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**OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER & BUSINESS SERVICES**

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SUBJECT:           Oregon Emergency Response System

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DIRECTIVES:       SOP 02-10

- (1) PURPOSE:    To inform OR-OSHA personnel of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS).
- (2) BACKGROUND: OR-OSHA may be asked or become involved in hazardous material incidents outside the scope of division functions. OERS was developed to provide communication, coordination, and cooperation between various government agencies and private firms.
- (3) ACTION:       OR-OSHA personnel should be aware of OERS. The attached brochure outlines the operation and functions of OERS. This information may prove helpful in responding to inquiries on hazardous spills.

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**COMPLIANCE WITH LAW**

ORS 466.635 requires any person owning or having control over oil or hazardous material who has knowledge of a spill or release shall

immediately notify OEM as soon as that person knows the spill or release is are portable quantity. ORS 761-405 requires that railroads notify OEM of any derailment or fire involving of affecting hazardous materials. OAR 345-60-030 requires similar notification for radioactive material incidents, Section -304, Title III of the Federal Superfund Amendments and

Re- authorization Act (SARA) of 1986 requires facilities to notify the Local Emergency Planning Com , mittee (LEPC) and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) it there is a release of a.listed hazardous substance that exceeds.the .,reportable quantity for that substance. **YOUR CALL TO OERS WILL SATISFY THESE -NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** Advise the duty officer that you\_are making a SERC/LEPC notification and-submit the

required - written report to: SERC/LEPC c/o OERS, 595

Cottage Street NE, Salem, OR 97310. You may also be required to notify the local 9-1 -1 Center and the National Response Center.

**MEMBERS OF OERS**

Department of Agriculture  
Building Codes Division  
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Management  
Department of Environmental  
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Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Oregon Emergency Response System (OERS) is to coordinate and manage state resources in response to natural and technological emergencies and civil unrest involving multi-jurisdictional cooperation between all Levels of government and the private sector.

OERS is the primary point of contact

by which any public agency provides the state notification of an emergency or disaster, or requests

access to state or federal resources,

OERS was established in 1972 by the Governor of Oregon to improve communications and coordination between government agencies responding to hazardous materials

incidents across the state. This was the first state plan of its type in the

country. Since that time OERS has become an "all-hazards" system, responding to other types of emergencies; Natural Hazards such as floods, wildfire and earthquakes

and Search and Rescue missions. OERS operates under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401,

Executive Order of the Governor and Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 104, Chapter 40. OERS is the cornerstone of the State Emergency Services System.

**WHEN A HAZARD THREATENS**

Local public safety agencies such as law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services normally provide

the first response to an incident. Access to this local assistance is

through 9 -1-1. Once notified, local public safety agencies would call OERS at 800-452-0311. If

necessary, responsible parties would then call the National- Response

Center at 800-424-8802.

**1-800-452-0311**

**(in Oregon)**

503-378-6377

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**ACTIVATING THE SYSTEM**

OERS provides, 24-hour service

through Oregon - Emergency Management (OEM), of the -Department, of State Police. The OEM duty officer will ask you to provide the following information:

- 1. YOUR NAME AND AGENCY.
- 2. YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER.
- 3. TYPE OF INCIDENT AND THE MATERIALS INVOLVED.

4. LOCATION/TIME OF INCIDENT.

5. BACKGROUND/HOW THE INCIDENT OCCURRED,

6. ON-SCENE CONTACT AND HOW TO REACH THEM.

7. SEVERITY OF INCIDENT -

THREAT TO PEOPLE, PROPERTY, OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

-13. ACTIONS TAKEN - CONTAINMENT, EVACUATION

9. RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND TELEPHONE NUMBER