

## **Environmental Emergency (E2) Plans – Q & A**

### **Who is subject to the E2 Regulations?**

The E2 Regulations apply to any person who owns or has the charge, management or control of a listed substance that :

- is at or above the quantity set out in column 3 of Schedule 1 of the E2 Regulations at any time during a calendar year; or
- is at a quantity greater than zero and is stored in a container that has a maximum capacity equal to or exceeding the threshold quantity for that substance .(See subsection 3(1) of the E2 Regulations).

### **Who should prepare an E2 plan?**

Under the E2 Regulations, an E2 plan is required of any person who owns or has the charge, management or control of any of the regulated substances, listed in Schedule 1, at or above specified threshold quantities and stored in a container that has a maximum capacity equaling or exceeding the specified quantities for that substance.

### **When is an E2 plan considered to be implemented?**

An E2 plan is considered implemented when it has been written and is operational to the point where the regulate submitting the notice can expect to successfully deal with all aspects of an environmental emergency.

### **How often do E2 plans need to be tested?**

The E2 Regulations require that you update and test your E2 plan at least once each calendar year. You are required to keep a record of the results of these annual updates and tests with the plan at a location that is readily available to those involved with the response efforts for a period of at least five years beginning on the day the record is made.

Initial testing should include informing those affected that a test is being planned. This warning will enable responders and participants to react in the proper manner through adequate pre-planning. However, once the skills and knowledge have been acquired, the scenario can be tested without participants' prior knowledge. When designing an exercise, the planners should reinforce any previous training. The test must be simple enough that available resources are adequate, but difficult enough to

be challenging. It must also provide maximum lessons learned, including post-exercise evaluation and corrective action, if necessary. An exercise should also be cost-effective.

E2 Regulations require that an E2 plan be updated and tested at least once each calendar year. Environment Canada recognizes that a full-blown, operational emergency response exercise may not be achievable every year. Therefore, facilities may conduct a full-blown test at least once within a five-year period but must respect the yearly testing requirement by testing different component(s) of their E2 plan at least once each calendar year.

**Where can I get more information on the implementation of E2 plans?**

Refer to the link below for more information on implementation.

[http://www.ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/documents/reglements-regulations/ue-ee/guidelines\\_e2\\_regulations-eng.pdf](http://www.ec.gc.ca/lcpe-cepa/documents/reglements-regulations/ue-ee/guidelines_e2_regulations-eng.pdf)