

## **Reporting Spills in Nebraska**



This serves as a guide and does not cover all spill reporting requirements. Refer to the regulations or the resources and contacts listed on the back of this sheet for additional information. Always remember to call your local responders first.

## **Reporting Chemical Spills in Nebraska**

Spills to Report	Who Must Report	Who to Call	When to Report	Written Follow Up Required	Laws & Regulations
EPCRA extremely hazardous substance or CERCLA hazardous substance at or above its reportable quantity	Owner/Operator	For any potentially impacted:  Locality - LEPC/local responders  (typically 911)  State - SERC Information Coordinator  NE*- NDEE (402) 471-2186 from  8am-5pm M-F. If after  hours/weekend/holiday, call  NSP (402) 479-4921  CO - (877) 518-5608  IA - IDNR (515) 725-8694  KS - State Spill Line (785) 291-3333  MO - MDNR (573) 634-2436  SD - (605) 773-3296  WY - (307) 777-5885	Call within 15 minutes	Within 30 calendar days for all non-transportation related releases  Send to any potentially impacted LEPC and SERC  Send reports for the Nebraska SERC to:  Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy Attn: Person/Section talked to when making initial call PO Box 98922 Lincoln, NE 68509-8922	EPCRA: 40 CFR 355 Subpart C
CERCLA or CWA hazardous substance at or above its reportable quantity	Person in charge of vessel or facility	NRC: (800) 424-8802	Call within 15 minutes	No	CERCLA: 40 CFR 302.6(a) CWA: 40 CFR 117.21
Any amount of a hazardous substance that occurs beneath the land or impacts or threatens to impact waters of the state*  Hazardous substance on land at or above the CERCLA/EPCRA reportable quantity or 100 pounds, whichever is less*	Person in charge of vessel or facility	NDEE*: (402) 471-2186 from 8am- 5pm M-F. If after hours/ weekend/holiday, call NSP: (402) 479-4921	Immediately	NDEE may require additional information or written documentation to confirm the details of the spill and subsequent remediation  Upon request, send report within 15 days after release or completion of remedial actions	NE Rules and Regulations pertaining to Management of Wastes Chapter 18: NE Title 126, NDEQ
ANY accident meeting 40 CFR 68.42 criteria, regardless of amount released	Risk Management Program facilities	No required calls	Within 6 months	Update 5-year accident history section of Risk Management Plan	CAA 112(r)(7): 40 CFR 68.195

<sup>\*</sup> Nebraska law does not allow for spills in any amount. Any party responsible for a spill is expected to immediately, and completely, remediate the area of any contaminants and process the wastes generated in accordance with all applicable rules and policies. Please contact NDEE if there is a spill that cannot be immediately and completely cleaned up. NDEE will assess and advise on potential remedies.

## **Reporting Oil Spills in Nebraska**

Spills to Report	Who Must Report	Who to Call	When to Report	Written Follow Up Required	Laws & Regulations
Any oil reaching or threatening to reach waters of the U.S.	Any person in charge of a vessel or facility	NRC: (800) 424-8802 or EPA Region 7 Spill Line: (913) 281-0991	Immediately	Only required for Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures facilities if: - Single discharge of >1,000 U.S. gallons, or - Two or more discharges each >42 U.S. gallons within 12 months  For qualifying discharges, send written report to EPA Region 7 Administrator within 60 days of incident	CWA: 40 CFR 110 40 CFR 112.4(a)
Any amount of oil that occurs beneath the land or impacts or threatens to impact waters of the state*  Oil exceeding 25 gallons on land*	Person in charge of vessel or facility	NDEE*: (402) 471-2186 from 8am-5pm M-F. If after hours/weekend/ holiday, call NSP: (402) 479-4921	Immediately	NDEE may require additional information or written documentation to confirm the details of the spill and subsequent remediation  Upon request, send report within 15 days after release or completion of remedial actions	NE Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Management of Wastes Chapter 18: NE Title 126, NDEQ

## **Resources/Terms Used in Tables**

CAA - Clean Air Act

CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

CWA - Clean Water Act

- CERCLA/EPCRA reportable quantities can be found on EPA's "List of Lists": www.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists

- For more information on reporting releases of hazardous substance/oil, see: www.epa.gov/emergency-response/when-are-you-required-report-oil-spill-and-hazardous-substance-release

- For more information on the Continuous Release Rule, which provides a reduced reporting option for facilities that release hazardous substances in a manner that is continuous and stable in quantity, see: www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-11/documents/reporting\_requirements\_for\_continuous\_releases\_of\_hazardous\_substances\_part\_1.pdf

- For more information on the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures rule, see: www.epa.gov/oil-spills

- For more information on the Risk Management Program, see: www.epa.gov/rmp

EPCRA - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act: www.epa.gov/epcra

LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee. Find your LEPC: https://nema.nebraska.gov/sites/nema.nebraska.gov/files/doc/lepc-contacts.pdf

NDEE Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy: http://dee.ne.gov

NRC - National Response Center: http://nrc.uscg.mil

NSP - Nebraska State Patrol: https://statepatrol.nebraska.gov

SERC - State Emergency Response Commission: https://nema.nebraska.gov/tech-hazard/serc-state-emergency-response-commission