

Acronyms

ATSDR [Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry](#) (HHS)

CAA [Clean Air Act](#)

CAER [Community Awareness & Emergency Response](#) - program developed by the Chemical Manufacturers Association. Guidance for chemical plant managers to assist in taking the initiative in cooperating with local communities to develop integrated hazardous materials response plans.

CDC [Centers for Disease Control](#) (HHS)

CEPPO [Chemical Emergency Preparedness & Prevention](#) - the EPA office tasked with helping to prevent & prepare for chemical emergencies,

CERCLA [Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act](#) - covers hazardous substance releases into the environment and the cleanup of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites.

CERT [Community Emergency Response Team](#)

CFR [Code of Federal Regulations](#)

CHEMNET Chemical Manufacturers Network - A mutual aid network of chemical shippers and contractors.

CHEMTREC [Chemical Transportation Emergency Center](#) - operated by the Chemical Manufacturers Association. Provides information and/or assistance to emergency responders. CHEMTREC will contact the shipper or producer of the material for additional detailed information, including on-scene assistance when feasible. Can be reached 24 hours, 6 days a week.

CHLOREP [Chlorine Emergency Plan](#) - A 24-hour mutual aid program. Response is activated by a call to a CHEMTREC designated CHLOREP contact who will contact the appropriate team leader. The team leader will call the emergency caller at the incident and will determine what advice or assistance are required.

CHRIS/HACS Chemical Hazards Response Information System/Hazard Assessment Computer System - developed by the U.S. Coast Guard. HACS is

a computerized model of the four CHRIS manuals which contain chemical specific data. Federal OSCs use HAPS to find answers to specific questions during a chemical response. State and local officials and industry representatives can ask an OSC to request a HAC's data run for contingency planning purposes.

CMA Chemical Manufacturers Association

CWA [Clean Water Act](#)

DOC [U.S. Department of Commerce](#)

DOD [U.S. Department of Defense](#)

DOE [U.S. Department of Energy](#)

DOT [U.S. Department of Transportation](#)

EAS [Emergency Alert System](#) - can be used to inform the public about a hazardous materials incident & what safety precautions should be taken

EDDG Exercise Design & Development Group

EENET [Emergency Education Network](#) (FEMA)

EHS Extremely hazardous substance (as defined in SARA Title III)

EIS Emergency Information System

EMA Emergency Management Agency

EMI [Emergency Management Institute](#)

EOC Emergency Operations Center

EPA [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#)

EPCRA [Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act](#) (SARA Title III)

ERT Environmental Response Team - A group of highly specialized experts available from the EPA

FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)

FRP [National Response Plan](#)

FRERP Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan

HAZMAT A generic term for hazardous materials: flammables, explosives, corrosives, toxics & radioactives

HHS [U.S. Health & Human Services](#)

ICS Incident Command System

LEOP Local Emergency Operations Plan

LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee

MSDS [Material Safety Data Sheet](#) - An OSHA regulated format for the presentation of hazardous communication material concerning a particular chemical or substance

NCP [National Contingency Plan](#) (40 CFR 300) prepared by the EPA to put into effect the response powers and responsibilities created by CERCLA and the authorities established by Section 311 of the Clean Water Act

NFPA [National Fire Protection Association](#)

NIOSH [National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health](#)

NFA The [National Fire Academy](#) - A component of FEMA's National Emergency Training Center. It provides fire prevention & control training for the fire service & allied services. Courses are offered in technical, management and prevention.

NRC [National Response Center](#) - A communication center for activities related to response actions and is located at the US Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, DC. The NRC receives and relays notices of discharges or releases to the appropriate OSC, disseminates OSC and RRT reports to the NRT and provides facilities for the NRT to use in coordinating a national response action.

NRT [National Response Team](#) - A team consisting of representatives of 14 government agencies (DOD, DOI, DOT/RSPA, DOT/USCG, EPA, DOC, FEMA, DOS, USDA, DOJ, HHS, DOL, Nuclear Regulatory Commission & DOE), it is the principal organization for implementing the NCP. When the NRT is not

activated for a response action, it serves as a standing committee to develop and maintain preparedness, to evaluate methods of responding to discharges or releases, to recommend revisions to the NCP. The NRT may consider and make recommendations to appropriate agencies on the training, equipping, and protection of response teams.

NSF [National Strike Force](#) - The USCG counterpart to the EPA's ERTs

OHMTADS Oil & Hazardous Materials Technical Assistance System - a computerized data base containing chemical, biological, and toxicological information about hazardous substances.

OSC On-Scene Coordinator - The Federal official pre-designated by the EPA or USCG to coordinate and direct Federal response and removals under the NCP; or the DOD official designated to coordinate and direct removal actions from the release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants from DOD vessels and facilities.

OSHA [Occupational Safety & Health Administration](#) (DOL)

PSTN Pesticide Safety Team Network - Operated by the [American Crop Protection Association](#) to minimize environmental damage and injury arising from accidental pesticide spills or leaks. PSTN area coordinators are available 24 hours and contacted through CHEMTREC.

RCRA [Resource Conservation & Recovery Act](#) - Directed by the EPA to identify hazardous wastes, both generically and by specific wastes and industrial process waste streams. Owners and operators of treatment, storage and disposal facilities must comply with standards which are implemented through permits issued by the State or EPA.

RMP [Risk Management Program](#) - Clean Air Act, Section 112r

RRT [Regional Response Teams](#) - Representatives of Federal agencies and a representative from each State in the Federal region. During a response to a major hazardous materials incident involving transportation or a fixed facility, the OSC may request the RRT be convened to provide advice or recommendations.

RQ Reportable Quantities

SARA [Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act](#)

SERC State Emergency Response Commission

Superfund The trust fund established under CERCLA to provide money the OSC can use during a cleanup

Title III (of SARA) See EPCRA above

TPQ Threshold Planning Quantity

TSCA [Toxic Substances Control Act](#)

USCG U.S. Coast Guard

VDEM - [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#)