



# TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS

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## Fourth Quarter - October - December, 2005

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District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee on October 6-7, 2005 and conducted one LEPC meetings on November 30, 2005

Hospital Awareness/Operations Classes for emergency room workers, security and safety personnel continue to be greatly in demand because they are generally unavailable through other sources. The Bay Pines HAZMAT Team conducted Awareness/Operations Course at Northside Hospital, St. Petersburg on October 28-29, 2005. Joe Burgess Hot Zone conducted Technician Training in the form of Operations Leak Refresher Course for Pasco County HIT Team on October 6<sup>th</sup> as a wrap-up from 2004-05 HMEP Training; and on October 26-28, 2005 conducted the same course for Pinellas County HAZMAT Team under the FY 05-06 HMEP Grant. A HAZWaste Workshop, co-sponsored by METRA-West was postponed from November 8<sup>th</sup> and has been rescheduled for January 18, 2006 at the TBRPC.

Planning project for HMEP continued with the Port of Tampa Siren Warning Briefings planning efforts to upgrade the briefing and the Shelter-in-Place DVD into Spanish. Fox 13 News is assisting with the DVD. We have two Spanish-speaking volunteers assisting in this effort.

Staff served on the planning staff for the U.S. Coast Guard PortSTEP exercise conducted on November 16<sup>th</sup>, having attended all the planning conferences prior to the exercise. Staff also met with the Coast Guard for an Area Steering Committee Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at MSO Tampa and also to review the Area Maritime Security Plan (AMSP) on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on October 11<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>; the RDSTF General Assembly on November 7<sup>th</sup>; and participated in the review of the Pinellas County CEMP Review on December 14, 2005. Additionally, in preparation for EPCRA Awareness Week, a conference call was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to map a strategy not only for observing the week in January, but possibly to begin a series of workshops designed to ensure that facilities have adequate disaster preparedness plans for an all-hazards approach. Essilor of America is chairing this effort with Yara, Inc. and the hazardous waste community under METRA-West.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council now meets at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship and staff assisted with the October 12, November 9, and December 14<sup>th</sup> meetings.