

Instructions For Completing CERS Consolidated Emergency Response/Contingency Plan

Introduction

Health and Safety Code (HSC) §25504(b) requires that Hazardous Materials Business Plans (HMBP) contain Emergency Response Plans and Procedures in the event of a reportable release or threatened release of a hazardous material. HSC §25504(c) requires that HMBPs address training of employees in safety procedures in the event of a reportable or threatened release.

Title 22 California Code of Regulations (22 CCR) §66262.34(a) requires facilities that generate 1,000 kilograms or more of hazardous waste per month, or accumulate more than 6,000 kilograms of hazardous waste on-site at any one time, prepare a Contingency Plan. Facilities that generate in any month more than 1 kilogram of acutely hazardous waste (AHW), or more than 100 kilograms of debris resulting from the spill of an AHW, or which treat hazardous waste onsite under the Permit by Rule (PBR) onsite treatment tier must also prepare a Contingency Plan.

The California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Consolidated Emergency Response/Contingency Plan has been prepared to: unify emergency response and contingency plan requirements for hazardous materials and hazardous wastes; provide for basic contingency planning for an average small to mid-size facility; and incorporate minimal regulatory requirements. Other supplements or amendments may be required for facilities of exceptional size or having exceptional operations or processes that warrant additional contingency planning. The CERS format is not mandatory. You may instead substitute another emergency planning document [e.g., Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan], provided that it satisfies the HSC and 22 CCR requirements for content.

General Instructions

- This plan applies to both your non-waste hazardous materials and hazardous waste — keep both in mind as you address each plan section.
- Mark sections that don't apply to your facility with "N/A" for not applicable.
- Be as specific as possible.
- Facilities with unusual employee turnover (e.g., gas stations) may substitute position titles for specific employee names when identifying emergency coordinators or emergency response team members to avoid having to constantly revise the plan due to personnel turnover.
- Review the specific line item instructions before completing your plan to avoid common errors.
- After it is completed and signed/certified, the plan or its equivalent should be scanned and uploaded to CERS as a PDF-format document. Your HMBP will not be complete until it includes this information.

Specific Line Item Instructions

1. FACILITY ID NUMBER – Enter the "Agency Facility ID" number found on CERS.
- A1. CERS ID – Enter the 8-digit identification number assigned to this facility in CERS.
- A2. DATE OF PLAN PREPARATION/REVISION – Enter the date the plan was prepared or most recently revised.
3. BUSINESS NAME – Enter the name used to identify the facility on CERS.
103. BUSINESS SITE ADDRESS – Enter the site address where the facility is located.
104. CITY – Enter the city or unincorporated area in which the facility is located.
105. ZIP CODE – Enter the 5 or 9 digit zip code for the facility.
- A3. TYPE OF BUSINESS – Briefly describe the type of business (e.g., Drycleaner, Auto Repair, Gas Station).
- A4. INCIDENTAL OPERATIONS – Briefly describe any operations at the facility that are associated with hazardous materials storage or hazardous waste generation, but are not obvious from the description in A2.
- A5. THIS PLAN COVERS CHEMICAL SPILLS, FIRES, AND EARTHQUAKES INVOLVING – Check box 2 "HAZARDOUS WASTES" if the facility generates hazardous waste. (Note: Box 1 should always be checked since both waste and non-waste hazardous chemicals are hazardous materials.)
- B1. INTERNAL RESPONSE – Check one or more of the three boxes to indicate how the facility will respond internally to emergency incidents.
- C1. INTERNAL FACILITY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OR ALARM NOTIFICATION WILL OCCUR VIA – Check one or more of the boxes to indicate how internal alarm notification will occur.

- C2. NOTIFICATIONS TO NEIGHBORING FACILITIES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY AN OFF-SITE RELEASE WILL OCCUR BY – Check one or more of the boxes to indicate how neighboring facilities will be notified of off-site releases.
- C3. LOCAL UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY PHONE – Enter the phone number of the local UPA that implements the Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) and hazardous waste generator Unified program elements. If there is more than one UPA, identify the second agency in C4.
- C4. OTHER AGENCY NAME – If applicable, use this space to enter the name of another emergency response agency.
- C5. OTHER AGENCY PHONE – If applicable, enter the phone number of the agency named in C4.
- C6. NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY / HOSPITAL NAME – Enter the name of the hospital or emergency medical facility closest to your facility.
- C7. NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY / HOSPITAL PHONE – Enter the phone number of the hospital or emergency medical facility named in C6.
- C8. REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD PHONE – Enter the phone number of the local RWQCB.
- C9. OTHER AGENCY NAME – If applicable, use this space to enter the name of another agency requiring notification.
- C10. OTHER AGENCY PHONE – If applicable, enter the phone number of the agency named in C9.
- C11. OTHER AGENCY NAME – If applicable, use this space to enter the name of another agency requiring notification.
- C12. OTHER AGENCY PHONE – If applicable, enter the phone number of the agency named in C11.
- D1. SPILL PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT, AND CLEANUP PROCEDURES – Check all applicable boxes to identify procedures used by your facility.
- D2. SPECIFY – Briefly specify other spill prevention, containment, and cleanup procedures if you checked Box D1-21.
- E1. THE FOLLOWING ALARM SIGNAL(S) WILL BE USED TO BEGIN EVACUATION OF THE FACILITY – Check all applicable boxes to indicate how facility evacuation will be communicated.
- E2. SPECIFY – Briefly specify other evacuation signals if you checked Box E1-4.
- E3. THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S) IS/ARE EVACUEE ASSEMBLY AREA(S) – Briefly identify or describe the assembly area(s).
- E4. EVACUATION ROUTE MAP(S) POSTED AS REQUIRED – Check the box to indicate that the evacuation routes have been posted as required.
- F1. ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES – Check the box to indicate if advance arrangements have been made or they have been determined not to be necessary.
- F2. SPECIFY – If you checked Box F1-2, briefly describe the advance arrangements.
- G1. EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE – Check all applicable boxes in the second column of the table to identify emergency equipment available at your facility.
- G2. LOCATION – Briefly describe the location(s) where the emergency equipment is kept. (Repeat for other rows in table.)
- G3. CAPABILITY – Where applicable, briefly describe the capability of the emergency equipment. (Repeat for other rows in table.)
- H1. VULNERABLE AREAS – Check all applicable boxes to identify areas at risk of hazardous materials releases or spills due to earthquakes.
- H2. LOCATIONS – If you checked Box H1-1, briefly describe the location. (Repeat for H3 through H5, if applicable).
- H6. VULNERABLE SYSTEMS – Check all applicable boxes to identify areas at risk of mechanical systems vulnerable to hazardous materials releases or spills due to earthquakes.
- H7. LOCATIONS – If you checked Box H6-1, briefly describe the location. (Repeat for H7 through H12, if applicable).
- I1. INDICATE HOW EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED – Check all applicable boxes to identify how your employee training program is administered.
- I2. SPECIFY – If you checked Box I1-4, list the titles of the study guides or manuals.
- I3. SPECIFY – If you checked Box I1-5, briefly describe the other ways training is administered.
- J1. ATTACHMENTS – Check one of the boxes to indicate whether or not additional pages/documents are attached as part of this Emergency Response/Contingency Plan.
- J2. SPECIFY – If you checked Box J1-2, list the attachments in the section.
- K1. DATE SIGNED – Enter the date that the certification section was signed by the owner/operator or authorized representative.
- K2. NAME OF SIGNER – Type or print the full name of the person signing/certifying the plan.
- K3. TITLE OF SIGNER – Enter the title of the person signing/certifying the plan.