



Web Accessible Suite, Server-Based Tier2Submit

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- ▶ EPCRA, enacted as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, (SARA) Title III
- ▶ EPCRA Provided:
 - ▶ Authorities to Local and State organizations for planning and preparedness for releases of extremely hazardous substances (EHSs)
 - ▶ Provides the public, local agencies, fire departments, and other emergency officials with information concerning potential chemical risks in their communities

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- ▶ The statute does not include the federal government as being one of the entities that receives EPCRA Tier 2 information
 - ▶ Bhopal, India: December 1984—Union Carbide, Release of MIC, Killed Over 3,500 people and injured thousands more
- ▶ New statutory requirement and/or information collection request (ICR) implemented in order for EPA to receive/collect Tier II information

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- ▶ EPA has relayed in draft guidance that SERCs, LEPCs, and fire departments could partner together for one agency to receive the section 311 and 312 reporting and distribute to the others
- ▶ 40 CFR part 370 state that facilities are required to submit under section 311 and 312 of EPCRA to their SERC, LEPC and the local fire department, EPA believes the single point submission option satisfies the intent of the statute and its implementing regulations

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► REMINDER:

If implementing agencies choose to use this option, EPA wants to remind you to make sure that all statutory and regulatory requirements are still met, especially the deadline for submission—March 1st!

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