Staff attended the, LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on July 10-11, 2003 in Tallahassee. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on July 30 and September 24, 2003 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

HMEP Training continued as follows: 8/12-14/03 - Hospital HAZMAT Awareness/Operations, Bay Pines VA Medical Center; 9/2-4/03 - Hospital HAZMAT Awareness/Operations, University Community Hospital, Tampa - 9/15-17/03; Hospital HAZMAT Awareness/Operations, South Florida Baptist Hospital, Plant City - 9/22, 25, 29/03; Advanced ALS Course in conjunction with District XI, Sarasota Fire Department, 9/2-12.

HMEP Planning activities, Section 302 Facility Outreach, continued with presentations of the Ammonia Siren Warning System briefing to the Board of Directors for the Tampa Port Authority, 8/12/03; the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 9/8/03; and joint participation with Hillsborough County BOCC for public forum on the Tampa Pipeline on 9/16/03.

Staff represented LEPC at:
- Greater Tampa Bay Marine Advisory Council, 7/8/03
- Tampa Bay Spill Committee, 7/15/03, 9/9/03
- Tampa Bay Harbor Safety Committee, 7/16/03
- District 4, Regional Domestic Security Task Force, 7/17/03
- Tampa Propeller Club, 7/22/03

District VIII came into the window for its biennial LEPC exercise on July 1st. Subcommittee 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 meetings were held on 7/2/03, 8/19/02, and 9/16/03. Exercise date is October 7, 2003 which will begin with a series of briefings/training sessions held in the morning followed by a tabletop exercise in the afternoon.

Staff accompanied DEM/DCA RMP Audit Team for visit to Martin Gas on 9/10/03 and to Hydro Agri on 9/11/03. Additionally, site visits were conducted in preparation for the 2003-04 cycle of hazards analyses for Pinellas County.