



Industry Essential Personnel Credentialing and Reentry System (IEPCRS)

Application for Reentry Credentials

Purpose

Pursuant to section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code (the authorization to call for mandatory evacuation by a county judge or mayor) by the Texas Legislature, Harris County recognized the need for **industrial essential personnel** to have the ability to reenter an incident effected area within Harris County during and after an evacuation to assist with the restoration of the area to a safe condition. In response to this need, Harris County, in cooperation with many Offices of Emergency Management, Industry, and Law Enforcement agencies, has developed the *Industrial Essential Personnel Credentialing and Reentry System (IEPCRS)*. **Industrial essential personnel** are meant to provide an initial response with the intent to secure, assess for environmental hazards, and prevent further damage to a facility or impact area. In the event of an emergency evacuation, those manning roadblocks will be informed that designated **industrial essential personnel** holding the IEPCRS credential should be allowed freedom of movement for emergency purposes.

Industrial Essential Personnel Criteria

In order to be considered **industrial essential personnel**, and be eligible for the IEPCRS reentry credential, the following criteria **must** be met:

- The facility applying for credentials must store or manufacture hazardous materials.
- The credential assignee must have a necessity to respond to the applying industrial facility for the purpose of (all of the following):
 - Securing the facility property.
 - Assessing for potential airborne and waterborne chemical hazards to fence-line neighbors or other neighboring jurisdictions.
 - Mitigating problems resulting from an event requiring area evacuation.

IEPCRS Guidelines for Industry

The applying industrial facility shall abide by the following system guidelines, which are necessary to maintain the integrity of the system:

- **Each** facility location **shall** be considered a separate entity.
- A facility's **industrial essential personnel shall not** exceed 10% of their total number of facility employees. Exceptions to the 10% limit require the approval of the IEPCRS Administration Committee.
- **Each** Office of Emergency Management (OEM) having jurisdiction over a facility **shall** have the authority to approve or disapprove the IEPCRS credentialing of said facility in addition to Harris County.
- The IEPCRS credential is valid only for the assigned holder. The IEPCRS credential will not allow family members or other parties who may have accompanied the holder during the evacuation to reenter the evacuated area.
- **Industrial essential personnel** are meant to provide an initial response to secure and prevent further damage to a facility or impact to the area. These personnel **shall not** utilize the IEPCRS credential to reenter the evacuated area for the purpose of beginning major repairs or restarting the facility.
- The applicant of each facility **shall** implement and maintain accurate records of all facility personnel who are issued credentials.
- Industrial facilities who reenter an impact area and locate unsafe environments **shall immediately** communicate the information to responsible agencies¹ within their political jurisdiction

IEPCRS Contact Information

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¹ Responsible agencies are defined as the divisions within cities and/or counties involved in the communication of industrial or other significant events (i.e. dispatch, office of emergency management, etc.)



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Please complete all fields listed below. Please verify your spelling is correct. Expect 2-3 weeks for processing.

Facility Information

Facility Name: _____

Company Type: _____
(Refining, Specialty Chemicals, Chemical Warehousing, Etc.)

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Key Map Page: _____

Site Manager Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Site Mgr Phone: _____ Site Mgr 24 Hr Phone: _____

Site Mgr Email: _____

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Title: _____ Primary Phone: _____

Email: _____ 24 Hr Phone: _____

Total Number of Employees at Facility

X (0.10) =

Number of Credentials Requested

(If more than 10% of total employees, explain on next page)

Area Information

Jurisdictional OEM: _____

Associated LEPC: _____

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Acknowledgement

I hereby acknowledge that I have read this application in its entirety and understand all criteria and guidelines defining the *Industry Essential Personnel Credentialing and Reentry System* as written in this document and further acknowledge that all applicant, facility, and area information provided above is correct. Our company agrees to comply with all criteria and guidelines included in this document and others that may be approved and disseminated in the future.

Signature of Authorized Company Employee

Date

Number of Credentials Issued

Printed Name of Authorized Company Employee

DL Number



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