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Overview of the Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) Program

This fact sheet is intended to help Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) understand the reporting requirements for facilities under Ohio EPA's CRO program.

The CRO program was created to limit environmental and human health threats from abandoned facilities. It strives to ensure that dangerous materials are removed from facilities as they cease certain operations or close their doors. The CRO rules are found in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745-352.

Who is affected?

For a facility to be subject to the CRO program, it must:

- Be subject to the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III reporting requirements (required to submit an Annual Chemical Inventory Report to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC); and
- Cease regulated operations.

Regulated operations include the production, use, storage or handling of regulated substances. Facilities which submit a SERC report but are exempt from CRO are:

- Oil/gas production operations;
- Public utilities; and

- Underground storage tanks (USTs) regulated by the State Fire Marshal's Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation.

Under the CRO program, a facility must submit EPA form 0327 (Cessation of Regulated Operations Program Permanent/Temporary CRO and Contact Person Form) to Ohio EPA's Division of Hazardous Waste Management, the LEPC and local fire departments. The form and instructions are at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/cro/epa0327.pdf.

What can the LEPC and other local agencies do?

Please contact Ohio EPA with information about facilities that are closing or undergoing major changes, or facilities that have inexplicably stopped submitting Annual Chemical Inventory Reports.

Who are the district contacts at Ohio EPA?

Central District Office
Steve Rath (614) 728-3878
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Northeast District Office
Frank Popotnik (330) 963-1198
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Northwest District Office
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Southeast District Office
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*See District Map on back to find the counties each district serves.

Need more information?

You can call Ohio EPA Division of Hazardous Waste Management at (614) 644-2917 or Ralph McGinnis at (614) 644-3065. Also, you can visit the CRO Web site at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/guidancedocs.html. Ohio EPA has a CRO compliance booklet for facilities, available at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/cro/CRO_Manual.pdf.



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OhioEPA District Offices



Toll-free numbers are for citizens with questions or concerns about environmental issues. The regulated community should use the business line for routine business. Spills and emergencies should be reported to (800) 282-9378.

CDO Central District Office
 50 W. Town St. Suite 700
 Columbus, OH 43215
 (614) 728-3778
 (614) 728-3898 Fax
 (800) 686-2330
www.epa.state.oh.us/cdo

NWDO Northwest District Office
 347 N. Dunbridge Rd.
 Bowling Green, OH 43402
 (419) 352-8461
 (419) 352-8468 Fax
 (800) 686-6930
www.epa.state.oh.us/nwdo

SWDO Southwest District Office
 401 E. Fifth St.
 Dayton, OH 45402-6357
 (937) 285-6357
 (937) 285-6249 Fax
 (800) 686-6357
<http://swdoweb.epa.state.oh.us>

NEDO Northeast District Office
 2110 E. Auroa Rd.
 Twinsburg, OH 44087
 (330) 963-1200
 (330) 487-0769 Fax
 (800) 686-6330
www.epa.state.oh.us/nedo

SEDO Southeast District Office
 2195 Front St.
 Logan, OH 43138
 (740) 385-8501
 (740) 3856490 Fax
 (800) 686-7330
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