SARA Title III Section 313 Toxic Chemical Release: Reporting Requirements

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What is the SARA Title III §313 Community Right-to-Know Program?

Section 313 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), which is also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), requires certain facilities to report both routine and accidental chemical releases. These businesses must submit electronic reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state TRI representative by July 1 for each preceding year.

Which facilities must submit Toxic Chemical Release Inventory forms?

EPA's "Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Form R and Instructions" provides guidance on how to determine if your facility must submit a report. Either Form A or Form R must be submitted to the EPA and state TRI representative if a facility is required to comply with EPCRA §313. Choosing the correct EPA Form depends on the type and quantity of chemicals at the facility.

Criteria for reporting a chemical with Form R:

- facility has 10 or more full-time employees; ***and***
- facility is included in Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes 10, 12, 20-39, 1321, 4911, 4931, 4939, 4953, 5169, 5171, 7389[1] or is a federal facility; ***and***
- chemical is subject to reporting under Section 313 column of SARA Title III "List of Lists"[2] (i.e. is a listed chemical), which is also listed in 40 CFR 372.65; ***and***
- facility manufactures or processes more than 25,000 pounds/year of a listed chemical or facility otherwise uses more than 10,000 pounds/year of a listed chemical[3]; ***and***
- facility has an "annual reportable amount"[4] of more than 500 pounds; ***or***
- facility has an "annual reportable amount" less than 500 pounds ***but*** facility manufactures, processes, ***or*** otherwise uses more than 1 million pounds[5].

Criteria for reporting a chemical with Form A:

- facility meets all the criteria previously mentioned for Form R except…
- facility has an "annual reportable amount"[4] of less than 500 pounds[6]; ***and***
- facility manufactures, processes, ***or*** otherwise uses less than 1 million pounds[5].

A flow chart for determining applicability of EPCRA §313 requirements is provided at the end of this Tech Guide.

Where do facilities send the forms?

Starting on January 1, 2013, the EPA requires the use of TRI-MEweb for EPCRA §313 submittal. TRI-MEweb is an interactive, web-based application that guides facilities through TRI reporting. Facilities that reside in a state or territory participating in the TRI Data Exchange (TDX) will have their forms sent simultaneously to EPA and their state or tribal TRI representative in electronic format. The state of Georgia has participated in TDX since 2010. Reports that are not submitted electronically using the TRI-MEweb will not be processed as acceptable submissions. However, facilities submitting TRI reports containing trade secrets will still submit their reports to EPA on paper, not via TRI-MEweb.

Instructions and tutorials on how to submit the TRI reporting forms through TRI-MEweb can be found at:

- EPA's TRI forms and instructions page: https://ordspub.epa.gov/ords/guideme_ext/f?p=guideme:rfi-home

- EPA's TRI Electronic Reporting page: https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/electronic-submission-tri-reporting-forms
- TRI-MEweb mini tutorials: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-09/trimeweb_tutorials_april_2025_update.pdf

What is the Hazardous Substance Reporting Fee?

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) institutes a hazardous substance reporting fee associated with the EPCRA §313 submittal. This fee is due July 1 of each year. The basic fee schedule is: $575 annually for §313 reported releases between 1 and 999 pounds; $1150 annually for §313 reported releases between 1,000 pounds and 10,000 pounds; and $1725 annually for §313 reported releases greater than or equal to 10,000 pounds. Fees are based upon total pounds released annually.

For More Information

- Visit EPA's Toxics Release Inventory homepage at https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program
- SARA Title III "List of Lists"
- Information on Georgia's Hazardous Substance Reporting Fee can be found in Section 3.0 of the *Guidelines for Calculating Hazardous Waste Management Fees and Hazardous Substance Reporting Fees*, located at the following webpage: https://epd.georgia.gov/hazardous-waste-forms-0 or by calling the EPD Emergency Response Program at 470-587-6872.
- Contact the Georgia Environmental Compliance Assistance Program (GECAP) at Georgia Tech by calling 404-8934-4147.

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[1] Exemptions and limitations associated with certain SIC codes. Refer to the EPA's "Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Forms and Instructions" for more details.

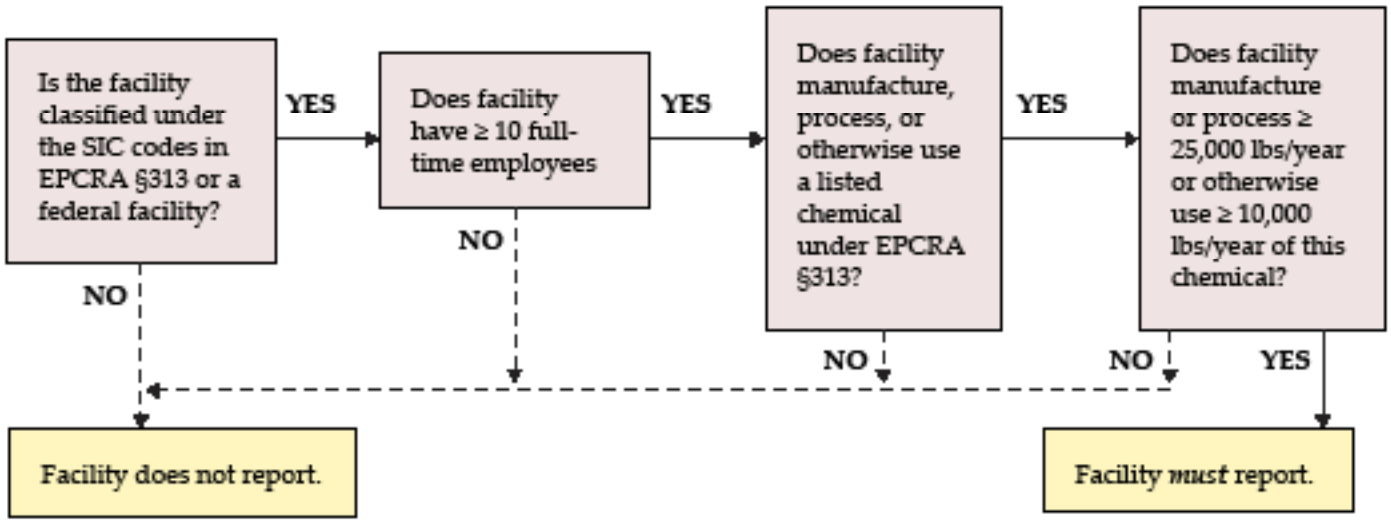
[2] "Title III List of Lists" is a consolidated list of chemicals subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act.

[3] "Manufactures," "processes," and "otherwise uses" have activity thresholds and are defined thoroughly in EPA's "Toxic Chemical Release Inventory Reporting Forms and Instructions."

[4] An "annual reportable amount" is a total of all releases including all quantities used for energy recovery on site and off site, recycled on site and off site, and treated on site and off site.

[5] Facilities that release less than 500 pounds of a listed chemical are eligible for the "alternative threshold" of 1 million pounds manufactured, processed, or otherwise used. The "alternative threshold" is applied per chemical for each different activity.

[6] If facility has no release, the owner and/or operator is still required to submit a Form A according to §313 EPCRA.



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