First Quarter - January - March, 2005

The Tampa Bay LEPC met on January 26 and March 30, 2005 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

Tampa Bay RPC/LEPC continues to be heavily involved in several Department of Homeland Security/Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) contracts which have flowed through the state DEM and in some cases, also through the Northeast Florida Regional Council. These involve contract to perform security assessments on some 250 Hillsborough County and City of Tampa facilities. The TBRPC is also under contract to 8 of the 9 counties of Region IV to deliver All-Discipline Training as provided by the ODP catalog and training will be sub-contracted out to General Physics unless counties have specific training/trainer requests. Finally, staff is in process of reviewing plans for the school districts of District VIII LEPC. Many of the meetings/activities listed below were performed in support of these ongoing efforts.

Staff has participated with District VII Staff, Chuck Carter, in tag-team teaching the 2-day Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) courses in Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Hardee, St. Lucie, and Lee Counties.

Staff attended and participated in the following:

- Staff organized and hosted the Winter SERC meetings January 6-7 at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

- TBRPC is responsible for conducting with local law enforcement, 18 of the 23 facility Buffer Zone Protection Plans within Region IV RDSTF. The plans will be done using HLS-CAM methodology/programming. Training was held at the Hillsborough County EOC on January 18-19, 2005, a third training session in the region.

- Promoted Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week January 23 - 29, 2005, and received proclamations from the following communities/county commissions: Hillsborough County, Manatee County, Pasco County, Pinellas County, City of Clearwater, City of Dunedin, City of Largo, City of New Port Richey, City of St. Pete Beach, City of St. Petersburg, City of Pinellas Park, City of Tampa, City of Tarpon Springs, City of Temple Terrace, City of Treasure Island, Town of Longboat Key, Town of Redington Shores, Town of St. Leo.

- RDSTF State Working Group meeting in Altemonte Springs, January 24

- Tampa Electric (TECO) Bayside Power Plant RMP Audit, January 25

- Annual Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) Conference, January 31 - March 4
- Conducted 9 EPCRA How-to-Comply Workshops, Feb 9 thru Feb 23rd.

- Sponsored as one of the Section 302 Community Outreach projects for the HMEP Planning Project, a METRA-West Hazardous Waste Workshop on February 22 at the TBRPC.

- Attended RDSTF Exercise Planning Session in Orlando, March 9th.

- Participated in Marathon-Ashland Tabletop Exercise, March 16th.

- Sponsored/Participated in ISO 100, 200, 300 training at the TBRPC on March 19-20

HMEP Training continued with Hospital Awareness/Operations Training provided by the Bay Pines VA HAZMAT Team to Northside Hospital, St. Petersburg, February 809.