

EPA REVISES RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

In July 2003, the U.S. EPA proposed to amend Risk Management Plan (RMP) reporting requirements in several ways, including the addition of several new data elements. The rule was promulgated April 9, 2004. The Federal Register notice for the final rule is available in the Federal Register: April 9, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 69). The rule may be viewed at the Government Printing Office Federal Register website main page at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr>. Key elements of the final rule are presented below.

Changes to RMP Submission Requirements

- Five Year Accident History: Facilities that have an accident that meets the criteria for the five-year accident history are required to add information about the accident and the resulting incident investigation to the source RMP within six months of the accident.
- Emergency Contact Information: EPA requires that facilities correct their emergency contact information within one month of a change in the information.

Changes to Executive Summary

- EPA removed the requirement for sources to briefly describe the off-site consequence analysis [*i.e.*, worst-case accidental release scenario(s) and the alternative accidental release scenario(s)] within the executive summary of the RMP.

New Data Elements

- EPA added three data elements to the RMP:
 - The facility emergency contact e-mail address;
 - The reason for subsequent RMP submissions (*e.g.*, correction, update, withdrawal); and
 - The name, address, and telephone number of the contractor who assisted in preparing the RMP, if applicable.

Revisions to RMP Submission Format

- Uncontrolled Chemical Reactions: EPA expanded the list of possible causes of

accidental releases to include uncontrolled chemical reactions.

- RMP*Submit 2004 Software: This is the updated, free, personal computer software EPA developed for facilities to use in submitting Risk Management Plans (RMP) required under the Risk Management Program. It will be updated immediately following final rule publication.

Effective Date and Deadline

- The rule is effective immediately. The deadline for updating RMPs that were submitted on or before June 21, 1999, is June 21, 2004.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be posted on EPA's Office of Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (OEPPR) website regarding regulatory changes associated with the final rule. The OEPPR website address is <http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/index.html>.

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