TIER II REPORTING FOR THE CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE REGION

The Central NH Regional Emergency Planning Committee (CNHREPC) was endorsed by the NH State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) on March 4th 2011. The Central NH REPC is functioning as the LOCAL LEPC in the following communities:

Local jurisdictions participating in the Central NH REPC are as follows:

(Lakes Region)

Ashland, Belmont, Bristol, Center Harbor, Barnstead, Franklin, Gilford, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Tilton/Northfield, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Alexandria, Campton-Thornton, Hebron, Rumney

(Capital Area)

Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Concord, Epsom, Dunbarton, Hopkinton, Loudon, Pembroke, Northwood, Pittsfield, Salisbury

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) establishes requirements for Federal, state and local governments and industry regarding emergency planning and "Community Right-to-Know" reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals.

(EPCRA) was passed in response to concerns regarding the environmental and safety hazards posed by the storage and handling of toxic chemicals. These concerns were triggered by the disaster in Bhopal, India, in which more than 2,000 people suffered death or serious injury from the accidental release of methylisocyanate. To reduce the likelihood of such a disaster in the United States, Congress imposed requirements on both states and regulated facilities.

EPCRA is also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. There are a number of provisions to EPCRA, each having different requirements with regard to *emergency response plans* (Sections 301 to 303); *accidental releases* (Section 304); *Safety Data Sheets* (SDS) (Section 311); *chemical inventory reporting* (Section 312); and *Toxic (chemical) releases Inventories* (TRI)(Section 313)

Helpful links:

http://www.epa.gov/osweroe1/content/lawsregs/epcraover.htm

http://www.epa.gov/oem/content/epcra

http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem/HazardousMaterials/documents/tier-ii-letter.pdf

<u>Please Remember:</u> SDS(new)/MSDS(old) Sheets, Site plans, Emergency/Contingency Plans or One Plan/ICP – Intergraded Contingency Plan, Facility Floor Plan Drawings, Photos, and/or Video Clips should all be uploaded and attached directly into the Tier II report under the Site <u>Plan Files</u> tab located under the Certification Function prior to sending. You no longer need to send this information separately by U.S. mail.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are now called Safety Data Sheets (SDS). You are strongly encouraged to obtain and verify up to date SDS information for each chemical you use or store.

Inaccurate information on a chemicals health hazards or properties will affect how that chemical is treated in the event of an emergency, which may cause damage to or loss of life and limb. In accordance with NH RSA 154:8-a, a facility is responsible for a hazardous material incident and is financially liable for costs incurred during emergency response and clean-up of that incident.

How do you know what chemicals to report?

For chemicals classified as an Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS), the reportable quantity is 500 pounds, or the listed Threshold planning quantity (TPQ) for that chemical, whichever is less. In addition, if you exceed the TPQ of an EHS, an emergency plan needs to be developed, exercised and reviewed annually.

For chemicals not classified as an EHS, you need to report it if an SDS is required and you have 10,000 pounds (approximately 1,500 liquid gallons) of the substance. This includes <u>aggregate</u> <u>amount</u> found in mixtures and or in multiple locations at the same facility.

For more specific information on (EHS's) and their thresholds, the reporting quantities and spill notifications, and chemicals reportable under the toxic chemicals release reporting requirements is available at the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Title III "list of lists".

A searchable list of lists is available at:

http:Yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/lol.nsf/homepage

Your Tier II report needs to be sent as an electronic file with a .t2s extension to the State of NH on or before March 1, 2013 following the end of the year reporting year (Jan-Dec 2012). The State's Tier II program coordinator will forward your submission to the EPA.

NHTier2@dos.nh.gov

Additionally you will need to send your report to the Central NH Regional Emergency Planning Committee at:

CNHHAZMAT@ymail.com

Hard copies of MSDS and other reports <u>do not need</u> to be sent to the local fire departments in the Central NH REPC coverage area. Although, you are required to attach any electronic MSDS and other plans to the "Site plans tab" in the Tier 2 Submit program.

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If you have any questions feel free to email the CNHREPC Coordinator at

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Thank you

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