

## When should a facility's CERS ID number change?

**Question:** Should a new CERS ID number be assigned when there is a change of facility name, facility owner, or facility address?

**Answer:** The CERS ID, once issued, should remain with the facility regardless of owner or operator changes, or changes of the business or facility name. California Code of Regulations Title 27 Division 3, Subdivision 1, Data Dictionary for Regulated Activities describes the CERS ID number as a “[CalEPA assigned, 8-digit ID to uniquely identify a facility in the California Environmental Reporting System \(CERS\)](#). *The CERS ID should remain unchanged across different owners/operators of a facility.*”

- **A new CERS ID number should be assigned to a regulated facility only when the facility physically moves to a different location.** (Often, in the case of a physical relocation, the new location may already have an existing CERS ID so the business that relocates should be assigned that existing CERS ID.)
- **Similarly, if the facility address is changed but its' physical location does not, the CERS ID should remain unchanged.** (For example, the CERS ID would not be changed because a local jurisdiction renames a street or renumbers the street addresses. Since the physical location of the facility has not changed the CERS ID should not be changed.) In plain language, the CERS ID should 'stay with the dirt'.
- **A new CERS ID should be assigned:**
  - **For facilities where there was no previous facility regulated in CERS.**
  - **When a regulated business at one address *physically moves* to another address.**
  - **Or when an existing facility subdivides into more than one regulated facility.** (*The newly created regulated facilities would be assigned new CERS ID numbers.*)

This use of the CERS ID number ensures that all records in CERS pertaining to a specific location are always associated with the same identifier, thereby making all facility information retained under the same CERS ID.