

## How Can I Help My LEPC?

Since LEPCs are volunteer organizations, they primarily rely on community support to meet the requirements of EPCRA. You can help by:

### Donating to Your LEPC:

- Give a cash contribution from your facility or as an individual donor.
- Donate or loan equipment (such as office & emergency response equipment).
- Donate supplies (such as standard office supplies, postage, & hazmat materials).
- Provide meeting rooms and facilities for LEPC functions.
- Donate staff time (to perform special projects, assist in hazmat drills and planning exercises, perform data entry and other clerical tasks, etc.).

### Participating as an Active Member of Your LEPC:

- Join the LEPC and attend meetings.
- Provide industry and hazardous materials expertise.
- Participate on special LEPC subcommittees.



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# Wichita County



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**Local Planning for Response to  
Hazardous Materials Emergencies**



## What is an LEPC?



A Local Emergency Planning Committee, or **LEPC**, is a voluntary organization which is established in an Emergency Planning District designated by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). Most Texas counties have a single LEPC; however some counties have multiple LEPCs which serve individual cities or communities in that county.

Both the SERC and LEPCs were established to meet requirements of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) for emergency response planning.



## What does an LEPC

Under EPCRA, an LEPC is the focal point for chemical emergency response planning and implementation in a community. The LEPCs' key responsibilities are:

- assisting local governments in developing hazardous materials emergency response plans
- evaluating the community's need for resources to respond to hazardous materials emergencies
- processing requests from the public for information on hazardous chemicals in their communities.

## Who Participates in an LEPC?

Each LEPC must include, at a minimum, representatives from the following groups and/or organizations:

- elected state and local officials
- law enforcement, civil defense, firefighting, first aid, health, emergency medical services, local environmental, hospital, and transportation personnel
- broadcast and print media
- community groups
- industry - owners and operators of facilities subject to the reporting requirements of EPCRA

## LEPCs & Texas Tier Two Reports

LEPCs are required to receive the annual Texas Tier Two (chemical inventory) Reports from facilities in their jurisdictions. The LEPCs use this information to perform hazard assessments for their communities. In addition, the LEPCs must make information from these reports available to the public, upon request.

Under EPCRA and the Texas Community Right-to Know Acts, LEPCs may also request additional hazardous chemical information from facilities for emergency planning purposes.

## Your LEPC provides your community with a number of invaluable services:

- assisting local governments in preparing and distributing hazardous chemical emergency response plans
- evaluating the need for hazardous materials response resources
- obtaining additional information for chemical emergency planning
- participating in hazardous materials exercises and drills to improve the response community's preparedness
- developing public information programs
- working with local industry toward prevention of hazardous chemical accidents
- performing hazardous materials transportation studies and other hazmat research projects using federal and state grant funds
- serving as the link between citizens, industry, and government in emergency planning and preparedness for the community

**Whether you choose to support your LEPC through contributions, donations, loans, or participation, you will be doing your part to contribute to the health and safety of your community.**

