

ARP/RMP Program Milestones

DATE	MILESTONE
June 20, 1996	EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Rule finalized
July 1996	Florida RMP Implementation Workgroup formed at direction of State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
April 4, 1997	Florida RMP Implementation Workgroup presented a model implementation plan with resource allocations and a fee structure to SERC; received approval to proceed with drafting legislative language
Fall 1997	Workgroup developed legislative proposals and solicited legislative sponsors: Senator Buddy Dyer and Representative Lori Edwards.
May 24, 1998	Chapter 252, Part IV, F.S., became effective as the Florida Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning (ARP/RMP) Act
June 1998	Governor Lawton Chiles approved the 1998 Appropriations Act, which included two new positions for Florida's ARP/RMP Act.
June 12, 1998	Governor Lawton Chiles requested program delegation on behalf of Florida from EPA Region 4 and Chemical Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Office (CEPPO) offices.
July 21, 1998	Rule Chapter 9G-21, Florida Administrative Code, proposed in the Florida Administrative Weekly, to implement the fee provisions of the ARP/RMP Act.
Oct. 20, 1998	EPA published proposed delegation approval notice in Federal Register for State of Florida, pending receipt of any adverse comments.
Nov. 9, 1998	Rule Chapter 9G-21, F.A.C. became effective.
Nov. 12, 1998	DCA ARP/RMP website available with outreach and technical assistance information.
Nov. 30, 1998	Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management became effective, detailing responsibilities, information access, and sharing of technical expertise on program issues.
Dec. 21, 1998	Florida received ARP/RMP program delegation from EPA, sixty days following appearance of October 20, 1998, Federal Register notice.
Jan. 13, 1999	Memorandum of Understanding with Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security's

	Division of Safety became effective, detailing responsibilities, information access, and sharing of technical expertise on program issues.
Feb. 5, 1999	Initial ARP/RMP notification package mailout to 652 owners of potentially affected facilities, reviewing the program requirements and including a reply form indicating the facility's regulatory status for purposes of refining the database.
Mar. 18, 1999	As directed by the SERC, the Media Outreach Group was formed--consisting of representatives from industry, local emergency planning committees, and DCA personnel. The group's mission was to prepare an informational package for the media and elected officials.
Mar. 19, 1999	Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 252, Part IV, Florida Statutes, a fee form package was mailed out to approximately 692 owners of facilities which were formally identified as being subject to the Florida ARP/RMP program 90 days prior to the fee submission deadline of June 21, 1999. It included copies of the law and fee rule, fee forms, and other outreach materials.
April 2, 1999	First fee payment received.