

Office of Recommendations

- Highlighted Recommendation
 - West Fertilizer Explosion and Fire (R2 to EPA)
 - April 17, 2013
 - Major FGAN detonation that destroyed the WFC facility
 - Damaged to more than 150 offsite buildings
 - 15 fatalities (12 emergency responders, 3 public)
 - More than 260 injured



West Fertilizer Explosion and Fire



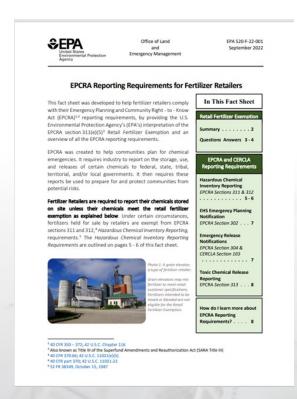
CSB Rec No. 2013-02-I-TX-R2 (R2) to EPA:

Develop a general guidance document on the agricultural exemption under EPCRA Section 311(e)(5) and its associated regulation to clarify that fertilizer facilities that store or blend fertilizer are covered under EPCRA. Communicate to the fertilizer industry publication of this guidance document as well as the intention of Section 311(e)(5).



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EPA implementation of R2:



- EPA permitted the CSB opportunities to provide feedback
- EPA released the guidance document in October 2022.
- https://www.epa.gov/epcra/epcrafact-sheets
- Posted on the EPA website and sent to EPA Regions, SERC-TERC newsletters, as well as the fertilizer industry.

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