

Tier II Reports

Part B: How LEPCs Use Tier II Reports

Receiving Tier II reports is only the first step. LEPCs have a responsibility to review this data and put it to work for their communities. The information in Tier II reports directly supports emergency planning, hazard analysis, first responder preparedness, and the public's right to know.

How LEPCs Should Use Tier II Data

Emergency Planning

- Identify facilities with Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHSs) at or above Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs) – these facilities trigger Section 302 planning requirements.
- Use chemical storage locations and methods to develop or update facility-specific annexes in the local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- Use tools such as CAMEO/ALOHA to model potential release impacts and identify vulnerable zones.

First Responder Preparedness

- Share chemical and location data with fire departments and HazMat teams so they know what they may encounter before arriving on scene.
- Identify training and equipment gaps based on the specific chemicals present in the jurisdiction.

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Hazard Analysis

- Map facility locations and chemical quantities to build an overall picture of chemical risk in the community.
- Note patterns, such as multiple facilities storing the same chemical or facilities near schools, hospitals, or waterways.

Public Right-to-Know

- Tier II information must be made available to the public upon request. LEPCs are required to respond within 45 days. Organizing data in advance makes it straightforward to fulfill public requests.

Accessing Tier II Reports in Montana

In Montana, LEPCs access Tier II reports through E-Plan. LEPCs must request E-Plan access through Montana DEQ before reports can be retrieved. Once access is granted, LEPCs can view and download reports for all facilities in their jurisdictions. Additional tools such as CAMEO, ALOHA, and MARPLOT can then help LEPCs organize, model, and map Tier II data for planning and response purposes.



Don't have E-Plan access yet? Contact the [E-Plan Administrator](#) or the [SERC Administrator](#).