

TITLE 19. Public Safety
Division 2. Office of Emergency Services
Chapter 4. Hazardous Material Release Reporting, Inventory, and Response Plans

Article 1. Definitions

§2620. Control.

"Control" means any actions necessary to stop, prevent, abate, or mitigate a release or threatened release thereby ensuring the elimination of a condition of substantial probability of harm to human health and safety, property, or the environment.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25520, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25503(b)(5), 25507 and 25520, Health and Safety Code.

§2650. Person.

"Person" means any employee, authorized representative, agent or designee of a handler.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25520, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25507, 25515 and 25520, Health and Safety Code.

§2660. Pesticide Drift Exposure Incident.

"Pesticide drift exposure incident" means an unintended airborne transport of a pesticide to non-target areas, potentially resulting in exposures that could affect public health and safety and the environment. For the purposes of this Chapter, the term "pesticide" has the same meaning as "pesticide", as defined in the Food and Agricultural Code, Section 12753.

Note: Authority cited: Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Sections 12753 and 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.

Article 3. Minimum Standards for Area Plans

§2720. Proposed Area Plans.

The proposed area plan, as required by Section 25503(d) of the Health and Safety Code, shall include:

- (a) a description of the extent to which the administering agency has met the requirements of this Article, and a schedule for implementing the final area plan, by December 29, 1987, to include the provisions of Sections 2722-2736 of this Article;

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- (b) provisions for integrating, in the final area plan, information from business plans submitted by handlers within the jurisdiction of an administering agency; ~~and~~
(c) protocols for responses to pesticide drift exposure incidents; and
(~~e~~d) a form providing information on the elements within the area plan, substantially equivalent to the following optional model reporting form for area plans.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 25503 and 25517.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.

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OPTIONAL MODEL REPORTING FORM - AREA PLAN

<p align="center">CHECKLIST for AREA PLAN ELEMENT and reference section</p>	<p align="center">ELEMENT ATTACHED</p>	<p align="center">ELEMENT NOT PROVIDED, JUSTIFICATION ATTACHED</p>	<p align="center">PROPOSED DATE FOR COMPLETION</p>
SECTION 2722 - EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES			
Approach, Recognition & Evaluation			
Personnel Monitoring & Decontamination			
Equipment Monitoring & Decontamination			
SECTION 2723 - PREEMERGENCY PLANNING			
Pre-incident Site Surveys			
Planning & Coordination			
Emergency Funding Access			
Disposal Facility Access			
Emergency Response Contractor Access			
Integrated Response Management System			
SECTION 2724 - NOTIFICATION & COORDINATION			
Notification & Coordination			
Emergency Communications			
Responsibility Matrix			
OES Notification			
SECTION 2725 - TRAINING			
Emergency Response Personnel Training			
Training Documentation			
Training Exercises			
SECTION 2726 - PUBLIC SAFETY & INFORMATION			
Site Perimeter Security			
Safety Procedure Information			
Information Release Responsibility			
Medical Notification			
Evacuation Plans			
SECTION 2727 - SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT			
Listing & Description			
Testing & Maintenance			
SECTION 2728 - INCIDENT CRITIQUE AND FOLLOWUP			

§2722. Procedures and Protocols for Emergency Rescue Personnel.

Area plans shall include procedures and protocols to ensure the health and safety of emergency response personnel, such as, but not limited to:

- (a) guidelines for approach, recognition, and evaluation of releases and threatened releases of hazardous materials by emergency response personnel; and
- (b) monitoring and decontamination guidelines for emergency response personnel and equipment.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code.

§2723. Pre-Emergency Planning.

Area plans shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) provisions for pre-incident surveys of business sites by first responders for the purpose of site familiarization, if deemed necessary by the administering agency;
- (b) provisions for pre-emergency planning and coordination among emergency responders within the jurisdiction of an administering agency. Pre-emergency planning shall include coordination of emergency response and emergency assistance between contiguous jurisdictions;
- (c) procedures to access local, state and federal funding and emergency response assistance;
- (d) procedures, developed in consultation with the Local Health Officer, to inform medical providers regarding eligibility for reimbursement pursuant to Section 12997.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, where applicable;
- (~~e~~) provisions for access to state approved and permitted hazardous waste disposal facilities and emergency response contractors; ~~and~~
- (~~e~~f) development of an integrated response management system providing standardized organizational structure, terminology, and procedures for use during any release or threatened release of hazardous materials, to include pesticide drift exposure incidents. The administering agency shall incorporate into the area plan specific agency roles within the Standardized Emergency Management System, including procedures for agency notification and responsibility for public safety and information pursuant to Section 2726 for all emergency responses, to include pesticide drift exposure incidents. The administering agency shall consult with the County Agricultural Commissioner and the Local Health Officer when incorporating their statutory duties into a pesticide drift response, and when assigning other specific agency responsibilities for pesticide drift exposure incidents-; and
- (g) procedures, established in consultation with the County Agricultural Commissioner and the Local Health Officer, with assistance from the Department of Pesticide Regulation, to provide immediate access to pesticide-specific information for responders to pesticide releases. This information will assist emergency response and emergency medical services personnel in identifying and characterizing any pesticides which have the potential to come

into contact with one or more individuals as the result of a pesticide drift exposure incident within the jurisdiction.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7(b)(1), (2) and (6), Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.

§2724. Notification and Coordination.

Area plans shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) provisions for notification of, and coordination with, emergency response personnel, such as, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire service, medical and public health services, poison control centers, hospitals, and resources for the evacuation, reception and care of evacuated persons;
- (b) identification and utilization of alternative forms of emergency communications (such as amateur radio services), in the event of a loss of primary communications;
- (c) a responsibility matrix or listing of specific emergency responsibilities of responding organizations. This matrix or listing shall be developed in consultation with the listed responding organizations; ~~and~~
- (d) provisions for notification to the Office of Emergency Services of all reports received pursuant to Article 2 of this subchapter. These notifications shall be submitted, at least monthly, on forms specified by the Office of Emergency Services; ~~;~~ and
- (e) procedures, developed in consultation with the Local Health Officer, to ensure access to health care within 24 hours of an exposure resulting from a pesticide drift exposure incident and up to a week after the incident.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7(b)(5), Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.

§2725. Training.

- (a) At a minimum, area plans shall establish provisions for training of emergency response personnel in the following areas:
 - (1) emergency procedures for first response to a release or threatened release of hazardous materials, to include pesticide drift exposure incidents;
 - (2) health and safety procedures for response personnel, including those procedures required by Section 2724 of this Article;
 - (3) use of emergency response equipment and supplies;
 - (4) procedures for access to mutual-aid resources;
 - (5) identification of medical facilities capable of providing treatment appropriate for hazardous material incidents, to include pesticide drift exposure incidents;
 - (6) evacuation plans and procedures;
 - (7) monitoring and decontamination procedures for emergency response personnel and equipment;

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- (8) first-aid procedures for hazardous material incidents, including pesticide exposure;
- (9) procedures for informing the public during emergencies; and
- (10) psychological stress that may be encountered during disaster operations.

(b) Area plans shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) provisions for documenting personnel training described in subsection (a) of this section; and
- (2) provisions for joint field or table-top exercises, with affected organizations, with voluntary participation of business representatives.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.

§2726. Public Safety and Information.

Area plans shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) site perimeter security procedures for use during a release or threatened release of hazardous material;
- (b) provisions for informing business personnel and the affected public of safety procedures to follow during a release or threatened release of a hazardous material;
- (c) procedures, developed in consultation with the County Agricultural Commissioner, to notify residents of a pesticide drift exposure incident and a procedure to assist in the coordination of an evacuation, if deemed necessary by emergency response personnel;
- (d) procedures to identify all languages known to be spoken in the administering agency's county or city, as the case may be, and ensure that any individual is able to access services in their native language as required by Section 11135 of the Government Code. The area plan will outline what these services are and how they will be provided in the languages identified;
- (~~ee~~) designation of responsibility for the coordinated release of safety information to the public and to the local Emergency Broadcast System;
- (~~df~~) provisions for informing medical and health facilities of the nature of the incident and the substance(s) involved in an incident; and
- (~~eg~~) provisions for evacuation plans. Evacuation planning shall provide for the following elements:
 - (1) determination of the necessity for evacuation;
 - (2) centralized coordination of information with local law, fire, public health, medical, and other emergency response agencies;
 - (3) timely notification of the affected public, including release of messages prepared pursuant to subsections (~~ee~~) and (~~df~~) of this section;
 - (4) properties of hazardous materials, such as quantity, concentration, vapor pressure, density, and potential health effects;
 - (5) possible release scenarios;
 - (6) facility characteristics, topography, meteorology, and demography of potentially affected areas;
 - (7) ingress and egress routes and alternatives;

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- (8) location of medical resources trained and equipped for hazardous material response;
- (9) mass-care facilities, reception areas, and sheltering; and
- (10) procedures for post-emergency period population recovery.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 25503 and 25517.5, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7(b)(2) and (4), Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7 Food and Agricultural Code.

§2727. Supplies and Equipment.

- (a) Area plans shall contain a listing and description of available emergency response supplies and equipment specifically designated for the potential emergencies presented by the hazardous materials which are handled within the jurisdiction of the administering agency. This information shall be presented to reflect response capability.
- (b) Area plans shall outline the provisions for regular testing, if applicable, and proper maintenance of emergency response equipment under the direct control of the county or city, as the case may be.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code.

§2728. Incident Critique and Follow-Up.

Area plans shall describe provisions for the critique and follow-up of major incidents of a release or threatened release of hazardous material, including pesticide drift exposure incidents. The critique shall include an interagency meeting to evaluate the response, to improve future response, and to determine if any area plan revisions are required.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 25503, Health and Safety Code, Section 12997.7, Food and Agricultural Code.