



RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN (RMP) AUDIT PROGRAM

To date, over 14,500 facilities nationwide have submitted Risk Management Plans (RMP's) to EPA in accordance with the Risk Management Program regulation (40 CFR Part 68). Each implementing agency (either a State agency that has obtained delegation of the RMP program or an EPA Regional Office) is required to periodically audit RMPs to assess whether the plans are adequate or need to be revised to comply with the regulation. The implementing agency may verify RMP information against independent sources of information and conduct on-site verification. The audit requirements are found in 40 CFR 68.220.

What Is the Risk Management Program?

Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) requires EPA to publish rules and guidance for chemical accident prevention. The rules promulgating the list of regulated substances (published January 31, 1994) and the Risk Management Program provisions (published June 20, 1996) are found at 40 CFR Part 68. The Risk Management Program contains three elements: a hazard assessment, a prevention program, and an emergency response program. The entire program is to be described and documented in an RMP, which is submitted to EPA.

Owners or operators of a stationary source with more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance (one of the 140 listed toxic and flammable substances in 40 CFR Section 68.130) in a process, as determined under section 68.115, must submit an RMP.

Why Is EPA Conducting RMP Audits?

RMP audits help ensure compliance with the Risk Management Program. EPA may require companies to modify their RMP to ensure that the RMP meets the requirements of the regulation.

How Was My Facility Selected for an RMP Audit?

Each implementing agency has flexibility in identifying facilities for RMP audits. Your facility may have been selected because of:

- Previous accident history of the facility;
- Accident history for other facilities in the same industry;
- Quantity of RMP-regulated substance onsite;
- Proximity to public and environmental receptors;

