

San Gabriel Valley CAER

Community
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Emergency
Response

NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT SGV CAER

San Gabriel Valley Community Awareness and Emergency Response (SGV CAER) is a non-profit group of public emergency response agencies, local chambers of commerce and facilities and businesses that use, store, handle, produce or transport hazardous materials.

Our mission is to ensure the involvement of industry, public agencies, and the community in issues of emergency preparedness and public awareness. The CAER program is an effort to open communications between industry, public agencies, and the local community. Questions can be answered, concerns addressed, better planning can be done, and stronger relationships developed so that a common goal can be reached - a safer community.

SHAKING UP QUAKE SAFETY: PRACTICAL PREPAREDNESS FOR LIFE!

Free public seminar led by award-winning public speaker and CEO of Earthquake Solutions, April Kelcy. Products will also be available for purchase before and after the seminar. The event will be held in Cooper Auditorium at the City of Hope Hospital, 1500 Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010. Reservations strongly advised, as seating is limited. Call 626-256-7900 for more information or to make your reservations or email earthquakesolutions@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

San Gabriel Valley CAER will be holding its next board meeting at Veolia Environmental Services in Azusa on Thursday, July 10 at 11:30 AM. Lunch will be provided. All interested individuals are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Robert Summers, SGV CAER President (RSummers@Norac.com or (626) 334-2908).

CALIFORNIA CAR USE CELL PHONE LAWS

On July 1, 2008, two new laws dealing with the use of wireless phones while driving go into effect. The first law prohibits all drivers from using handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Drivers 18 and over may use a "hands-free device." The second law prohibits all drivers under the age of 18 from using any wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle. Emergency calls to law enforcement agencies, medical providers, fire departments, or other emergency services are allowed.

You can be pulled over by a law enforcement officer even if your only infraction is using a handheld wireless telephone. There is a base fine of \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses. With the addition of penalty assessments, the fines can be more than triple the base fine amount. The violation is a reportable offense but the DMV will not assign a violation point to one's driver's license.

Passengers in the motor vehicle are not affected by this law and the law will apply to all out-of-state drivers.

For additional information check out the California DMV Website at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES

All facility operators shall submit an Annual Report by **July 1** of each year to the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board responsible for the area in which the facility is located and to the local agency (if requested).

The report shall include a summary of visual observations and sampling results, an evaluation of the visual observation and sampling and analysis results, laboratory reports, the Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation Report required in Section A.9., an explanation of why a facility did not implement any activities required by the General Permit (if not already included in the Evaluation Report), and records specified in Section B.13.i. The method detection limit of each analytical parameter shall be included. Analytical results that are less than the method detection limit shall be reported as "less than the method detection limit." The Annual Report shall be signed and certified in accordance with Standard Provisions 9. and 10. of Section C of this General Permit. Facility operators shall prepare and submit their Annual Reports using the annual report forms provided by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board or shall submit their information on a form that contains equivalent information.

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Section 313 of EPCRA requires that reports be filed by owners and operators of facilities that meet all of the following criteria.

- The facility has 10 or more full-time employee equivalents (i.e., a total of 20,000 hours or greater; see 40 CFR 372.3); and
- The facility is included in a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code listed on Table I. NAICS codes found in Table I correspond to the following Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes: SIC 10 (except 1011, 1081, and 1094), 12 (except 1241), 20-39, 4911 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce), 4931 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce), 4939 (limited to facilities that combust coal and/or oil for the purpose of generating electricity for distribution in commerce), 4953 (limited to facilities regulated under RCRA Subtitle C, 42 U.S.C. section 6921 *et seq.*), 5169, 5171, and 7389 (limited to facilities primarily engaged in solvents recovery services on a contract or fee basis); and
- The facility manufactures (defined to include importing), processes, or otherwise uses any EPCRA section 313 chemical in quantities greater than the established threshold in the course of a calendar year.

Executive Order 13423 extends these reporting requirements to federal facilities, regardless of their SIC or NAICS code.

EPCRA section 313 reporting is required if threshold quantities are exceeded. Separate thresholds apply to the amount of the EPCRA section 313 chemical that is manufactured, processed or otherwise used.

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You must submit a report for any EPCRA section 313 chemical, which is not listed as a PBT chemical, that is manufactured or processed at your facility in excess of the following threshold:

- 25,000 pounds per toxic chemical or category over the calendar year.

You must submit a report for any EPCRA section 313 chemical, which is not listed as a PBT chemical, that is otherwise used at your facility in excess of the following threshold:

- 10,000 pounds per toxic chemical or category over the calendar year.

You must submit a report for any EPCRA section 313 chemical, which is listed as a PBT chemical, that is manufactured, processed or otherwise used at your facility above the designated threshold for that chemical.

For more information go to <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>.

SAFETY INFORMATION

Heat Stress

When the body is unable to cool itself by sweating, several heat-induced illnesses such as heat stress or heat exhaustion and the more severe heat stroke can occur, and can result in death.

Factors Leading to Heat Stress

- High temperature and humidity.
- Direct sun or heat.
- Limited air movement
- Physical exertion.
- Poor physical condition.
- Some medicines.
- Inadequate tolerance for hot workplaces.

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting.
- Weakness and moist skin.
- Mood changes such as irritability or confusion.
- Upset stomach or vomiting.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke

- Dry, hot skin with no sweating.
- Mental confusion or losing consciousness.
- Seizures or fits.

Preventing Heat Stress

- Know signs/symptoms of heat-related illnesses; monitor yourself and coworkers.
- Block out direct sun or other heat sources.
- Use cooling fans/air-conditioning; rest regularly.
- Drink lots of water; about 1 cup every 15 minutes.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeinated drinks, or heavy meals.

What to Do for Heat-Related Illness

- Call 911 (or local emergency number) at once.

- While waiting for help to arrive:
- Move the worker to a cool, shaded area.
- Loosen or remove heavy clothing.
- Provide cool drinking water.
- Fan and mist the person with water.

For more complete information:



ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Top Twelve Water Saving Tips

Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. You can make a difference.



For more information, see <http://www.watersavingtips.org/saving.html>

WORD'S TO LIVE BY

“Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness.”

- George Sand (1804 - 1876)

MORE INFO ABOUT SGV CAER

Interested in SGV CAER? For more information, please contact Robert Summers at (626) 334-2908 x104 or rsommer@norac.com.

