

## Requesting ARB Emergency Air Monitoring Support Services

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This procedure applies to any emergency involving the release of a hazardous airborne contaminant for which a local agency has exhausted its resources to protect public health or the environment. Requesting agencies typically include local air districts, public or environmental health departments, and county or city fire departments. The process for requesting State support is established by the Emergency Services Act (Government Code § 8550-8692 et seq.) and the Standardized Emergency Management System.

The Air Resources Board's (ARB) Office of Emergency Response (OER) can provide State-level support for air contaminant monitoring, sampling, analysis, and dispersion modeling. OER also coordinates with numerous partner agencies to provide emergency toxicological assessments, health advisory recommendations, indoor air quality assessments, air monitoring for recovery operations, and assessment of air quality for re-entry.

### Steps to Obtain OER Support

#### 1. Contact OER

- a. Contact an OER team member from the Contact Table below at the earliest indication of the need for air monitoring and/or assessment support. If OER cannot be reached, call the State Warning Center directly at (916) 845-8911 to initiate a support request.
- b. Describe in as much detail as possible the release situation and the specific services needed. This enables us to assess your needs and determine how to provide timely assistance.
- c. Follow up the request with an e-mail, including your name, position, agency, contact information, and the name of the incident, if known.
- d. OER will review your request, assess the situation and resources available, and respond as quickly as possible with initial recommendations.

#### 2. Obtain a State Support "Mission Task"

- a. Contact your Operations Area or County Emergency Operations Center, the organization designated to coordinate assistance from the State.

- b. Ask the Operations Area to assist you in submitting a “Mission Request” for air monitoring support. This is the official process to request State assistance. It does **not** require a county declaration of emergency. You will need to provide the same information as noted in Step 1. b. and c. above.
- c. If your agency (e.g., air district) covers more than one county jurisdiction, it is recommended that the most impacted county submit a Mission Request.

### 3. Mission Request Approval

- a. The Operations Area will forward a Mission Request to the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC). The REOC will approve the mission or forward it to the State Operations Center (SOC) for approval.
- b. Once approved, a “Mission Task” is issued authorizing OER to support the incident and expend available resources as necessary.
- c. The REOC or SOC will notify OER and the Operations Area of the approval and the Mission Task number.

### 4. Deployment

- a. OER will contact the requesting agency directly to coordinate monitoring logistics and data disposition. OER will work with you to complete a Monitoring and Sampling Plan for the incident.
- b. OER will contact Incident Command or Unified Command and the monitoring partners to notify them of our activities.
- c. OER will follow-up with the requesting agency on data access, equipment performance, potential equipment repositioning, short-term monitoring needs, and demobilization plans as dictated by the incident.

**SERVICE NOTE:** ARB does not have an on-call system, but makes every effort to maximize their availability during emergency events.

### Contact Table: ARB Emergency Air Monitoring Support

Name	OER Position	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Email
Greg Vlasek	Team Coordinator	916-323-4294	916-838-0872	gvlasek@arb.ca.gov
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Charles Pearson	Monitoring Co-Lead	916-322-7054	--	cpearson@arb.ca.gov
Mark Copple	Monitoring Co-Lead	916-445-3606	--	mcopple@arb.ca.gov
Russ Bennett	Monitoring Co-Lead	916-324-1149	916-206-1771	russ.bennett@arb.ca.gov
State Warning Center		916-845-8911		