Louisiana State Police

Emergency Services Unit
The Emergency Services Unit is comprised of:

- Explosives Control
- HazMat
- Right-to-Know
- Tier II
- HazMat Hotline
- HazMat Violations
- Training
ESU Goals and Objectives

1. Public Safety & Education
   - Provide for public safety through education and enforcement of regulations and statutes.

2. Training and Equipment
   - Maintain adequate personnel, training and equipment to enable responders to adequately respond to incidents.

3. Enforcement
   - Enforce State and Federal regulations.

4. Support
   - Provide technical information, response and logistical support to the Department and other State, Federal, and Local Agencies.
Authority is derived from:
LAC Title 33:V Subpart 2 Chapter 101

- **Title III of SARA** required that the Governor designate a **State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**.
- The Office of State Police chairs the SERC in Louisiana.
- The SERC appoints **Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)** for each parish.
- The SERC is responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of the LEPC, and establishing procedures for receiving and processing public requests for information.
Overview

- **1980** CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) known as Superfund – tax on chemical and petroleum industry and authority to respond when environment or public endangered

- **1984** Bhopal, India

- **1986** SARA (Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act) amends CERCLA with changes and additions

- **1986** EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) known as Title III, third part of SARA - provides the infrastructure at State and local levels to plan for chemical emergencies
The Motive

Three Mile Island 1979

Chernobyl 1986

Bhopal 1984
SARA TITLE III

SARA Title III is a complex federal law with a simple purpose: to protect lives and property by enabling all segments of a community to have access to timely detailed information about hazardous materials in their community and to use that information to plan for potential chemical emergencies.
SARA Title III encompasses four major sections:

- Sections 301-303 deal with emergency planning (LERC & LEPC)

- Section 304 encompasses emergency release notification (HAZMAT Hotline)

- Sections 311-312 cover hazardous chemical reporting (Tier II Filing)

- Section 313 covers toxic chemical release reporting and inventory (EPA & DEQ)
Emergency Planning

Sections 301 - 303
TITLE III – MAJOR INFORMATION FLOW / REQUIREMENTS

GUIDANCE / ASSISTANCE

NRT
RRT

EPA

LERC

ERP

LEPC

FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE RIGHT TO KNOW

DEQ LOUISIANA

TOXIC CHEMICAL RELEASE FORM

EMERGENCY PLANNING

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

MSDS OR LIST

TIER II

FACILITIES
Emergency Release Notification

- Sections 304

HAZMAT HOTLINE

225-925-6595
877-925-6595
Emergency Release Notification
HAZMAT Hotline

- 1998 6,139 INCIDENTS
- 1999 7,299 INCIDENTS
- 2000 7,705 INCIDENTS
- 2001 7,953 INCIDENTS
- 2002 8,724 INCIDENTS
- 2003 9,065 INCIDENTS
- 2004 9,004 INCIDENTS
- 2005 9,268 INCIDENTS
- 2006 7,779 INCIDENTS
- 2007 7,873 INCIDENTS
- 2008 8,138 INCIDENTS
- 2009 7,008 INCIDENTS
- 2010 7,386 INCIDENTS
- 2011 8,130 INCIDENTS
- 2012 8,103 INCIDENTS
Immediate Notification

- Immediate notification is ......
Chemical Reporting

Section 311 - 312
All companies are required to report to the **SERC** the identity of each facility containing any substance on the EPA’s list of extremely hazardous substances in an amount that meets or exceeds the established threshold planning quantity.
– Establishes reporting requirements to provide information on hazardous chemicals for affected communities

– Contains requirements to inform the general public and communities about toxic chemical releases
Louisiana law and rules require filing of TIER II forms by regulated businesses on or before March 1\textsuperscript{st}, for the preceding calendar year.

- Louisiana law and rules are more restrictive than federal law.
- Federal law allows higher reporting inventory thresholds.
- Louisiana law requires reporting of 500 lbs or more; lower EHS inventory thresholds take precedent.
Prior to **March first** of each year, owners or operators must electronically submit the Tier Two form to:

- The Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (**LERC**)
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (**LEPC**) of the parish in which the facility is located.

If the LEPC has signed the State Repository Agreement then a paper submission is not required.

The **local fire department** having jurisdiction over the facility. (Call your local fire department to see if they have on-line access to facilities in their parish.)

Small business may submit paper forms.
Tier II

For 2012 –

15,390 facilities in Louisiana filed a Tier II report
Tier II, Fixed Site and Transportation related regulations can be found on the Louisiana State Police web site.

http://www.lsp.org/rtk.html

For information on how to file your Tier Two form electronically via the Internet, please go to the following Internet address:

http://www.dps.state.la.us/lcnweb.nsf
You have reached the internet address of the LSP Tier II Access site. Both this site and the LSP Tier II Filing site have been taken offline while changes are made to accommodate rulings made in Volume 77, Number 135 of the Federal Register.

NOVEMBER 1, 2013

For more information, e-mail "Right to Know" at: RTK.Tier2@dps.la.gov
CHEMICAL INFORMATION:

Description, Hazards, Amounts, and Locations. The main section of the Tier Two form requires specific information on amounts and locations of hazardous chemicals, as defined in the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard.

WHAT UNITS SHOULD I USE?

Calculate all amounts as weight in pounds. To convert gas or liquid volume to weight in pounds, multiply by an appropriate density factor. Many material safety data sheets (MSDS) include this density factor.
PENALTIES

An owner or operator who violates any Louisiana reporting requirement, regarding submission of the Tier Two form, shall be liable to the State of Louisiana for civil penalties of up to $25,000 per violation.

REPORTING YEAR

Report the chemical inventories on site for the preceding calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. Please remember that you are reporting for the previous calendar year (as taxes are done).
Upcoming 2014 Legislative session –

Electronic notification

Tier II filing updates

Underground utility damage prevention
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