



A Special Note about Lead-Acid Batteries

The Texas Department of State Health Services requires some lead-acid batteries to be reported by The University of Texas at Austin on the annual report due to the sulfuric acid inside the batteries.

Exemptions

Batteries that meet either of the following criteria do not have to be reported on your Workplace Chemical List:

Lead-acid batteries used for personal, family or household purposes at the facility

or

Lead-acid batteries labeled according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and packaged for sale to consumers.

Thus, fleet vehicle batteries do not have to be reported if the batteries are bought from a manufacturer who sells the same product to the general public, i.e. the batteries meet the CPSC labeling requirements.

Reportable Batteries

Batteries that are not consumer products and are not available to the general public do have to be reported. Some examples of these types of batteries are large batteries in a building used for power backup systems and large batteries in electric forklifts. Again, only report items that meet the quantity criteria noted on page two of the cover letter.

What to Report

If possible, report the weight of the battery, the percent of electrolyte contained in the battery, and the percentage of sulfuric acid in the electrolyte solution. This information can usually be obtained from the battery manufacturer or supplier, the battery label, or the MSDS for the battery.

If this information can not be easily obtained please call our Main office number at 512-471-3511 and ask for John Oldag or Nena Anderson.