Program Information

When hazardous materials are improperly handled or stored, they can result in a threat to employees, public health, and/or the contamination of the environment. State and Federal Community Right-to-Know laws were passed in 1984. These laws allow public access to information about the types and amounts of chemicals being used at local businesses. The laws also require businesses to plan and prepare for a chemical emergency through the preparation of a Hazardous Materials Inventory and Emergency Response Plan that is certified annually.

The Yolo County Environmental Health Division makes the Inventory and Business Plan available to first responders in case of an emergency and to the public upon request.

Businesses are inspected at least once every three years by a Certified Program Agency Inspector to verify compliance with the California Health & Safety Code and California Code of Regulations.

Workload: Approximately 800 Facilities, and 200 Farms

Authority: California Health & Safety Code chapter 6.95, Section 25590 through 25536
Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations

Who Is Subject to the Business Plan Program?

A Business Emergency Response Plan and Inventory is required of any facility which generates any quantity of hazardous waste or which handles hazardous materials in amounts greater than:

- 85 gallons for liquids
- 500 pounds for solids
- 200 cubic feet for compressed gases

Please note that if extremely hazardous materials or radiological materials are handled, the business may be subject to this program even if the minimum quantities indicated are not met. Businesses handling these materials should consult with the Yolo County Environmental Health Division to check the requirements for materials being handled. Yolo County excludes businesses that only handle hazardous materials packaged for resale for use by the consumer they are sold to.