



Caribbean Regional Response Team

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DNER Emergency Coordination Structure



How DNER Responds During Emergencies

- 🏢 Office of Emergency Coordination (EOC)
 - 📍 7 Regional Offices and Zone Coordinators
San Juan, Arecibo, Aguadilla, Mayagüez, Ponce, Guayama, Humacao

DNER in the State Emergency Plan

- Participates in **3 of 4** State Emergency Plan sections
Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- Responsible in **6 of 15** Emergency Support Functions
- Provides specialized environmental & safety expertise



Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)-Supported by DNER



ESF-1: Infrastructure / Public Works



ESF-4: Wildland Fire Management



ESF-9: Search and Rescue



ESF-10: Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)



ESF-11: Agriculture



ESF-13: Public Safety

ESF-10: Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

DNER as Lead Agency

- Identifies hazardous substances
- Contains and mitigates spills
- Protects water, soil, wildlife, and air
- Coordinates with EPA, Coast Guard, other agencies



ESF-11: Agriculture



DNER as Co-Lead working alongside with the Department of Agriculture

- Exotic animal management
- Domestic animal safety
- Nutritional assistance
- Food security support

It ensures that food remains safe, animals are protected, and agriculture continues functioning during and after emergencies.



Notify immediately:



Working days and hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

❖ Environmental Emergencies Response Division

❖ Tel. (787) 999-2200 ext.5901, 5900

Non working hours, weekend and holidays:

❖ 9-1-1

❖ NMEAD - (787) 724-0124 (Control)

❖ NRC - 1-800-424-8802



State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)



The SERC is composed of **22 members**, including:

- **Ten (10) State Agencies**
- **Seven (7) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Presidents**
 - Representing the districts of **Arecibo, Carolina, Guayama, Humacao, Mayagüez, Ponce, and San Juan**
- **Five (5) Public Interest Representatives**

The **President** of the Commission is the **Secretary of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER)**, as established under **Law 416**.



Information Requirements under EPCRA

- ➔ Industries are required to inform the community about substances covered under the EPCRA law that are manufactured, handled, stored, or released into the environment.
 - ✓ Must submit annually the Tier 2 reports-March 1
 - www.epa.gov/epcra/tier2-submit-software
- ➔ This information is available through the State Emergency Response Commission and the Local Emergency Planning Committees.
- ➔ 2025 Tier2 reports in PR: **964** facilities

| Chemical reported | Quantity of Facilities |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Diesel | 557 |
| Chlorine | 161 |
| Sulfuric Acid | 123 |
| Lead | 147 |
| Gasoline | 50 |
| Sodium hypochlorite | 50 |
| Nitrogen | 41 |
| Sodium bisulfite | 23 |
| LPG | 23 |
| Ammonia | 19 |
| LNG | 15 |
| Acetone | 13 |
| Jet Fuel | 10 |
| Methanol | 6 |



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