

Businesses regulated by CA Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.95 and Assembly Bill (AB) 2286 are required to submit their Hazardous Material Business Programs (HMBP) and other related Unified Program data to the local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) through the CERS website (<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov>).

The reportable hazardous materials types and quantities can vary depending on each local CUPA agency and city ordinance which tend to be a lot more stringent than the state disclosure rule.

USC is a regulated business since its research community, physical plant, and hospitals/clinics handle, store, and use many reportable types and quantities of hazardous materials. Additionally, it is required to disclose information about its Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks (AST) and Underground Storage Tanks (UST).

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) uploads the following information to CERS:

- Facility information (including business activities)
- Hazardous Materials Inventory (including site map)
- Consolidated Emergency Response Contingency Plan and Employee Training
- UST and AST information

EH&S is able to fulfill these provisions largely through its campus-wide, online chemical inventory database.



What I can do...

- Contact EH&S to create an online chemical inventory account if one does not exist.
- Update the account annually or when significant changes in inventory occur.
- Keep chemical inventory quantities to a minimum.
- Substitute chemicals that are less hazardous where appropriate.

Principal Investigators and Facility/Program Managers that actively update their online chemical inventory support EH&S and the university in this endeavor.

Note that the updated chemical inventory also benefits emergency response personnel in preparing for and handling emergencies that involve hazardous materials.

Researchers may access their chemical inventories at Environmental Health and Safety Assistant (EHSA) <https://adminsafety.usc.edu/ehsaweb/ehsawebisapi.dll>. Researchers that need to set up new accounts may contact EH&S.

References

California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Chapter 6.95
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=20.&title=&part=&chapter=6.95.&article=1

California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 27
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/Regulations/T27Cleanup/RegTextClean.pdf>

Federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA), Section 311-312
<http://www2.epa.gov/epcra/epcra-sections-311-312>

Assembly Bill (AB) 2286
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Documents/eReporting/AB2286.pdf>