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## LGR Program At A Glance



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In the event of a release (or threatened release) of hazardous substances, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may reimburse local governments for expenses related to the release and associated emergency response measures through its Local Governments Reimbursement (LGR) Program.

The LGR Program provides a "safety net" of up to \$25,000 per incident to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for response actions. This program can provide some financial relief to local governments most seriously affected by costs above and beyond those incurred routinely and traditionally. Key to this regulation (40 CFR part 310) is that reimbursement must not supplant local funds normally provided for response.

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Because local governments are often the first to respond to an incident to protect the public, the EPA created the LGR Program to provide reimbursement to local and tribal governments for certain expenses related to response for hazardous substance releases in their jurisdictions.

These funds are limited to \$25,000 per single response and are only available if the applying government is not at fault for the release. Requests for reimbursement must be received by the EPA within one year of response completion (i.e., when all fieldwork is completed, paperwork is received, and cost recovery has been attempted).

## The Goal:

The goal of this program is to provide financial assistance to government entities that do not have a budget allocated for emergency response and cannot otherwise provide adequate response measures. Contact your state or tribal organization who may have cost recovery statutes for hazardous materials incidents.

### At a high level, the LGR Program:

- ✓ Provides reimbursement for temporary, unanticipated emergency measures in response to hazardous substance releases or threatened releases.
- ✓ Provides funds that cannot supplant funds normally provided for response activities.
- ✓ Has a \$25,000 limit per response.
- ✓ Allows only one reimbursement request per incident.
- ✓ Does not include petroleum products (unless mixed with another hazardous substance).