

**EPCRA OFF-SITE PLAN FOR**  
 La Crosse Municipal Well #19H  
 131 7th Street South  
 La Crosse WI 54601

**I. FACILITY NAME:**  
 La Crosse Municipal Well #19H  
 131 7th Street South  
 La Crosse WI 54601  
 608-789-7388  
 Facility ID # Assigned by WEM: **003368-1**

<b>II. FACILITY COORDINATOR:</b>	<b>ALTERNATE COORDINATOR:</b>
Lee Anderson	Mark Johnson
Water Superintendent	Utilities Manager
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:
608-789-7388 (w)	608-789-7536 (w)
608-498-6616 (personal cell phone)	608-792-0498 (c)

**III. CHEMICALS ON SITE: EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

<u>CAS #</u>	<u>Chemical/ Trade Name</u>	<u>Max. Amt.</u>	<u>Vul. Zone</u>	<u>Rural/ Urban</u>
7782-50-5	Chlorine	900-lbs. (Six 150-lb. cylinders)	2.2 miles	Urban

**OTHER HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS:**

None

**IV. PRIMARY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS:**

West Central Regional Type I Hazardous Materials Response Team  
 La Crosse Regional Type II Hazardous Materials Response Team  
 La Crosse Water Facility Crew  
 La Crosse Fire Department  
 La Crosse Police Department  
 La Crosse County Sheriff's Department  
 Wisconsin State Patrol  
 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
 La Crosse County Emergency Management  
 Tri-State Ambulance

**V. SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM FACILITY:**

Facility Crew can be called in by radio to support La Crosse Fire Department. The La Crosse Fire Department has cylinder containment kit.

#### **OUTSIDE RESOURCES AVAILABLE:**

The La Crosse Fire Department serves as the Regional Type II Hazardous Materials Response Team. For Type I incidents, contact the West Central Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team through the Wisconsin Emergency Management Duty Officer (1-800-943-0003).

CHEMTREC 800-424-9300

Georgia-Pacific 206-733-4410

Hydrite Chemical Company 608-784-0024

The Water Utility solicits annual quotations for chemical supply. Hydrite Chemical Company is the current (2014) supplier of chlorine and for the La Crosse Water Utility.

Hydrite Chemical Company

701 Sumner Street

La Crosse, WI 54603

Phone: 608-784-0024

Fax: 608-785-2990

#### **VI. GENERAL INFORMATION AND ASSUMPTIONS: (Disclaimer)**

The vulnerability zones set forth in this Plan are based on the EPA Technical Guidance for Hazards Analysis. The zones are based on a credible worst case scenario and identify the potential area for impact should an air-borne release of a single EHS chemical occur.

The vulnerability zones are NOT intended to be used as a guide for population protection in fire-related incidents. Fire incidents were considered in the development of this plan and the plan provides basic information about the facility for first responders to employ. However, in an actual fire situation at this facility, the Incident Commander is strongly recommended to reference the fire department's own individual agency pre-emergency plans and standard operating procedures as well as the County's Emergency Operations Plan - Annex K: Fire and Rescue, as they may relate to this facility when making decisions at an incident involving fire.

Further, fire departments that would respond to an incident at this facility are strongly encouraged to meet with facility representatives to determine ways to minimize an event at the facility and to determine what additional information and factors should be taken into consideration in the event of a fire, should one occur.

The actual response to an incident shall be determined by the field incident commander and the affected area may vary from the planning vulnerability zone identified in this Plan. Depending on wind speed and direction, the amount of material released and other pertinent factors, the ACTUAL vulnerability zone may be smaller, and in some instances larger, than the credible worst case vulnerability zone identified herein.

The vulnerability zones determined in this Plan are for general PLANNING PURPOSES.

**STATE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**Wisconsin Statute §292.11 WISCONSIN SPILL LAW

The spill law, Chapter 292.11, Wis. Stats., requires that a person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance shall notify the department **immediately** of any discharge not exempted by the statute. The Department has a 24-hour toll free number for reporting spills: **1-800-943-0003**.

Chapter NR 706 Wisconsin Administrative Code

Ch. NR 706, Wis. Adm. Code establishes exemptions for small quantity spills of agricultural and petroleum related compounds, as well as substances that have a federal reportable quantity established. These quantities are termed "de minimis" in that below these levels, under the following conditions, state notification of a discharge is not required. While reporting requirements may be exempted, **cleanup requirements remain**. If a discharge meets one of the following de-minimis exemptions **it must be reported to the Wisconsin DNR**:

1. Has not evaporated or been cleaned up in accordance with NR 700 – 726,
2. Adversely impacts or THREATENS to adversely impact the environment,
3. Causes or THREATENS to cause chronic and/or acute human health impacts, or
4. Presents or THREATENS to present a fire or explosion hazard or other safety hazard (including all evacuations)

**VII. HAZARD ANALYSIS SUMMARY:**

The La Crosse Municipal Well #19H supplies water to the City of La Crosse municipal water system. There could be upwards of two employees at the facility during an event. The facility is located east of the junction of King St. and 7th St.

Five 150-lb. cylinders of chlorine are located in a separate chlorine room, on the south end of the building; the entrance door is on the south. Two 150-lb. cylinders of chlorine are connected to the system at one time.

Potentially dangerous materials are used and stored at this facility. These materials, when used under normal conditions, pose no threat. However, the hazard to persons and property can increase dramatically if the materials are somehow released from their controlled environment. It was determined during our visit that the greatest risk of a hazmat incident would occur during the unloading or loading of hazardous materials.

The vulnerability zone for this facility was based on a worst case scenario for a release of 150 lbs. of chlorine (one cylinder). An accidental release could occur during the changing of cylinders. The hazard analysis, using CAMEO software, is as follows:

<b>EHS Chemical:</b>	<b>Chlorine</b>
Form:	Gas
Container Size:	150-lb. cylinders
Concentration:	100%
Parameters used in the hazard analysis:	
Level of Concern:	1/10 IDLH
Duration of Release:	10 minutes

**WORST CASE SCENARIO:**

Rural  
 Wind Speed: 3.4 mph  
 Atmos. Stability Class: F  
 Vulnerability Zone: 2.2 miles

**RE-EVALUATION SCENARIO:**

Urban or Rural: Urban  
 Wind Speed: 11.9 mph  
 Atmos. Stability Class: D  
 Vulnerability Zone: 0.1 miles

Approximately 36,448 residents reside within the worst case scenario vulnerability zone.

**VIII. SPECIAL FACILITIES AFFECTED:**

See the attached Special Facilities list.

**IX. POPULATION PROTECTION:**

The determination to shelter in place or to evacuate will be made by the on-scene commander as appropriate. The lead-time for a hazardous materials incident may be very short. Consequently, there may not be time enough for safe evacuation, especially when extremely toxic chemical fumes are involved. An evacuation under these considerations may expose the population to dangerous toxic chemicals and the decision may be made to shelter in place. Preferred areas for protective sheltering would be interior hallways, rooms without windows or exterior doors, enclosed stairways and rooms on the side of the building away from where the hazard is approaching. Doors, windows, and other potential air leaks should be sealed up to prevent toxic fumes from entering.

Experience indicates that shelter space would need to be provided for only 30% of the population within the initial isolation and evacuation zones and the remaining 70% would seek shelter with family and friends outside of the risk zone.

Roles and responsibilities relative to evacuation and sheltering as well as a list of shelters appear in the La Crosse County Emergency Operations Plan, Annex E.

**X. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Myrick, Riverside and Pettibone Parks are within the vulnerability zone as is Viterbo, Western Technical College, the UW-La Crosse campus and the UW-L Athletic field. In case of an incident, immediate evacuation of a large number of users would be of paramount importance. The incident commander should be in contact with the colleges should an evacuation or other protective measures be deemed necessary.

Portions of the Black River, La Crosse River, Mississippi backwaters and the main navigation channel are within the vulnerability zone. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services should be notified to assist in environmental and navigational problems.

The local 24-hour National Weather Service, County Public Safety Communications (9-1-1 Dispatch Center), and local radio and TV stations could issue warnings to the population.

NOTE: There are no local ordinances in La Crosse County which mandate specific routes for

vehicles carrying Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHSs). Thus, EHSs may be transported over any local, state, or federal highway for which weight limits are met.