

INFORMATION FOR FACILITIES THAT STORE, USE, OR MANUFACTURE LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

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STATE OF HAWAII HAZARD EVALUATION & EMERGENCY RESPONSE HAWAII EMERGENCY PLANNING & COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

Effective 12 December 2025, pursuant to applicability provisions of section 11-453-16, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), the Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission (HSERC) designates each owner or operator of a facility that stores, uses or manufactures Lithium-ion batteries with a threshold quantity of 10,000 pounds or more, be subject to the emergency planning requirements of section 11-453-17, HAR.

Given the increased frequency and unique challenges of responding to Lithium-ion battery fires, the HSERC finds it timely and necessary to require each owner or operator of the facilities so designated to comply with the requirements of section 11-453-17, HAR, which may be summarized as follows:

- Designate a facility representative who will serve as a facility emergency coordinator and work with the committee to implement local emergency planning.
- Notify the committee and commission within sixty days of the facility first being subject to regulation under this rule.
- On or before March 1 of each year, inform the committee of any changes occurring at the facility which may be relevant to emergency planning, including whether the facility ceases to meet the minimum emergency planning thresholds described in section 11-453-19.
- Upon request of the committee having jurisdiction over the facility, promptly provide to the committee any information necessary for development or implementation of the chemical emergency response and preparedness plan for the emergency planning district.