June, 2009

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee April 2-3, 2009. Staff conducted a LEPC Meeting on May 27, 2009.

The Tampa Bay LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project A-2 Section 302 Facility Outreach with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops as a follow-on to the planning workshops held previously. Subcommittee Chair Glenn Hall briefed the LEPC membership of the efforts to bolster the hazardous materials component of the Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit (FBDSK) resulting from the April 23, 2009 Subcommittee meeting. The FBDSK is interactive and available online at www.fldisasterkit.com. It is anticipated that these efforts, once complete, will assist the business community in writing their all-hazards plans. The next meeting scheduled for the Subcommittee has been scheduled for July 16th.

Staff continued participating in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding such subjects as: Toxmedic (April 30 & May 28) and Chemistry Education Initiative (May 20). Additional teleconferences regarding these subjects may be scheduled as deemed necessary or appropriate.

With the assistance of representatives from CF Industries, Yara North America and Kinder Morgan, LEPC Staff conducted an Ammonia Siren Briefing/Workshop for the North Ybor Civic Association on May 27th at The Childrens Board in Tampa. A total of 14 Association members attended.

A Chlorine Safety Training Course was conducted on May 5-7, 2009 with HMEP funding. Future HMEP training events currently planned for 2009 include an Air Monitoring & Detection In Service Training Course (June 9-11, 2009) and “Hazmat IQ” course (August 18-20, 2009).

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on April 7, 2009 and June 9, 2009, as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee meetings which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the April 8 and June 10, 2009 events.

The next LEPC meeting will be August 26, 2009.