

# SARA TITLE III (EPCRA) FACT SHEET FOR FARMERS

## Information for Wisconsin's Agricultural Community

SARA stands for the "Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act" of 1986. "Title III" is called the "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and it helps communities prepare for hazardous chemical emergencies by involving local agencies and citizens in preparing local hazardous chemical emergency response plans.

In Wisconsin, each county has a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) consisting of local elected officials, emergency response personnel (fire, police, etc.), the media, citizens, and industry.

These volunteers assist with emergency response planning and increase awareness of chemical hazards in communities.

Responding to emergencies involving hazardous chemicals can

be dangerous. A chemical that may threaten human health and safety can be a hazardous chemical. The EPCRA planning process enables emergency responders to know what hazardous chemicals are stored at a site in order to take safe and appropriate action during an emergency.

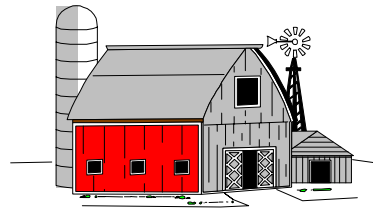
Please do your part to help make your community a safer place and review the following information. At the end of this fact sheet are phone numbers to call for help.

### EMERGENCY PLANNING

You may need to complete a Farm Emergency Planning Notification Form and provide information to your county's LEPC if your farm has certain agricultural chemicals stored overnight or longer at a planning amount. You can contact your county LEPC by calling you county's Emergency Management Office to find out if your farm operation needs an off-site emergency response plan.

Your county LEPC will develop the EPCRA off-site **emergency response plan** for your farm if it is required. The planning process has been simplified for farming operations. The plan will list the name

and storage location for agricultural extremely hazardous substances stored at your farm and identify



two people who emergency responders can contact on a 24 hr. basis in case of an emergency at your farm.

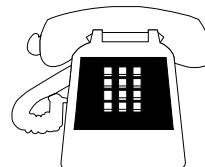
Local emergency responders will be given a copy of the plan so they know where and how hazardous chemicals are stored at your farm in case there is a chemical accident or if one of your buildings is involved in an incident like a fire.

### SPILL OR RELEASE REPORTING

If you spill or release a substance that may adversely affect human health and safety or the environment, you should immediately notify the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by calling **1-800-943-0003** (press #1 for spill reporting).

Some examples of spills or releases that you may need to call and report are pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and petroleum products. Some types of

spills and releases require that your county LEPC and the National Response Center also be notified. Your county LEPC can provide more information about spill or release reporting.



### ANNUAL HAZARDOUS

#### CHEMICAL INVENTORY REPORTING

Farm operations are exempt from annual hazardous chemical inventory reporting if the chemicals stored are used only for your own routine agricultural operation.

If you store chemicals such as diesel fuel, gasoline, fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides for other than your own use (i.e., if you resell the chemicals or use them to spray other farmer's fields), you may need to complete an annual inventory report if the hazardous chemicals have been present at a reportable amount. Contact your county LEPC for more information.

### HELP IS AVAILABLE

For help with determining whether your farm



must participate in planning or for questions or for help completing the forms, contact your county LEPC by calling your county Emergency Management Office. Your county agricultural extension agent can also help answer questions.

### MORE HELP

State EPCRA staff is also available at (608) 242-3221 to your answer questions or write to:



**State Emergency Response Board  
Farm Planning  
PO Box 7865  
Madison, WI 53707**

### OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) 24 Hr. Emergency Hotline: 1-800-943-0003

Chemical Manufacturer's Referral Center & CHEMTREC  
1-800-262-8200

National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (information on toxicology, safety, health, environment, clean-up/disposal procedures):  
1-800-858-7378

National Response Center  
1-800-424-8802

## Farm Emergency Planning Notification - Step by Step

