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Reporting procedures for hazardous substances are already regulated under a number of federal and state laws including: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA); Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); and multiple bills codified under Division 20 of the California Health and Safety Code. These reporting requirements are too numerous to list here, but have generally been implemented for many years by local hazardous materials response teams or “Administering Agencies”--generally a local fire department. In some areas, the Administering Agency delegates some of the reporting activities (generally the local reporting) to the agency that has jurisdiction over the release. In this case, Permittees should designate an individual/department to report hazardous substances releases.

If the release of a hazardous substance equals or exceeds the reportable quantity in a 24-hour period, the Administering Agency will notify the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the National Response Center. There are also many other agencies that could potentially be contacted depending on the location and nature of the release.

Hazardous substances releases, if they enter the storm drain system, are also illicit discharges, and must be documented for the Stormwater Program in the same manner as all other illicit discharges, as described in Section 2. Permittees should coordinate with Administering Agencies to ensure all necessary information is forwarded to a designated individual/department for incorporation into illicit discharge records.

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The following are agencies that may be contacted:

| Agency | Phone Number |
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| California Office of Emergency Services | (800) 852-7550 |
| National Response Center | (800) 424-8802 |
| Local | |
| Police agency | Various |
| Schools | Various |
| Flood Department | Various |
| Road Department | Various |
| County Environmental Health Department | (213) 881-4000 |
| County Agricultural Commissioner | (626) 575-5471 |
| County Air Quality Management District | (909) 396-2000 |
| State | |
| Fish and Game | (562) 590-5132 |
| Highway Patrol | (213) 664-0695 |
| Caltrans | (213) 897-3656 |
| California Environmental Protection Agency | |
| Department of Toxic Substances Control | (800) 698-6942 |
| Regional Water Quality Control Board | (213) 266-7500 |
| Federal | |
| U.S. Coast Guard | (510) 437-3196 |

Additional agencies such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Department of Oil and Gas, and FEMA may also be notified, but these tasks will be carried out by OES or the National Response Center.