

LOUISIANA HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES EMERGENCY EVENTS SURVEILLANCE

Develop a Plan and Know Who to Call in Case of an Emergency

Develop an emergency response plan before an event occurs. Be familiar with the shipping papers and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). If a chemical release occurs, immediately notify the Louisiana State Police - Hazardous Materials Hotline, National Response Center and your Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Re-route Hazardous Substances

To decrease the potential of a release, re-route the transport of hazardous substances away from densely populated areas, especially during peak traffic hours.

Use PPE

Carry appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during the transport of hazardous substances and know when and how to use it.

*What you can
do to decrease
and prevent the
release of
hazardous
substances
during transit*

Attend Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Training

Human error is a leading contributing factor of transportation-related hazardous substance releases. HAZMAT training is not only required, but it is an essential element in reducing HAZMAT incidents through increasing safety awareness. Training must be updated every three years.

Preventive Maintenance

Equipment failure is often linked to transportation-related hazardous substance releases. Preventive maintenance could prevent or reduce the number of events.

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Center for Environmental Health Services

CHEMICAL RELEASE CONTACTS

Louisiana State Police (LSP), Hazardous Materials Hotline

LSP is the state point-of-contact for reporting hazardous material releases, accidents & complaints.

Immediate reporting is required.

Call **225-925-6595** or **1-877-925-6595**,
or visit **www.lsp.org/rtk.html**

LSP also notifies the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

National Response Center (NRC)

The NRC is the federal point-of-contact for reporting all chemical releases. Reporting to the NRC is required whenever reportable quantities of hazardous substances are spilled or released into the environment.

Call **1-800-424-8802** or **202-267-2675**,
or visit **www.nrc.uscg.mil**



Visit the Louisiana HSEES web site at:

[http://www.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/
environmentalepidemiology/hseess/
index.html](http://www.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/environmentalepidemiology/hseess/index.html)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)

LDEQ receives notification of hazardous substance releases, accidents & complaints that occur in Louisiana. Call **225-342-1234**, or visit **http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/surveillance/spoc_procedures.htm**

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

LEPCs provide a forum for emergency management agencies, responders, industry and the public to work together to understand chemical hazards in the community, develop emergency plans in case of an accidental release and look for ways to prevent chemical accidents. For contact information visit **<http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/lepclist.htm>**

U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Hazardous Materials Safety (OHM)

OHM coordinates a national safety program for the transportation of hazardous materials by air, rail, highway and water. They provide information on shipping, labeling and placarding for vehicles with hazardous material shipments. Call **1-800-467-4922**, or visit **<http://hazmat.dot.gov>**

Louisiana Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (LA HSEES)

LA HSEES collects and analyzes information about hazardous substances released in Louisiana. To obtain copies of reports produced by LA HSEES call **504-219-4586** or **1-888-293-7020**, or visit **[http://www.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/environmentalepidemiology/
hseess/index.html](http://www.oph.dhh.louisiana.gov/environmentalepidemiology/hseess/index.html)**