html>) allows you to search for environmental information in your neighborhood.

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CHEMICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

In Conjunction With
The Kentucky Governor’s Emergency Management Conference
Louisville, Kentucky
July 29 - 31, 2009

State and local government chemical emergency planners, Emergency Responders, Chemical Industry EH&S personnel and production managers, Transportation Industry (Air, Truck and Rail) are invited to attend.

Topics will include:

- Kentucky Hazmat Case Study by EPA OSC
- EPA Radiation Overview
- Chemical Safety Board’s Year in Review
- EPA R-4 leading role in Homeland Security
- EPCRA and its role in CFATS
- Local Emergency Planning Committees: Are Those Still Around?
- Introducing E-Plan

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RMP E-SUBMIT

On March 13, 2009, EPA provided new software called RMP*eSubmit for facilities to use for online Risk Management Program (RMP) reporting. EPA asks that all facilities use this new method to submit RMPs because it is easy to use, will improve data quality, and will enable you to access your RMP 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information see the Process Safety Corner on Pages 6- 7

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE REGION

TENNESSEE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently awarded more than \$1.3 million in grant funds to local fire departments and emergency medical organizations in Tennessee. The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program of FEMA awards grants to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. Three types of grants

are available: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S), and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). The SAFER Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities. FEMA Re-

gional Administrator Phil May said, "First responders are the front line of emergency management. Through the AFG program, firefighters and emergency response personnel will have tools necessary to protect their communities and save lives." To apply for grants and more information about the AFG program go to:

www.firegrantsupport.com

MISSISSIPPI

Students at the new D'Iberville High School in Harrison County are safer every day thanks in part to Hazard Mitigation Grant funding provided by FEMA and administered by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. Local, state and federal officials worked together to construct the new school capable of withstanding 200 mile an hour winds and housing more than 3,500 people during a hurricane. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held yesterday to open the new school, which holds more than 1,600 students and cost about \$44 million. "Not only is the community safer and better prepared because this school can be

used as a shelter during a hurricane, but the students are safer whenever tornadoes and severe weather strike," said MEMA Director Mike Womack. "D'Iberville High shows how the Gulf Coast is able to rebuild stronger communities after Hurricane Katrina." The new D'Iberville High is a two-story building about seven miles north of the old high school on Lamey Bridge Road. But D'Iberville will not be the only school in the region with sheltering capabilities. The new West Harrison High School is expected to be completed in time for next school year. However, the West Harrison school will likely be available for shelter-

ing hurricane season if needed, Womack said. MEMA provided \$10 million in Hazard Mitigation Grant funds to each school, both of which cost more than \$40 million and can shelter more than 3,500 people. "An important aspect of these shelters is that they are self-sustaining," Womack said. "If city services went down, these facilities could sustain people with running water, generator power and other necessities for at least 36 hours." For more information, contact MEMA External Affairs at 866-920-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at <http://www.msema.org>.

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ALABAMA

Alabama Emergency Management Agency hosted its first Preparedness Workshop January 13-16. Session topics included special needs planning, pet preparedness, mass-care sheltering and deployment issues.

Representatives of county

government, state agencies and other emergency management partners were invited. Thanks to a grant that covered the facilities and materials, the only cost to participants was their lodging and evening meals. LaTonya Stephens, Deputy Preparedness Section Chief, said she felt the work-

shop went very well. "We have received several requests to conduct another workshop or to combine it with the AAEM Mid-Year. AEMA will review our financial situation later in the year and make a decision then."

FLORIDA

Florida residents and emergency officials can now receive daily situation reports produced by the Florida Division of Emergency Management online via the worldwide web service *YouTube*, keywords: "Florida SERT" available at www.youtube.com/FloridaSERT.

The daily reports are designed to give a quick snapshot of daily operations, statewide weather reports and hazardous conditions that are being monitored by the State Watch

Office: the 24/7 operations facility for the state of Florida. This product is part of an ongoing initiative by the Division and State Emergency Response Team to incorporate new media resources to better inform Floridians.

"We've seen tremendous growth in new media and its use for information gathering and sharing, especially during times of disaster," said State Emergency Management Director Craig Fugate. "This page provides us with another tool by which to share useful

information to our residents, visitors and responders seven days a week".

The site will also host preparedness videos and additional reports as conditions warrant. Users can also go to the Florida Division of Emergency Management's website at www.FloridaDisaster.org to find text versions and other information on the Division's Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation programs.



** REMEMBER **

Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reports (Form R/Form A) are due to the EPA and State by July 1, 2009!

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/index.htm>

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE REGION

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Division of Emergency Management (NCDEM) has agreed to participate in FEMA's Cost-To-Capability pilot initiative. In spring 2008, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) announced a new strategic grants initiative - the "Cost-to-Capability (C2C) Initiative" - designed to aid State and local grantees in their grant investment planning and management activities.

The purpose of this initiative is to examine methods by which GPD and grantees can more effectively measure the results achieved (such as increased preparedness capability levels) through the use of GPD preparedness grant program awards. As part of this initiative, GPD is launching a "C2C Pilot" to provide State and local grantees an opportunity to test and provide feed-

back on the core components of the C2C prototype (analytical framework). By participation in the pilot, NCEM is provided with the opportunity to:

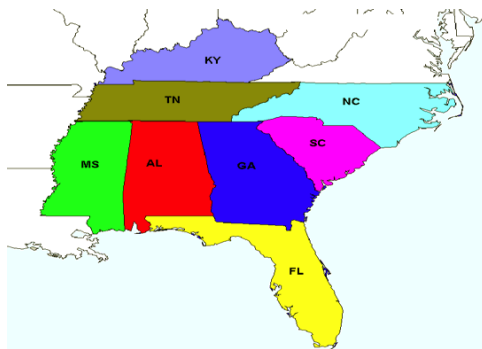
- Test the C2C Prototype, which is capability return-on-investment model designed to support grantees in investment planning and effective management of a state or locality's portfolio of grant awards.
- Make data-driven decision on how to allocate limited resources among preparedness capabilities
- Use local preparedness priorities to develop optimal investment strategies across all grant programs applications.
- Quantify the outcomes achieved through the use of current and future grant program investment.
- Provide feedback on how the C2C Prototype and related implementation approaches

and guidance can be improved to best serve the needs of GPD's grantees.

The C2C Pilot is scheduled to begin in June 2009.

"NCDEM desperately needs a more quantitative approach to identifying and allocating funds. It's where the [NCDEM's] Strategic Plan is heading," said Ed Jenkins, NCDEM Information and Plans Manager. "Our soon to be developed Management Review Program, even though focused on Current Operations, can incorporate data that will support how we program future dollars. These two programs -- Strategic Plan and Management Review -- support each other."

For more information, contact Gary Faltinowski at 919-715-9204 or gfaltinowski@ncem.org.



Would you like to submit a story and/or do you have suggestions for the EPCRA Newsletter?

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E-PLAN : THE EMERGENCY INFORMATION SYSTEM

WHAT IS E-PLAN?

“E-Plan is - The Nation's Largest Database of Chemical and Facility Hazards Data with over 90,000 facilities and 22,000 unique chemicals.

It is free, simple and easy for First Responders and State and Federal users to use.

E-Plan is a proven system that provides First Responder and others with on-site hazardous chemical information for facilities around the United States. It utilizes emergency contact and hazardous material information submitted under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and sends it via the Internet to First Responders just when they need it the most.

E-Plan provides Tier II reporting data and other important information instantly such as

- Maps of the area surrounding a fixed facility showing schools and hospitals and other Tier II reporting facilities,
- Chemical Hazards Response Information System (CHRIS) data,
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS),
- Chemical profiles,
- Facility Emergency Response Plans,
- Federal Area Contingency Plans, and
- Chemical data from Risk Management Plans (RMPs).

It has nationwide coverage in all 50 States and four U.S. territories.

In emergency situations, the E-Plan system can make the difference between life and death for First Responders and victims of the emergency. E-Plan has been enthusiastically embraced by fire fighters and hazmat response teams, nationwide wherever it has been introduced. Without E-Plan, this information is currently available only in paper form and retrieving this information from a file storage room during an emergency is a difficult, lengthy process if even possible at all. Instant access to the critical hazmat information provided by E-Plan makes it an invaluable tool for First Responders.” (Source: E-Plan Home Page (<https://erplan.net/eplan/login.htm>))

Other features of E-Plan

- E-Plan was developed through a cooperative agreement between USEPA and the University of Texas at Dallas with input from local, state, and federal agencies of the Region 6 Response Team.
- E-Plan is funded by the Department of Homeland Security through an Interagency Agreement with the EPA and is available without charge to users.
- Contains RMP facility data and Tier 2 records.
- Data sources: NFPA, DOT-ERG, MSDS, NIOSH and CHRIS.
- Interoperable with Tier 2 Submit and CAMEO.
- Security features include: Individual User IDs and Passwords, Local or State User Authorization, Role-based permission levels, Secure physical location, Firewalls, and 128k encryption.

PROCESS SAFETY CORNER

A PLACE FOR RMP RELATED NEWS

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Important Definitions:

Central Data Exchange (CDX) is a secure, on-line location on EPA's network. CDX provides standardized and secure information collection services and infrastructure for EPA program partners. For example, CDX manages several EPA regulatory and monitoring programs, receiving submissions from facilities. Once you set up your RMP*eSubmit account, you will immediately be able to access your RMP through CDX.

Certifiers/Certifying Officials are facility owners or operators who must certify the accuracy and completeness of the information reported in the RMP. They have signed and submitted a one-time Electronic Signature Agreement (ESA) to the EPA. The ESA legally binds the Certifier's electronic submission to their signature. Only Certifiers can submit the RMP.

Preparers have been granted permission by a facility to access the facility's existing RMP. They prepare data for a new or updated RMP. CDX notifies the Certifier when the new or corrected RMP is ready for the Certifier's review and submission. Preparers cannot submit the RMP.

How do I set up an RMP*eSubmit account?

Before you begin you will need:

Your facility name, location, mailing address, and basic contact information (including e-mail address).

Your facility identifier (facility ID#) which can be found in the letter that EPA sent

to you acknowledging receipt of your most current RMP. NOTE: If this is the first time an RMP is being submitted for your facility you do not need a facility ID#.

NOTE:

You will need a JavaRuntime environment to use the RMP*eSubmit system. To learn more about JavaRuntime, see the Java Downloads page, <http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp>.

Step 1: Register the Certifying Official in CDX

To use RMP*eSubmit, the Certifying Official must have a CDX account.

To register with CDX, please go to the EPA CDX page (<http://cdx.epa.gov>), and complete the registration process for a Risk Management Plan "certifying official." (See Users' Manual for RMP*eSubmit (121 pp, 9.1MB, for detailed instructions).

Step 2: Complete the Electronic Signature Agreement (ESA) and mail it to EPA.

The electronic signature is used to verify that the Certifying Official reviewed and submitted the RMP in the RMP*eSubmit system.

You will complete the ESA at the time you initially register in CDX, or, if you already had a CDX account, at the time you add RMP*eSubmit access to your CDX account profile.

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CDX will guide you through the process of completing and submitting your ESA. You will need your Facility ID#, unless this is the first time an RMP is being submitted for your facility. If this is a first-time submission, CDX will prompt you to type in the name and address of the facility in place of the facility ID#. You will receive a facility ID# via e-mail after you have signed and submitted your ESA.

Sign the ESA and mail it to EPA's RMP Reporting Center. The RMP Reporting Center will review and process the ESA, and send an e-mail to the Certifying Official indicating that the electronic signature has been received and approved.

NOTE: The e-mail will also include a unique Authorization Code. This Authorization Code will be used by an RMP "preparer" that you assign to enter data in RMP*eSubmit for your facility.

Step 3: Register the "Preparer" and activate RMP*eSubmit access in CDX

If the Certifying Official is also the Preparer: log into CDX, add "Preparer" to your profile, and enter your Unique Authorization Code.

If the Certifying Official designates someone else as the Preparer, please provide that designee with the Authorization Code for your facility. Preparers will be required to provide this information when registering and activating their RMP*eSubmit access in CDX.

Can I still use RMP*Submit 2004?

RMP*Submit 2004 (not to be confused with the new, online process, RMP*eSubmit), will be phased out in 2009. We encourage you to use RMP*eSubmit because it is easier to use, will improve data quality and will enable you to access your RMP 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, if you have already started to prepare your RMP using RMP*Submit, we will accept it. Facilities submitting Confidential Business Information (CBI) and Trade Secrets cannot use RMP*eSubmit at this time - they should use RMP*Submit 2004 instead.

What if I am submitting Confidential Business Information (CBI) or Trade Secrets?

Facilities submitting CBI and Trade Secrets cannot use RMP*eSubmit at this time. Please submit using RMP*Submit 2004.

For more information please contact Victor Weeks (404-562-9189, weeks.victor@epa.gov)

REGULATORY NEWS

Rule Change Provides Exemptions from Reporting Requirements for Air Releases of Hazardous Substances from Farm Animal Waste

EPA has finalized a rule providing a full exemption for reporting air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms to the federal government and a partial exemption of reporting the releases to state and local governments. This new rule exempts all farms from reporting air releases under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The new rule requires only large animal feeding operations to report certain types of releases to local and state agencies, as directed by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

Animal waste is a source of ammonia and hydrogen sulfide releases to the air. These are hazardous substances that, when released into the environment above certain quantities, trigger notification responsibilities under federal regulations. The reportable quantity for ammonia and hydrogen sulfide is 100 pounds within any 24-hour period. Prior to the exemption, all operations that had releases exceeding the reportable quantity were required to notify federal, state and local governments.

The exemption created by the new rule does not impact EPA's authority to respond to citizen complaints or requests for assistance from state or local government agencies to investigate releases of hazardous substances from farms. Releases of anhydrous ammonia greater than 100 pounds in a 24-hour period, must still be reported no matter the size of the farm. Also, the rule does not apply to animal waste that is not associated with farms, such as from meat packing and research facilities.

The new rule exempts farms confining fewer than: 700 mature dairy cows, whether milked or dry, 1,000 veal calves, 1,000 cattle other than mature dairy cows or veal calves ("Cattle" includes, but is not limited to, heifers, steers, bulls and cow/calf pairs.), 2,500 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more, 10,000 swine each weighing less than 55 pounds, 500 horses, 10,000 sheep or lamb, 55,000 turkeys, 30,000 laying hens or broilers, if the farm uses a liquid manure handling system, 125,000 chickens (other than laying hens) if the farm uses other than a liquid manure handling system, 82,000 laying hens, if the farm uses other than a liquid manure handling system, 30,000 ducks (if the farm uses other than a liquid manure handling system), and 5,000 ducks (if the farm uses a liquid manure handling system).

- Where do I get further information on the continuous release reporting process?
Contact Bryce Covington, EPA Region 4's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Coordinator; email: covington.bryce@epa.gov and phone: (404) 562-9192.
- Where can I find information pertaining to the CAFO exemption?
The full text of the new rule exemption for smaller operations can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/docs/chem/CERCLA_EPCRA_final_rule_unsigned.pdf

CAMEO CORNER

CAMEO LIBRARY ON-LINE

We're pleased to announce the release of CAMEO Chemicals -- an easier-to-use version of the most popular components of the CAMEO program. Find it online at <http://cameochemicals.noaa.gov/>.

The website provides access to the same CAMEO database of over 6,000 hazardous materials. The revised search engine is much faster and the new search results ranking makes finding your chemicals more straightforward.

The CAMEO Chemicals datasheets contain most of the same information you are used to seeing in CAMEO, but in an easier-to-read layout. Also, the website makes it simpler to mix chemicals and read reactivity hazard predictions. Best of all, you don't have to download or install anything, and you can bookmark frequently referenced datasheets.

Please help us get the word out by sharing the CAMEO Chemicals URL with your response and planning colleagues.



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CAMEO 2008 COURSES

CAMEO is offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Directorate (NPD), National Integration Center (NIC), Training and Exercise Integration (TEI). Please access TEI's website at, http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/training_catalog.htm for their training opportunities.

CAMEO LISTSERVE

The CAMEO News Service is a one-way list serve which serves as a communication tool for CAMEO managers and developers to communicate important information to the CAMEO community.

Communications from the CAMEO team will provide users with an up-to-date status on various aspects of the CAMEO/MARPLOT/ALOHA software, such as updates, "bug" notification and quick fixes.

If you would like to subscribe to the CAMEO News Service and stay up to date on what's happening in CAMEO, send an email to join-cameo@lists.epa.gov.

Also, be sure and check the CAMEO website often for guided tours of the programs, FAQ and technical support at, <http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/cameo/index.htm>.

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<http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/> or
<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/index.htm>

EPCRA Section 313 Toxics Release Inventory
(TRI) Homepage

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/>

Compliance and Enforcement

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/index.html>

National Response Center (NRC)

<http://nrc.uscg.mil/> or 1-800-424-8802

Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/clearinghouse/>

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