What is the Risk Management Plan (RMP) Rule?
The RMP Rule implements Section 112(r) of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments. RMP requires facilities that use extremely hazardous substances to develop a Risk Management Plan. These plans must be revised and resubmitted to EPA every five years or when there are changes.

The information required from facilities under RMP helps local fire, police, and emergency response personnel prepare for and respond to chemical emergencies. Making RMPs available to the public also fosters communication and awareness to improve accident prevention and emergency response practices at the local level. The RMP rule was built upon existing industry codes and standards. It requires companies that use certain flammable and toxic substances to develop a Risk Management Program.

EPA Region 8 can provide support to states, tribes and local agencies to understand the risks of RMP facilities in their area.

What is the scope of the RMP rule?
Facilities holding more than a threshold quantity (https://www.epa.gov/rmp/list-regulated-substances-under-risk-management-plan-rmp-program) of a regulated substance in a process are required to comply with EPA’s Risk Management Program regulations. The regulations require owners or operators of covered facilities to implement a risk management program and to submit an RMP to EPA.

What is included in an RMP?
Each facility's program should address three areas:
- Hazard assessment that details the potential effects of an accidental release, an accident history of the last five years, and an evaluation of worst-case and alternative accidental releases;
- Prevention program that includes safety precautions and maintenance, monitoring, and employee training measures; and
- Emergency response program that spells out emergency health care, employee training measures and procedures for informing the public and response agencies should an accident occur.

Why are RMPs important?
- Inform the community of risks
- Allow first responders to learn more about facilities where they may have to respond
- Ensure facilities plan for risks and prevent accidents