

Emergency Response Planning Guidelines (ERPGs) Adopted

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The American Industrial Hygiene Association has adopted Emergency Response Planning Guidelines (ERPGs) for mercury vapor developed by Rich Leggett of the Life Sciences Division in a project for the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS). ERPGs are air concentration guidelines used by federal agencies to develop emergency response strategies for protecting workers and the general public against the harmful effects of specific substances. Guidelines for short-term exposure to mercury vapor are critical to the design and operation of the SNS, which will use a mercury target for production of neutron beams.