Second Quarter - April - June 2003

Staff attended the LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on April 3-4, 2003 in Tallahassee. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on May 28, 2003 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. Staff attended District 4 LEPC’s HAZMAT Conference in St. Augustine on 5/20-21/03, and the Governor’s Hurricane Conference, 6/9-13/03.

HMEP Training continued as follows: 4/3/03 - Incident Command Training in conjunction with TTX Operation Ferris Wheel to train Pasco County HIT Team, Pasco County EOC; 4/23-25/03- Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Operations, Memorial Hospital of Tampa; and the following HAZMAT Awareness Courses; 4/22/03 - HAZMAT Awareness Course, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council; 4/29/03 - HAZMAT Awareness Course, Pasco County EOC; 5/2/03- HAZMAT Awareness Course, Bay Pines VA Medical Facility; 5/6/03 - HAZMAT Awareness Course, Bradenton Fire/Rescue.

HMEP Planning activities, Section 302 Facility Outreach, continued with presentations of the Ammonia Siren Warning System briefing. Team arrived at the Davis Islands Garden Club on 5/6/03 for presentation to 200 members gathered for Davis Islands Community Association, but ammonia briefing was deferred to November due to over-run of other agenda items. Presentation was given to the Davis Island Chamber of Commerce on 5/14/03.

Staff represented LEPC at:
- Nitram, Inc. for presentation of SERC Award, 4/7/03
- Tampa Harbor Safety Committee, 4/16/03
- FDLE, RDSTF Health Subcommittee Meeting, 4/24/03
- American Red Cross, presentation for Mr. Groff, 4/30/02
- Pasco Co HIT Team 1st Anniversary Awards Presentation, 5/1/03
- Pinellas County Disaster Advisory Committee, 5/7/03
- Tampa Bay Spill Committee Meeting, 5/13/03
- Hillsborough County Pipeline After-Action Report Meeting, 5/30/03

District VIII HAZMAT Plan was approved by LEPC on 5/28/03 and forwarded to DCA for review.

District VIII comes into the window for its biennial LEPC exercise on July 1st. Subcommittee is has selected an exercise in Manatee County, at Tropicana Products, Inc. in conjunction with Sarasota County which would make the exercise encompass two LEPC districts. Planning is ongoing, but tentative exercise date has been selected as October 7, 2003.