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Facilities covered by the reporting requirements of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) must submit annual Tier II reports to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), the Local/Regional Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC/REPC), and the Local Fire Department. **Tier II Reports for 2024 must be filed by March 1, 2025.**

Submitting reports to the SERC:

The Massachusetts SERC requires reports to be submitted through the HazConnect Tier II system. 2024 reports can now be submitted at:

<https://massachusetts.hazconnect.com>

New filers must first register to use the HazConnect Tier II system. Registration is a one-time process; if you have already registered you do not need to do so again. To register, please follow the steps outlined within the Tier II System Guide on our website:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-state-emergency-response-commission-serc>

If you have lost or forgotten your Username and/or Password, you may re-set them via the System's website.

Once a report has been submitted, it can be exported into a Cameo file, PDF, Excel or XML format to provide to the LEPC/REPC and Local Fire Department. While it is not required, the EPA Tier II Submit tool, which is a free download from the EPA website, can be used to validate information. It is important to enter the information into the Massachusetts Tier II system first to satisfy the EPCRA requirement. Once completed, the file can be dragged to the EPA Tier II Submit tool and most of the information will upload automatically.

Important:

- Submitting a report via the MA HazConnect Tier II system does NOT fulfill reporting requirements to R/LEPC and/or Fire Departments. Filers must still submit reports to their respective EPC and Fire Department per their respective reporting requirements.
- Reports must be submitted to the R/LEPC and fire department in the format they require. Contact your local fire department for details.
- You may obtain a list of EHS substances on the EPA website here: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/final-rule-extremely-hazardous-substance-list-and-threshold-planning-quantities-emergency>
- When a report is filed in the Tier II system, you will receive an automatic reply acknowledging receipt.
- There is no filing fee for the SERC.
- The SERC does not require submission of Safety Data Sheets, however, the data sheets should be supplied to your fire department.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: Tier2@mass.gov