

INCIDENT/RELEASE ASSESSMENT FORM ¹

If you have an emergency, Call 911

Handlers of hazardous materials are required to report releases. The following is a tool to be used for assessing if a release is reportable. Additionally, a non-reportable release incident form is provided to document why a release is not reported (see back).

Questions for Incident Assessment:

	YES	NO
1. Was anyone killed or injured, or did they require medical care or admitted to a hospital for observation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Did anyone, other than employees in the immediate area of the release, evacuate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Did the release cause off-site damage to public or private property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is the release greater than or equal to a reportable quantity (RQ)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Was there an uncontrolled or unpermitted release to the air?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Did an uncontrolled or unpermitted release escape secondary containment, or extend into any sewers, storm water conveyance systems, utility vaults and conduits, wetlands, waterways, public roads, or off site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will control, containment, decontamination, and/or clean up require the assistance of federal, state, county, or municipal response elements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Was the release or threatened release involving an unknown material or contains an unknown hazardous constituent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is the incident a threatened release (a condition creating a substantial probability of harm that requires immediate action to prevent, reduce, or mitigate damages to persons, property, or the environment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is there an increased potential for secondary effects including fire, explosion, line rupture, equipment failure, or other outcomes that may endanger or cause exposure to employees, the general public, or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the answer is YES to *any* of the above questions – report the release to the California Emergency Management Agency at 800-852-7550 and the local CUPA daytime: (858) 505-6657, after hours: (858) 565-5255. Note: other state and federal agencies may require notification depending on the circumstances. See CalEMA’s “California Hazardous Material Spill/Release Notification Guide”.

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If all answers are NO, complete a Non Reportable Release Incident Form (page 2 of 2) and keep it readily available. Documenting why a “no” response was made to each question will serve useful in the event questions are asked in the future, and to justify not reporting to an outside regulatory agency.

If in doubt, report the release.

¹ This document is a guide for accessing when hazardous materials release reporting is required by Chapter 6.95 of the California Health and Safety Code. It does not replace good judgment, Chapter 6.95, or other state or federal release reporting requirements.

NON REPORTABLE RELEASE INCIDENT FORM

1. RELEASE AND RESPONSE DESCRIPTION

Incident # _____

Date/Time Discovered	Date/Time Discharge	Discharge Stopped <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Incident Date / Time:		
Incident Business / Site Name:		
Incident Address:		
Other Locators (Bldg, Room, Oil Field, Lease, Well #, GIS)		
Please describe the incident and indicate specific causes and area affected. Photos Attached?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Indicate actions to be taken to prevent similar releases from occurring in the future.		

2. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Supervisor in charge at time of incident:	Phone:
Contact Person:	Phone:

3. CHEMICAL INFORMATION

Chemical	Quantity <input type="checkbox"/> GAL <input type="checkbox"/> LBS <input type="checkbox"/> FT ³
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Clean-Up Procedures & Timeline:	
Completed By:	Phone:
Print Name:	Title: