



BULLETIN #8

Update on CERS2 Release and Other Announcements

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CERS Calendar Updates

CERS2 Release date has been changed to Dec 6, 2011. Here are important dates:

- Nov 3, 2011: CERS Data Seeding Q&A Session. See the [Data Seeding](#) home page.
- Nov 5, 2011: No new users (regulator or business) added after this date until CERS2 release.
- Nov 17, 2011: EDT Implementers Q&A Session #2. See the [EDT home page](#)
- Nov 26, 2011: CERS1 closed. **Critical Note:** No Access of any kind until CERS2 release.*
- Dec 6, 2011: CERS2 released. **Critical Note:** No Emergency Response features/downloads available for ~3 months.*
- Dec 13-14, 2011: CERS2 website demo web conference sessions. More details to follow.
- Feb 6-9: CERS2 training for business and regulators at the annual CUPA Conference in Burlingame.

Organization Letter

On Sept.30 Cal/EPA issued a [letter to multi-jurisdictional businesses and organizations](#) requesting information regarding businesses, campuses, military bases, etc., which have multiple facilities. The letter requested businesses provide Cal/EPA with a complete list of all of their facilities and users for inclusion in CERS2 before it goes live.

CERS Data Seeding guidance document and Draft Seeding Queue

On October 10th a [CERS Data Seeding guidance document](#) was released by Cal/EPA which describes the seeding process and outlines CUPA and PA preparations. A draft seeding queue will be posted during November on the [Data Seeding home page](#). Decade client CUPAs can work with Decade on their seeding schedule.

ZIP Code cleanup

Cal/EPA has posted a [listing of ZIP Code to Regulator mappings](#) which will be used in CERS2 to automatically establish the initial/default assignment of new facilities to a CUPA by the site ZIP Code. Cal/EPA is requesting CUPAs and PAs review this list and send corrections to Dan Firth by November 18th to ensure inclusion in the initial release of CERS2. These mappings can be corrected/refined on an ongoing basis starting in January 2012.

Local Requirements Text

If your CUPA (or some/all of its PAs where applicable) imposes additional local reporting requirements beyond what is specified in the Unified Program Consolidated Forms, Cal/EPA needs text from the CUPA summarizing these requirements by CERS2 Submittal Element. Please email your proposed text to Dan Firth (dfirth@calepa.ca.gov), specifying the applicable submittal element and then the text. Cal/EPA may suggest modifications to your text to maintain brevity and general consistency in the local requirements text in CERS2. (e.g., Submittal Element: *HMIS*; Instructions: *Regulated facilities in this jurisdiction are required to report chemical inventory information for any quantity of hazardous material.*)

If you require submittal of additional local information, you will also need to provide a link to a document on your web site that can be downloaded, completed, and uploaded into CERS2 as a "locally required document" or entered on the regulator's web site. (e.g., Submittal Element: *Facility Information*, Instructions: *Please complete the form provided at <http://mycupa.org/Forms/MyForm.pdf> and upload as part of this submittal element.*)

Information Resources

Cal/EPA is consolidating all CERS information on the new "CERS Central" website at <http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>

Local Agency Action Items

- Agencies using CERS for emergency response purposes should download their ER ZIP file from CERS1 prior to Nov.26.
- Review CERS Data Seeding guidance document and draft seeding schedule. Begin preparations. Email CERS Help Center (CERS@calepa.ca.gov) or Dan Firth (dfirth@calepa.ca.gov) for questions.
- Update ZIP Code tables for primary and secondary local agency contacts and /advise/return to Cal/EPA.
- Forward the organization letter to businesses in your jurisdiction that have multiple facilities.
- Send any Local Requirements Text for your CUPA to Dan Firth (dfirth@calepa.ca.gov).