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# RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTORS (40 PART CFR 68)



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[www.epa.gov/emergencies/rmp](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/rmp)

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## TABLE OF POTENTIALLY REGULATED ENTITIES

*This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated under 40 CFR part 68. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be regulated by this rule and covered by this document. Other types of entities not listed in this table could also be affected. To determine whether your facility is covered by the risk management program rules in part 68, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria discussed in Chapter 1 of this guidance and in 40 CFR 68.10, which is available in Appendix A of this document. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this rule to a particular entity, call the EPCRA/CAA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 (TDD: (800) 553-7672)(see Appendix C, Technical Assistance, for other sources of information).*

<b>Category</b>	<b>NAICS Codes</b>	<b>SIC Codes</b>	<b>Examples of Potentially Regulated Entities</b>
Chemical distributors	42269	5169	Chemical wholesalers