

## Environmental Protection Agency

## § 303.20

(m) *Penalties for failure to comply.* The reduced reporting requirements provided for under this section shall apply only so long as the person in charge complies fully with all requirements of paragraph (c) of this section. Failure to comply with respect to any release from the facility or vessel shall subject the person in charge to all of the reporting requirements of § 302.6 for each such release, to the penalties under § 302.7, and to any other applicable penalties provided for by law.

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#### Subpart A—General

##### § 303.10 Purpose.

This regulation implements the “citizen award” authority granted by Congress to the President in the 1986 Amendments to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), section 109(d). As authorized in the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) section 109(c) and Executive Order No. 12580 (issued by the

President on January 23, 1987), the Environmental Protection Agency is empowered to pay up to \$10,000.00 from the Superfund to any individual who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person for a violation subject to a criminal penalty under CERCLA as amended.

##### § 303.11 Definitions.

(a) Arrest. Restraint of an arrestee’s liberty or the equivalent through the service of judicial process compelling such a person to respond to a criminal accusation.

(b) Conviction. A judgment of guilt entered in U.S. District Court, upon a verdict rendered by the court or petit jury or by a plea of guilty, including a plea of *nolo contendere*.

(c) Individual. A natural person, not a corporation or other legal entity nor an association of persons.

##### § 303.12 Criminal violations covered by this award authority.

(a) Failure to Give Required Notice of a Release of a Reportable Quantity of a Hazardous Substance, 42 U.S.C. 9603(a);

(b) Destruction or Concealment of Records Required under CERCLA to have been Retained, 42 U.S.C. 9603(d).

#### Subpart B—Eligibility to File a Claim for Award and Determination of Eligibility and Amount of Award

##### § 303.20 Eligibility to file a claim for award.

(a) Any individual, except law enforcement officers and persons convicted in the case giving rise to the award claim and any persons identified in § 303.20(b) shall be eligible to file a claim for an award as provided for in § 303.33 of this subpart.

(b) No person who was an employee of or contractor for the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the time he or she came into possession of the information disclosed to other Agency officials (or is so employed at the time of disclosure), which information constitutes in whole or part the basis for an award claim, shall be eligible to file a claim for an award.