

EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION LEVELS

These levels, and the associated protective actions, are initiated in conjunction with the facility site specific maps. It is the facilities' responsibility to be familiar with these classification levels and protective actions. Likewise, each facility understands that when a classification level is reported to the 911 Center they are also ordering the protective actions to be initiated.

The Rule of thumb is: Notify first, calculate later, and when in doubt choose the next higher classification of emergency.

Unusual Event: This incident may or may not exceed the reportable quantity. This is an incident that is out of the ordinary but does not present a current threat to persons or property even in the immediate vicinity. The incident may have the potential to escalate to a more serious emergency but has an **extremely low probability** to do so. No external protective actions will be implemented and no emergency response assistance is expected to be required.

Alert: The 911 Central Dispatch Center will notify adjacent chemical facilities by radio to **Monitor** the situation. This is an incident that currently does not affect the local general population, but has the potential to escalate to a more serious emergency. The situation is unresolved and should be monitored closely. Some limited protective actions will be implemented and additional assistance may be requested from emergency response agencies.

Site Area Emergency: The 911 Central Dispatch Center will establish pre identified roadblocks and warn adjacent chemical facilities by industry radio to **initiate a Protective Posture**. An emergency has either already had some affect on the near-site population or is anticipated to do so. This classification would be used in situations where a limited number of travelers or residents have been affected or a much larger number could possibly be affected. Protective actions will be implemented and emergency response assistance would be necessary. A Unified Command between the facility in which the incident is occurring and emergency responders will be established.

General Emergency: The 911 Central Dispatch Center will initiate all protective actions including a radio roll call notifying facilities by to **Shelter In Place or Evacuate depending on incident**. This is an emergency that has affected or has the potential to affect large portions of the parish near site population. This is the most severe of the emergency classification levels and protective actions will be necessary. All emergency resources would be activated and assistance will be requested from emergency response agencies.

Note:

Each TIER II facility located in Ascension Parish must become very familiar with the classification levels listed above. To ensure rapid initiation of protective actions only these levels will be initially reported to the 911 Central Dispatch Center. Administrative reporting through the UHMRF will be accomplished after protective actions are implemented.

EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION REPORTING SCRIPT

1. Contact the 911 Central Dispatch Center using the industry radio.

(Dial 911 directly in the event that the industry radio is out of service.)

State Clearly And Slowly

2. "911, this is _____ stand by for an emergency notification. *(Repeat)*
Facility Name

3. "911, this is _____, stand by for an emergency notification, do you copy?
Facility Name

Dispatch will acknowledge: "This is 911, go ahead with your traffic."

4. "911, this is _____ we are declaring the following for this facility:
Facility Name

- a. Emergency Classification is: _____,
- b. Product is: _____,
- c. Wind Speed is *(to the/ from the)* _____ @ _____,
- d. This is _____, do you copy?"

Caller Name

Dispatch will acknowledge:

"_____ I understand that you are declaring the following:

Facility Name

Emergency Classification of: _____,

Product is: _____,

Wind Speed: is *(to the/ from the)* _____ @ _____,

Your name is _____, *is this correct?"*

Caller Name

5. "911, this is _____, that is correct."
Facility Name

Dispatch will acknowledge: "Standby to initiate protective actions."

<u>Protective Action</u>	Road Blocks	Radio Roll Call	Monitor	Protective Posture	Shelter	Sirens	FirstCall	TV Override
Classification								
Unusual Event								
Alert		Yes	Yes					
Site Area	Yes	Yes		Yes				
General Emergency	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Once all protective actions are initiated for the specific emergency classification: dispatch will contact the facility by radio to inform them of such. Dispatch will also instruct the company to contact them by telephone to complete the UHMRF.