

# DNREC EPCRA Public Portal

## - List of Acronyms & Definitions -

Acronym	Full Name	What is this? (Weblinks are <u>underlined</u> )
ARP	Accidental Release Prevention	Delaware's <a href="#">ARP program</a> ensures that facilities that use Extremely Hazardous Substances maintain Risk Management Plans.
CAS Number	Chemical Abstract Service Number	<a href="#">CAS</a> is a unique number assigned to a specific chemical by the Chemical Abstracts Service, an organization operated by the American Chemical Society. CAS Numbers are used internationally to identify specific chemicals or mixtures ( <a href="#">See OSHA Definition</a> ).
CFATS	Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards	<a href="#">CFATS</a> are federal security regulations designed for certain high-risk facilities; run by the Department of Homeland Security.
Chemical ID	Chemical Identification Number	Unique number assigned to each chemical within Delaware's database for internal usage.
DHS	Department of Homeland Security	The federal <a href="#">agency</a> responsible for security and immigration functions within the U.S.
DNREC	Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	The State <a href="#">agency</a> responsible for the protection of Delaware's environment and the health of its residents.
EHS	Extremely Hazardous Substance	<a href="#">Chemical substances</a> listed by the EPA that could cause serious irreversible health effects from accidental releases.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	The federal <a href="#">agency</a> responsible for the protection of the nation's environment and the health of its residents.
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	<a href="#">EPCRA aims to help communities plan for chemical emergencies</a> . Facilities are required to report certain chemicals under the program which is used to prepare for emergency planning to protect communities from potential risks. <a href="#">Community right-to-know</a>

		provision helps increase public knowledge of and access to information (Also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986).
Facility ID	Facility Identification Number	Unique number assigned to each facility within Delaware's database for internal usage.
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act	Federal and <a href="#">State</a> laws that requires government agencies to provide access to public records.
Hazmat	Hazardous Materials	A term that technically refers to <a href="#">Hazardous Materials</a> which are regulated by the federal Department of Transportation, but is also a common synonym for all chemicals that can pose risks to life, property, or the environment.
HNOC	Hazard Not Otherwise Classified	An OSHA classification for adverse effects that don't fit into existing physical or health hazard categories.
Lat/Long	Latitude and Longitude	Units of a <a href="#">geographic coordinate system</a> used to determine your location on the Earth.
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee	A planning district established by the State Emergency Response Commission ( <a href="#">SERC</a> ) as required by the <a href="#">EPCRA mandate</a> . They are comprised of a variety of stakeholders including government officials, businesses, and community members to enhance preparedness, develop emergency plans and disseminate chemical information. <a href="#">Delaware has 4 LEPCs</a> one for each county and the City of Wilmington.
Non-EHS	Non-Extremely Hazardous Substances	A chemical reported under EPCRA that is not a listed <a href="#">Extremely Hazardous Substance</a> (or mixture of EHS). It is a hazardous chemical as defined by <a href="#">OSHA</a> .
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration	The federal <a href="#">agency</a> responsible for ensuring safe and healthful working conditions.
SDS	Safety Data Sheet	Formerly known as a Material Safety Data

		Sheet (MSDS), it is an occupational safety and health <a href="#">document</a> . Chemical manufacturers are required by <a href="#">OSHA</a> to provide essential properties regarding hazards.
SERC	State Emergency Response Commission	Required by <a href="#">EPCRA</a> , the <a href="#">SERC</a> is a State commission appointed by the Governor that oversees chemical emergency preparedness throughout the State.
TPQ	Threshold Planning Quantity	Established by the EPA, TPQ is the minimum amount of an Extremely Hazardous Substance, <a href="#">EHS</a> at a facility which triggers the emergency planning. <a href="#">Substances and their TPQ are listed in Appendices A and B of 40 CFR part 355.</a>
TRI	Toxics Release Inventory	<a href="#">Section 313</a> of <a href="#">EPCRA</a> requires facilities that manufacture, process, or otherwise use certain listed chemicals to annually report their use and release.
WHS	DNREC Division of Waste and Hazardous and Substances	The <a href="#">Division</a> within the <a href="#">State Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control</a> that administers a wide variety of programs that address the use and disposal of materials and their effect on human health and the environment. The <a href="#">EPCRA Reporting Program</a> is within this Division.

## - List of Definitions -

Terms	What is this? (Weblinks are <u>underlined</u> )
Chemicals	In the context of this portal, “chemical” is a <a href="#"><u><i>hazardous chemical</i></u></a> as defined in Delaware Code <a href="#"><u>§6302(6)</u></a> . Essentially it is anything that is required to have a <a href="#"><u>Safety Data Sheet</u></a> . See the <a href="#"><u>OSHA Hazard Communication Standard</u></a> for further details.
Facility	A stationary structure located on a single site or contiguous/adjacent sites that is owned or operated by the same person. All <a href="#"><u>EPCRA</u></a> reports are regarding chemicals that are at facilities. See Delaware Code <a href="#"><u>§6302(5)</u></a>
Threshold	The minimum quantity of chemical needed to be applicable to the state’s reporting requirements. See Delaware Code <a href="#"><u>§6305(c)</u></a>
Active	A software term for those facilities that are subject to EPCRA reporting. That is, it is a facility that has a chemical(s) above reporting threshold.
Inactive	A software term for those facilities that are no longer subject to EPCRA reporting. Operations may have ceased, or their chemicals are below threshold or are otherwise exempt.
Physical or Health Hazards	These are <a href="#"><u>hazard classifications</u></a> that are defined by the <a href="#"><u>OSHA Hazard Communication Standard</u></a> . They are described in a chemical’s Safety Data Sheet ( <a href="#"><u>SDS</u></a> ), and are defined in Federal <a href="#"><u>regulations</u></a> for both <a href="#"><u>physical</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>health</u></a> hazards.
Admin Verified Lat/Long	Facility <a href="#"><u>location coordinates</u></a> that have been confirmed by DNREC.