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# MARS/SPIRS reporting



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**Abstract:** The Seveso II Directive (96/82/EC) aims at the prevention of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. In accordance with the Directive the Major Accident Hazards Bureau (MAHB) of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre has developed the MARS/SPIRS applications, software systems for collecting information on accidents and hazardous installations. This training course is a step-by-step guide to reporting and using accident and establishment information using the MARS/SPIRS software.

The current MARS database contains over 600 accidents and near-misses collected since 1982 from the Member States. Accident reports can be searched and analysed to extract specific lessons learned about substances, equipment, management systems and emergency response, relevant to particular types of installations and processes. By the end of this course, users will be trained on how to input data from an accident investigation report so that it is clear and useful for other users. They will also be trained in how to obtain specific details about specific accidents from the accident database relative to their own work in reducing risks from industrial accidents.

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