

Guidelines for Reporting Ammonia Spills in Kansas

This is only a guide and does not cover all spill-reporting requirements. Ammonia users and manufacturers should review this sheet and the regulations before a spill occurs. Additional information on reportable quantities for other specific chemicals and information about the reporting requirements can be found in the regulations, or web sites and contacts on the back of this sheet. **Always call your local responders first.**

What Spills Must be Reported	Who Must Report	Where to Report	When to Report	Follow-up Required	The Regulation	The Law
Federal Requirements						
Release of a SARA extremely hazardous substance or CERCLA hazardous substance (spill) equal to or greater than its reportable quantity (RQ) = 100 pounds of ammonia	The owner or operator	The LEPC, CEPR and Local Responder , (usually 9-1-1 in case of transportation related release)	Immediately (should not exceed 15 minutes after discovery)	Yes, written report within 7 calendar days	40 CFR 355.40	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
Release of a hazardous substance (spill) equal to or greater than its Reportable Quantity (RQ) = 100 pounds of ammonia	The person in charge of the vessel or facility	National Response Center (NRC) 800-424-8802	Immediately (should not exceed 15 minutes after discovery)	NO	40 CFR 302.6(a)	Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
Discharge of a hazardous substance (spill) equal to or above its Reportable Quantity (RQ) that threatens a waterway = 100 pounds of ammonia	The person in charge of the vessel or facility	National Response Center (NRC) 800-424-8802	Immediately (should not exceed 15 minutes after discovery)	NO	40 CFR 117.21	Clean Water Act (CWA)
Kansas State Requirements						
A spill of a hazardous substance or extremely hazardous substance above its Reportable Quantity (RQ) = 100 pounds of ammonia	Any person having control over the substance	CEPR, LEPC and local emergency response (911 in case of transportation related release)	Immediately (should not exceed 15 minutes after discovery)	Written follow-up within 7 calendar days	K.A.R. 28-65-3	Kansas Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know

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Kansas State Requirements – continued						
Discharge of 1,000 pounds or more of dry fertilizer or 100 gallons or more of liquid	Responsible party	Kansas Department of Agriculture KDA: (785)296-3786	Within 48 hours	Written follow-up within 5 working days	K.A.R. 4-4-954	Kansas Commercial Fertilizer Law
Each accident involving anhydrous ammonia	Responsible party	Kansas Department of Agriculture KDA: (785) 296-3786	Within 72 hours	Written follow-up within 5 working days	K.A.R 4-10-2k	Kansas Anhydrous Ammonia Law
Substances or materials which are contaminating or threaten to contaminate soil or waters	Owner or person responsible for discharge	Kansas Department of Health & Environment (786) 296-1679	Immediately	NO	K.A.R.28-48	K.S.A 1984 Supp. 65-171d

Contacts

1. Local Government

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) or Local Emergency Responders

Commonly this is **9-1-1**, or it may be listed in the front of the local phone book

A list of LEPCs can be found at the Kansas Emergency Response Commission: <http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/LEPC.htm>

2. State of Kansas

Kansas Commission of Emergency Planning and Response (CEPR),

Kansas Division of Emergency Management (785) 296-8013 or (800) 275-0297

Kansas Department of Agriculture: (785) 296-3786

Kansas Department of Health & Environment: (785) 296-1679

Or: http://www.kdheks.gov/spill/kansas_spill_release_reporting_numbers.html

Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Suspected methamphetamine lab reporting (800) KS-Crime or (800) 572-7463

3. Federal Government

National Response Center (NRC): (800) 424-8802, or <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/report.html>

For response assistance: EPA Region 7, 24-hour Emergency Response: (913) 281-0991

For additional information on reporting spills, EPA web sites:

<http://www.epa.gov/region7/toxics/index.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/triggers/haztrigs/hazhowold.htm>

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 Contact: George Hess (913) 551-7540*

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