

Process Safety Forum

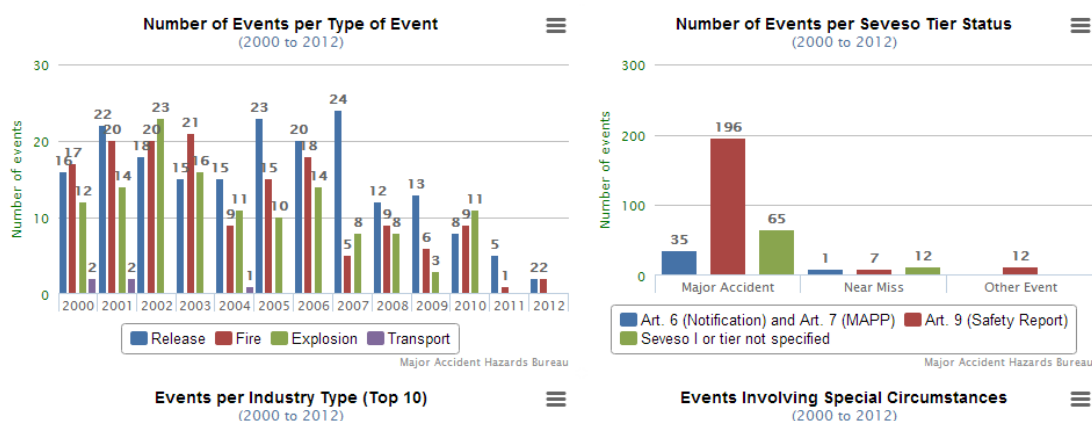
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EU Major Accident Reporting System

The Major Accident Reporting System (eMARS) was first established by the EU's Seveso Directive 82/501/EEC in 1982 and has remained in place with subsequent revisions to the Seveso Directive in effect today. The purpose of the eMARS is to facilitate the exchange of lessons learned from accidents and near misses involving dangerous substances in order to improve chemical accident prevention and mitigation of potential consequences.

eMARS contains reports of chemical accidents and near misses provided to the Major Accident and Hazards Bureau (MAHB) of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre from EU, OECD and UNECE countries (under the TEIA Convention). Reporting an event into eMARS is compulsory for EU Member States when a Seveso establishment is involved and the event meets the criteria of a "major accident" as defined by Annex VI of the Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU). For non-EU OECD and UNECE countries reporting accidents to the eMARS database is voluntary. The information of the reported event is entered into eMARS directly by the official reporting authority of the country in which the accident occurred.

A new eMARS dashboard showing selected statistics is also available.



To access the eMARS system, enter the website here: <https://emars.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

eMARS also provides Major Accident Hazard Bulletins (MAHB) which aim to promote cross-sector learnings, these can be accessed here: <http://ipsc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?id=503>

The Process Safety Forum has been set up to provide an industry association platform whereby initiatives, best practice, lessons from incidents and process safety strategy can be distilled and shared across sectors, to influence our stakeholders (including the Regulators), and to drive the process safety management agenda. The Process Safety Forum consists of representatives from UKPIA, TSA, CIA, OGUK, CBA, RSSB, ENA, ECIA, UKLPG, BAMA, EIG, UKOPA, SWA and SDF. For further details contact: PSF.Secretary@gmail.com.