

## U.S./Mexico Border Agreements, Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Procedures Related to Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness, and Response

Name	Scope	Source(s)	Pgs.	Lang.	✓
International Agreements					
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal. (Adopted 1989, put into force May, 5 1992)	Regulates transboundary movement of hazardous waste and provides Parties with obligations to ensure sound management practices. Articles 14-16 address emergency response issues.	<a href="http://www.unep.ch/basel/baselcon.htm">http://www.unep.ch/basel/baselcon.htm</a>	35	E	✓
Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, Helsinki, March 17, 1992	Applies to the prevention of, preparedness for and the response to industrial accidents capable of causing transboundary effects, and to international cooperation concerning mutual assistance, research and development, exchange of information, and technology in the area of prevention of, preparedness for, and response to industrial accidents.	a) EPA (K. Jennings) b) <a href="http://sedac.ciesin.org/pidb/texts/industrial.accidents.1992.html">http://sedac.ciesin.org/pidb/texts/industrial.accidents.1992.html</a>	16	E	✓
International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, London, November 30, 1990	Provides for emergency response planning for oil pollution incidents.	<a href="http://sedac.ciesin.org/pidb/texts/oil.pollution.preparedness.1990.html">http://sedac.ciesin.org/pidb/texts/oil.pollution.preparedness.1990.html</a>	~18	E	✓
The OECD Guiding Principles for Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response: Guidance for Public Authorities, Industry, Labor and Other, February 27, 1992	Guidance for public authorities, industry, labor and others for the establishment of programs and policies related to prevention of, preparedness for and response to accidents involving hazardous substances.	a) EPA (K. Jennings) b) <a href="http://www.oecd.org/ehs/ca921.htm">http://www.oecd.org/ehs/ca921.htm</a>	8	E	✓

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<b>Bi-National Agreements</b>					
Agreement of Cooperation Between the United States of America and the United Mexican States regarding Pollution of the Marine Environment by Discharges of Hydrocarbons and Other Hazardous Substances (7/24/80)	Establishes conditions and guidelines for a U.S./Mexico joint contingency plan regarding pollution of the marine environment.	a) ICF, Inc. (J. Colle) b) <a href="http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm">http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm</a> (Order CTIA#4638.000 \$13.80)	18 12	E E	✓
La Paz Agreement, August 14, 1983	Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Mexican States on Cooperation for the Protection and Improvement of the Environment in the Border Area.	a) ICF, Inc. (J. Colle) b) <a href="http://www.cdj.itesm.mx/scerp/docs/border/aqtf/acuerdo.htm">http://www.cdj.itesm.mx/scerp/docs/border/aqtf/acuerdo.htm</a> c) <a href="http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm">http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm</a> (Order CTIA#4577.000 \$6.90) d) Annex II <a href="http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm">http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm</a> (Order CTIA#7960.000 \$6.90) e) Annex III <a href="http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm">http://oceanalaw.com/docs.htm</a> (Order CTIA#7961.000 \$6.90)	17 ~30 6 6 6	E,S E,S E E E	✓
Border XXI Plan, Framework Document, October 1996	A comprehensive planning program aimed at both defining and implementing a shared binational vision for the future which will promote environmental protection and sustainable development in the border region.	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/">http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/</a>	~100	E	✓

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Border/Regional/Sister City Plans and Arrangements					
Joint United States-Mexico Contingency Plan for Prevention of Environmental Emergencies Caused by Releases, Spills, Fires, or Explosions of Hazardous Substances in the Inland Border Area, draft 1998 (Replaces the Joint U.S./Mexico Contingency Plan for Accidental Releases of Hazardous Substances Along the Border, January 1988)	To protect human health and safety and the environment by providing for coordinated joint responses to polluting incidents affecting the inland border area of the United States and Mexico.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	~43	E, S	✓
Cross Border Contingency Plan, U.S./Mexico Sister Cities, Brownsville/Matamoros, May, 6 1997	A cross-border contingency plan for the sister cities Matamoros, Mexico and Brownsville, Texas. The plan serves as a template for future sister city cross-border contingency plans.	Fendol Chiles (EPA Region 6)	~40	E, S	✓
U.S./Mexico Sister Cities, Yuma, Arizona - San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora Area, Hazardous Materials Incident Contingency Plan, U.S. EPA Region IX, Revised Draft February 3, 1995	The purpose of this Plan is to protect human health and the environment by providing for coordinated notification and response to hazardous materials incidents in Yuma, Arizona that could also affect Mexico.	Sid Batista (EPA Region 9)	75	E	✓
U.S./Mexico Imperial County/Ayuntamiento de Mexicali, B.C. Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement, County of Imperial, Board of Supervisors, January 1996	Bi-national agreement between the County of Imperial, a political subdivision of California, and the City of Mexicali, State of Baja California, Mexico.	Fendol Chiles (EPA Region 6)	5	E	✓
City of Mexicali Mutual Aid Arrangement, City of Calexico, September 17, 1993 (Replaced by 1996 Arrangement)	Arrangement between the City of Mexicali, Mexico, and the City of Calexico, California.	Fendol Chiles (EPA Region 6)	3	E	✓

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Emergency Communications Plan Plan de Comunicación de Emergencias San Diego and Imperial Counties, U.S.A. Baja California, Mexico	The purpose of this plan is to delimit the communication procedures in case of emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and natural disasters that could affect human lives or the properties living along the international border (for the San Diego and Imperial counties in California, and Baja California in Mexico)	Sid Batista (EPA Region 9)	53	S	✓
<b>United States Law and Regulations</b>					
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA),1980; including the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)	Provides the government with broad authority to regulate hazardous substances, to respond to hazardous waste emergencies, and develop long-term solutions for the nations most serious hazardous waste problems.	a) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/docs/cercla.pdf">http://www.nrt.org/docs/cercla.pdf</a> b) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/cercla.htm">http://www.nrt.org/cercla.htm</a>	140	E	✓
Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA)(SARA Title III)	Establishes requirements for Federal, state and local government and industry regarding emergency planning and “community right-to-know” reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals.	a) <a href="http://www.igc.apc.org/hotspots/bhopa1/epcra.html">http://www.igc.apc.org/hotspots/bhopa1/epcra.html</a> b) <a href="http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/42/11001.shtml">http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/42/11001.shtml</a>	N/A	E	✓
EPA Radiological Emergency Response Plan (ERERP)	This plan is a guide for maintaining readiness to respond to radiological emergencies in support of EPA responsibilities for protecting the environment.	EPA Office of Radiological Emergency.	35	E	✓
Executive Order 12580 (1/23/87)	Delegates to various Federal officials the responsibilities vested in the President for implementing the Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. Establishes the National Contingency Plan.	<a href="http://www-lib.fnal.gov/library/protect/eo/eo/2580.htm">http://www-lib.fnal.gov/library/protect/eo/eo/2580.htm</a>	~11	E	✓

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Amendment to Executive Order 12580 (8/28/96)	Identifies specific interagency lead roles during implementation of CERCLA. This amendment establishes the National Response System as a scope.	a) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/exeordr.htm">http://www.nrt.org/exeordr.htm</a> b) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/doc/exeordr.pdf">http://www.nrt.org/doc/exeordr.pdf</a>	2	E	✓
Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP), May 8, 1996	Provides Federal agencies with an operational plan to discharge their responsibilities during peacetime radiological emergencies.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	28	E	✓
Federal Response Plan (FRP)	A system for the overall delivery of Federal assistance in a disaster.	a) <a href="http://www.fema.gov/fema/fed1.htm">http://www.fema.gov/fema/fed1.htm</a> b) ICF, Inc. (J. Colle) c) Call (202) 646-2500 to order a copy	~300	E	✓
Mutual Fire Protection Agreements, Subchapter C, Texas Public Safety Code, March 21, 1996	Allows cities located on the Texas/Mexico border to enter mutual fire protection agreements with corresponding border cities in Mexico.	Fendol Chiles (EPA Region 6)	1	E	✓
National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP)	To provide organizational structure and procedures for preparing for and responding to discharges of oil and releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants.	a) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/ncp.htm">http://www.nrt.org/ncp.htm</a> b) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/docs/ncp.pdf">http://www.nrt.org/docs/ncp.pdf</a>	156	E	✓
Oil Pollution Act (OPA), 1990	To establish limitations on liability for damages resulting from oil pollution; to establish a fund for payment of compensation for such damages, and other purposes.	a) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/opa_toc.htm">http://www.nrt.org/opa_toc.htm</a> b) <a href="http://www.nrt.org/doc/opawordp.pdf">http://www.nrt.org/doc/opawordp.pdf</a>	80	E	✓
State of Arizona (Arizona Revised Statutes)	Title 26, Chapter 2 Articles 1 & 3- Emergency Management	<a href="http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/ars.htm">http://www.azleg.state.az.us/ars/ars.htm</a>	N/A	E	✓
State of California (California Government Code)	Chapter 7 - California Emergency Services Act.	<a href="http://www.state.ca.us/s/disaster/discode.html">http://www.state.ca.us/s/disaster/discode.html</a>	N/A	E	✓

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New Mexico Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan	This plan establishes a comprehensive guideline for the coordination of state, local and federal governments and response agencies. The Plan is designed to address the consequences of any hazardous materials emergency requiring state response under the authority of the Emergency Management Act.	Max Johnson (New Mexico Office of Emergency Management)	21	E	✓
New Mexico Emergency Management Act	The purpose of this Act is to: (1) provide that hazardous materials emergency management capability exists in New Mexico to protect the health and safety of its citizens and the environment; (2) identify the state agencies responsible for responding to a hazardous materials incident and provide for cooperation with other agencies; and (3) provide for the formulation of a comprehensive hazardous materials emergency management act.	Max Johnson (New Mexico Office of Emergency Management)	12	E	✓
New Mexico Hazardous Chemicals Information Act	This act attempts to ensure that current information on the nature and location of hazardous chemicals is available to local emergency planning committees, emergency responders and the public as required by Title III.	Max Johnson (New Mexico Office of Emergency Management)	4	E	✓
State of Texas (Texas Administrative Code)	a)30 TAC Chapter 327 - Spill Prevention and Control.	a) <a href="http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/tac/30/I/327/index.html">http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/tac/30/I/327/index.html</a>	N/A	E	✓
	b)30 TAC Chapter 335 - Industrial Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste.	b) <a href="http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/tac/30/I/335/index.html">http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/tac/30/I/335/index.html</a>			✓

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Mexican Laws, Regulations, and Norms					
General Law of Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection, (1/88)	This law addresses the general terms to preserve and restore ecological equilibrium, as well as to protect the environment in Mexico.	<a href="http://www.semarnap.gob.mx/profepa/Normaley.htm">http://www.semarnap.gob.mx/profepa/Normaley.htm</a>	73	S	✓
Regulations of the General Law of Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection	These regulations have as their objectives clarification of the General Law of Ecological Equilibrium and Environmental Protection.	<a href="http://www.semarnap.gob.mx/profepa/Normareg.htm">http://www.semarnap.gob.mx/profepa/Normareg.htm</a>	27	S	✓
Official Mexican Norm NOM-005-SCT2/1994, Emergency Information for Land Transportation of Hazardous Substances, Materials, and Waste.	This norm lists the required visible information that every land transportation unit must bear that is designated for the transfer of hazardous substances, materials, or waste. It also indicates the steps to follow in case of accident (leakage, spill, release, or fire).	Larry Sperling (EPA Office of International Affairs)	6	E	✓
Manual of Emergency Attention for Hydroecological Emergencies Related to Continental National Waters (CNA)	This manual provides the procedures to be followed in case of a hydroecological emergency, which is defined as an unexpected event that alters the quality of a body of water and threatens aquatic life.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	50	S	✓
National Center for the Prevention of Disasters	This center is based on the principles of the National System of Civil Protection (SINAPROC).	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	4	S	✓
National Program for Medical Attention During Disasters (Secretariat of Health)	This program provides the basis for an operational program in case of emergencies or disasters, using the available resources.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	40	S	✓
Organization and Operation of the National System of Civil Protection	This document describes the objectives, organization, and mode of operation of the National System of Civil Protection.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	12	S	✓

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Operation Manual for CONASUPO and affiliates for the National System of Civil Protection	The purpose of this manual is to: (1) coordinate activities that relate to the prevention of and response to emergencies; and (2) coordinate the efforts among entities participating in the CONASUPO program.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	175	S	✓
Manual of the Organization and Functions of the Internal Commission for Civil Protection of the Secretary of the Navy	This manual presents the background information, legal framework, objectives, functions, organization, and norms of the Internal Commission for Civil Protection of the Secretary of the Navy.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	31	S	✓
Plan DN-III-E: Civilian Population Assistance During a Disaster (Secretariat of National Defense)	The objective of this plan is to diminish or limit the effects of a disaster and establish the measures to train and coordinate the Armed Forces to assist the population in an area where a disaster has occurred.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	155	S	✓
Chemical Risks (Secretariat of Government, National System of Civil Protection, National Center for Disaster Prevention)	This booklet defines the risks related to chemical disasters and discusses the actions to be taken in case of a chemical accident or during the transportation of hazardous wastes. It also describes the legal framework and the organizations that can assist during an emergency.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	43	S	✓
Law of Civil Protection for the State of Nuevo Leon (Decree # 359, January 22, 1997)	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Nuevo Leon.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	56	S	✓
Executive Power for the State of Nuevo Leon, Lic. Benjamin Clariond Reyes-Retana Substitute Governor for the State of Nuevo Leon	This document is the regulation for operation of the state system of civil protection in Nuevo Leon.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	20	S	✓

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Law of Civil Protection for the State of Sonora (Law # 298, July 19, 1993)	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Sonora.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	23	S	✓
Law of Civil Protection for the State of Baja California Sur (Decree # 1086 )	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Baja California Sur.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	35	S	✓
Law of Civil Protection for the State of Chihuahua (Decree # 220/96 II P.O., June 19, 1996)	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Chihuahua.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	30	S	✓
Law of Civil Protection for the State of Tamaulipas (Decree # 24, April 28, 1993)	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Tamaulipas.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	8	S	✓
Law of Civil Protection for the State of Coahuila (June 11, 1996)	This law regulates the actions for civil protection, which cover public, social, or private authorities, organizations, and institutions, or any resident of the State of Coahuila.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	31	S	✓
Program for Civil Protection 1995-2000 (Federal Executive Power)	This program contributes to the proposed objectives in the National Plan for Development 1995-2000 and attempts to strengthen the states and municipalities, promote decentralization, regional development, and public participation.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	72	S	✓
National Program for Community Preparedness in Case of Disasters (Secretariat of Health, 1991)	This program provides the technical, operational, and regulatory guidelines for health issues during a disaster.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	50	S	✓

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Disaster Prevention (Secretariat of Government, National System of Civil Protection, National Center for Disaster Prevention)	This booklet defines the origin and classification of disasters, provides a historical view of disasters in Mexico, and briefly describes the roles of the National System of Civil Protection and the National Center for Disaster Prevention (CENAPRED).	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	37	S	✓
Technical Guide for the Implementation of Internal Programs for Civil Protection	This program defines the internal program of civil protection, describes prevention measures, and presents assistance measures.	Mr. Jaime Garcia obtained a copy of this document from Mexican authorities.	37	S	✓

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Other					
1996 North American Emergency Response Guidebook (NAERG96)	Developed by Transport Canada (TC), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the Secretariat of Communication and Transportation of Mexico (SCT) for use by firefighters, police and other emergency service personnel who may be first to arrive at the scene of a transportation incident involving dangerous goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) EPA (K. Jennings)</li> <li>b) <a href="http://www.tc.gc.ca/canutec/english/guide/menu-e.htm">http://www.tc.gc.ca/canutec/english/guide/menu-e.htm</a></li> <li>c) <a href="http://ohn.volpe.dot.gov/ohm/gydebook.htm">http://ohn.volpe.dot.gov/ohm/gydebook.htm</a></li> <li>d) Order (\$9.00) from the U.S. Government Printing Office by calling (202) 512-0000.</li> </ul>	N/A	E	✓
United Nations Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at the Local Level Program (APELL)	Create and/or increase public awareness of possible hazards within a community; stimulate the development of co-operative plans to respond to any emergency that might occur; encourage prevention of accidents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) EPA (K. Jennings)</li> <li>b) <a href="http://www.unepie.org/apell/home.html">http://www.unepie.org/apell/home.html</a> (order AP1, AP4, AP7)</li> </ul>	N/A	E	✓
Steps in the Contingency Planning Process, U.S./Mexico Inland Joint Response Team, 1990	Data list generated at U.S./Mexico Inland Joint Response Team Conference. List suggests steps to help local communities.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	2	E	✓
Common Elements for Sister City Contingency Plans, U.S./Mexico Inland Joint Response Team, June 1990	Data list generated at the U.S./Mexico Inland Joint Response Team Conference. List of typical common elements for hazardous substances contingency plans for use by Sister Cities during the plan development process.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	2	E	✓
Guidelines for Facilitation of Response to an Oil Pollution Incident Pursuant to Article 7 of the OPRC Convention, September 4, 1995	This document lists 11 guidelines for states to follow to obtain the assistance and supervision necessary to expedite the response process to oil pollution incidents.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	2	E	✓

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U.S./Mexico Joint Response Team Meeting: Summary, March 7-8, 1996	Summary of U.S./Mexico Joint Response Team Meeting in an effort to take steps towards finalizing the U.S./Mexico Inland Joint Response Plan (JCP).	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	~25	E, S	✓
Emergency Management Principles and Practices for Local Governments, ICMA, 1991	General overview of mitigation; preparedness and recovery; the roles of state and federal governments; organizing for emergency management; coordinating community response; and public sector liability.	ICMA Catalog (\$35.95)	368	E	
Emergency Planning and Response Along the U.S./Mexico Border	Paper prepared fro presentation at HAZMACON 90, in Anaheim, CA, in a Conference Session entitled "Planning for Hazardous Material Emergencies" Summarizes portions of Annex III, and Annex II of the La Paz Agreement.	ICF, Inc. (J. Colle)	7	E	✓

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### DOCUMENTS REMOVED FROM THE LIST

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Disaster Assistance: Agreement Between the United States and Mexico, 1/15/80 (Superseded the U.S./Mexico Agreement on Cooperation in Cases of Natural Disasters (5/3/68))	Only applies to natural disasters
Plan for Geological Phenomena (San Diego/Tijuana)	Outdated
Plan for Hydrometeorological Phenomena (Brownsville/Matamoros)	Outdated
30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 343 - Oil and Hazardous Substances	Does not apply
An Institutional Analysis of Emergency Response in the U.S./Mexico Border Region, Dr. Alvin Mushkatel, Arizona State University, Office of Hazard Studies - (602)965-4505	Document was never finished
Region 6 Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan	Does not exist
Region 9 Mainland Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan	Does not apply
National Program to Monitor Water Quality	Does not exist
Plan SM-A-87: Citizen Assistance During Disasters (Secretariat of Navy)	Not publicly available

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