

## Tempe Environmental Bulletin

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## **Annual SARA Tier II Chemical Reporting Due March 1st**

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 was created to help communities plan for emergencies involving hazardous substances. EPCRA has four major provisions: Emergency planning, Emergency release notification, Hazardous chemical storage reporting requirements and Toxic chemical release inventory. EPCRA requires hazardous chemical emergency planning by federal, state and local governments, Indian tribes, and industry. It also requires reporting on the storage, use and releases of hazardous chemicals to federal, state, and local governments.

The inventory reporting is required annually by March 1st each year to AZSERC (Arizona Emergency Response Commission) and the local fire department, it details chemicals at facility at any time during previous calendar year above thresholds Approximately 500,000 hazardous chemicals are required to be reported with threshold reporting limits varying by chemical, details are contained within EPA List of lists: <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists">http://www2.epa.gov/epcra/consolidated-list-lists</a>.

In July of 2013, Governor Jan Brewer signed HB 2174 related to the Tier II Report filing fees. This law became effective in October of 2013. AZSERC will be waiving the fee for the reporting year of 2013. The fees will take effect for the 2014 reporting year which will begin January 1st, 2015. Complete explanation of fees and changes is available at:

https://www.azserc.org/GatekeeperNewsletter/tabid/168/Default.aspx

AZSERC In Sign

Information for Tier II filing in Arizona:

Special Instructions: Use Arizona Emergency Response Commission online reporting tool. Find Online Tier II Reporting forms at: <a href="https://www.azserc.org/Default.aspx">https://www.azserc.org/Default.aspx</a>.

## What Is Stormwater Smart?

"Be Stormwater Smart" and visit our website for Best Management Practices you can use to reduce the risk of adding pollutants to stormwater. <a href="http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater">http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater</a>

You can also use this website to learn more about Tempe's Stormwater Management Program, to report illicit discharges to storm drains, or to file a stormwater related complaint.

Remember that it is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain!

As required by Tempe's stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call: (480) 350-2678.

