



## Overview of the Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) Program for LEPCs

### Introduction

This fact sheet is intended to help Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) understand the reporting requirements for facilities under Ohio EPA's CRO program.

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 3745-352.

### Who is affected?

For a facility to be subject to the CRO program, it must:

- Be subject to the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III reporting requirements (required to submit an Annual Chemical Inventory Report to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC); and
- Cease regulated operations.

Regulated operations include the production, use, storage or handling of regulated substances. Facilities which submit a SERC report but are exempt from CRO are:

- Oil/gas production operations;
- Public utilities; and
- Underground storage tanks (USTs) regulated by the State Fire Marshal's Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation.

Under the CRO program, a facility must submit EPA form 0327 (Cessation of Regulated Operations Program Permanent/Temporary CRO and Contact Person Form) to Ohio EPA's Division of Materials and Waste Management, the LEPC and local fire departments. The form and instructions are at [epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/CRO\\_Manual.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/CRO_Manual.pdf).

### What can the LEPC and other local agencies do?

Please contact Ohio EPA with information about facilities that are closing or undergoing major changes, or facilities that have inexplicably stopped submitting Annual Chemical Inventory Reports.

### Need more information?

Visit the CRO website at [epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/Cro.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/Cro.aspx) or call Ohio EPA, Division of Materials and Waste Management at (614) 644-2621. You can also contact your district office and ask to speak with the CRO coordinator.



**NOTE:** LEPCs should contact Ohio EPA with information about facilities that are closing or undergoing major changes, or facilities that have inexplicably stopped submitting Annual Chemical Inventory Reports. Discharging wastewater to a residential treatment system like a septic tank is **NOT** recommended and discharging wastewater that contains contaminants (like solvents) into such a system is strictly **PROHIBITED**.

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## Ohio EPA District Offices

### Central District Office

50 W. Town St., Suite 700  
Columbus, OH 43215  
(614) 728-3778  
Fax: (614) 728-3898  
Non-Emergency Complaints:  
(800) 686-2330  
[epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx)

### Northeast District Office

2110 E. Aurora Rd.  
Twinsburg, OH 44087  
(330) 963-1200  
Fax: (330) 487-0769  
Non-Emergency Complaints:  
(800) 686-6330  
[epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx)

### Northwest District Office

347 N. Dunbridge Rd.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
(419) 352-8461  
Fax: (419) 352-8468  
Non-Emergency Complaints:  
(800) 686-6930  
[epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx)

### Southeast District Office

2195 Front St.  
Logan, OH 43138  
(740) 385-8501  
Fax: (740) 385-6490  
Non-Emergency Complaints: (800) 686-7330  
[epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx)

### Southwest District Office

401 E. Fifth St.  
Dayton, OH 45402  
(937) 285-6357  
Fax: (937) 285-6249  
Non-Emergency Complaints: (800) 686-8930  
[epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/districts.aspx)



Toll-free numbers are for citizens with questions or concerns about environmental issues. The regulated community should use the business line for routine business. Spills and emergencies should be reported to (800) 282-9378.