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HAZMAT

Frequently Asked Questions

Regulation of Hazardous Materials

Californians are protected from hazardous waste and hazardous materials by a Unified Program that ensures consistency throughout the state in regard to administrative requirements, permits, inspections, and enforcement. CalEPA oversees the statewide implementation of the Unified Program and its 81 certified local government agencies, known as Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs), which apply regulatory standards and enforcement. Nevada County Department of Environmental Health is the CUPA for Nevada County.

GENERAL

I have a storm water related concern, who should I call?

The State Storm Water Program is implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board. Information about this program, including a link to report a storm water violation is available on their [website](#).

How do I report a hazardous material spill?

While there are many different laws and regulations that govern spill reporting, a simple method to report a release or a suspected release of a hazardous material is to call the CAL OES (Office of Emergency Services) Warning Center at 1-800-852-7550. This agency will then notify agencies who will respond.

Do I need a permit for hazardous material related activities?

If your facility stores hazardous materials, generates hazardous waste, or has aboveground or underground storage tanks then likely you are required to obtain permit from the Nevada County Environmental Health Department. For additional information, please call (530) 265-1222 Ext. 3.

What is CERS?

All businesses that store hazardous materials are now required to use the Internet to electronically report and submit required information previously recorded on paper forms. This includes facility data regarding hazardous material regulatory activities, chemical inventories, underground and aboveground storage tanks, and hazardous waste generation. It also includes agency data such as inspections and enforcement actions. Much of this information is available to the public. For more information about CERS electronic reporting requirements, please go to the [CERS Central web site](#).

Underground Storage Tanks (UST)

Where can I get current news about laws and regulations pertaining to my Underground Storage Tank (UST) system?

You may sign up to receive emails from the State Water Resources Control Board UST Program. Information about various UST topics and specific areas of interest can be found by clicking [here](#).

Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP)

What is a Hazardous Material Business Plan (HMBP)?

The HMBP contains detailed information on the storage of hazardous materials at regulated facilities. The purpose of the HMBP is to prevent or minimize damage to public health, safety, and the environment, from a release or threatened release of a hazardous material. The HMBP also provides emergency response personnel with adequate information to help them better prepare and respond to chemical-related incidents at regulated facilities.

When is my annual Hazardous Material Business Plan renewal due?

Nevada County considers a submittal to be in compliance with HSC §25508 regarding annual HMBP submittals if no more than one year passes since the last submittal. For example, if you submitted your HMBP on January 1st, 2017, your next annual submittal would be due by the end of the day on December 31, 2017.

Hazardous Waste Generation

How do I properly dispose of my hazardous wastes?

Depending on how much hazardous waste you generate per month, you typically must use a registered hazardous waste transporter to remove your hazardous waste for proper disposal. A list of registered hazardous waste haulers is available [online](#).

For households and small businesses that generate very small quantities of waste, self-hauling to a permitted facility may be allowed, for additional information, please contact NCDEH at (530) 265-1222.

How do I get an EPA ID number?

Anyone who generates, transports, offers for transport, treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste (all are collectively called "handlers") generally must have an ID number, which is used to identify the hazardous waste handler, and to track the hazardous waste from the point of origin to its final disposal site. The ID number is placed on the manifest for each generator, transporter, and facility that handles the waste. Depending on the type and quantity of waste your business generates determines whether you need a State ID or a Federal ID. You can call NCDEH at (530) 265-1222 Ext. 3 if you need help making that determination.

Click [here](#) for the application for a State ID Number. The Federal ID Number can be found [online](#).

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)

Do I need to put my SPCC Plan in CERS?

No, SPCC Plans are NOT required to be uploaded into CERS and, therefore, SPCC Plans should NOT be uploaded into CERS. You can meet APSA state reporting requirements by uploading a tank facility statement or by submitting a hazardous materials business plan to CERS. Facilities subject to APSA shall keep a copy of their SPCC plan onsite in the facility which is normally attended at least four hours per day, or at the nearest field office if the facility is not attended. For additional information, please contact NCDEH at (530) 265-1222 Ext. 3.