

Have You Ceased Regulated Operations?

If your facility must submit an Annual Chemical Inventory Report under Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III reporting, you must meet the Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) requirements.

Facilities which are required to file an Annual Chemical Inventory Report to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) must meet the Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) requirements when you cease regulated operations at your facility. Regulated operations include the production, use, storage or handling of regulated substances.

Cessation can be due to shutting down the entire facility or no longer having regulated operations. The CRO program was created to limit environmental and human health threats from abandoned facilities. It strives to ensure that dangerous materials are removed from facilities as they cease certain operations or close their doors. The CRO rules are found in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter (OAC) 3745-352.

Note: Facilities that submit a SERC report but are exempt from CRO include oil/gas production operations, public utilities and underground storage tanks (USTs) regulated by the State Fire Marshal's Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation (BUSTR).

Who is affected?

The owner or operator of a reporting facility is subject to the CRO program if they cease all regulated operations. It is important to note that other types of entities may be responsible for complying with the CRO program if the owner or operator fails to comply. This includes a first mortgage holder, a fiduciary (holds facility's legal title or can be a lessee), an indentured trustee or a court appointed receiver.

Facilities undergoing temporary cessation of regulated operations are also subject to the CRO program. Contact Ohio EPA for more information if you believe this program affects you.



What are my responsibilities?

Within 30 days of ceasing regulated operations you must:

- submit **EPA Form 0327** (Cessation of Regulated Operations Program Permanent/Temporary CRO and Contact Person Form (30/45 Day Form)) to Ohio EPA, the local emergency planning committee (LEPC) and local fire department.
- secure the facility and post warning signs; and
- designate a contact.

Within 90 days of cessation you must:

- submit **EPA Form 0329** accompanied by a chemical inventory report and a statement indicating whether any asbestos-containing materials are present ;
- submit current list of chemicals or material safety data sheets (MSDS) if chemicals are not on the inventory form;
- submit a list of every stationary tank, vat, electrical transformer and vessel that contains or is contaminated with regulated; a description of each location, and an identification of the regulated substances that are in or contaminate each;
- drain or remove all regulated substances from each of the above vessels;
- Remove all regulated substances by doing any of the following:
 - Transfer them to an operating facility; or
 - Sell them to another person; or
 - Legally dispose of them
- certify removal to the director of Ohio EPA.

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Who are the district contacts at Ohio EPA?

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Where can I get more information?

If you would like more information about the CRO program, contact the Hazardous Waste Compliance Assurance Section of the [Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization](#) at 614-644-2924, or visit our website [Cessation of Regulated Operations](#).