



E2 plans: readiness in a nutshell

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Preparedness and response to an environmental emergency is important for the health and safety of humans and the environment alike.

The environmental regulations set out by [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) require that any industry or facility that owns or manages specified toxic and hazardous substances report on amounts above the threshold. In addition to reporting quantities, you are also required to prepare and implement an Environmental Emergency (E2) plan.



Highlights of an E2 plan include, but are not limited to:

- identification of all hazardous substances listed under Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA 1999) above the threshold
- properties and characteristics of the substances
- potential scenarios that could occur
- emergency procedures
- measures to notify the public if you have a release
- training requirements of employees and responders
- emergency equipment available or required to mitigate a release of the substance
- implementation and testing of the plan every 12 months

The CEPA 1999 regulations are already enforced by Environmental Enforcement Branches throughout Canada. ERAC can help you and your company meet compliance by developing your E2 plan and the reporting requirements to Environment Canada.
