



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

HazMatters

December 2012 – February 2013

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the SERC quarterly meetings held in Daytona Beach at the Ocean Center conference facility on January 24-25, 2013 and conducted the District 8 LEPC quarterly meeting on February 27th. In addition, staff and/or LEPC members attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on March 1st at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall. LEPC staff and/or member(s) also participated in December 5th & February 20th teleconferences administered by FDEM staff Lou Ritter to provide updates and further Training Task Force initiatives.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on January 16th. The primary discussion topics included: expansion of the notification/distribution lists to promote the upcoming How-to-Comply Workshops to include e-mailing several different entities (i.e. Bay Area Manufacturers Association, Air & Waste Management Association, Florida Manufacturing Chemical Association, Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals, Florida Water Quality Association, Tampa Bay Propeller Club and Tampa Bay Spill Committee), postings of the Council & LEPC websites; and issuance of Press Releases to local media outlets; Tier II submittal options, including FDEM's recent promotion of E-Plan, and additional Tier II data that will be effective on January 1, 2014; update of Florida's desire for identification of "shelf-ready" Supplemental Environmental Projects of varying costs for potential quick implementation; and the potential conduct of a "Storm Surge Preparedness for Businesses" workshop, tentatively envisioned for April - June 2013.

The LEPC's HMEP Training Subcommittee met on February 27th. As would be/is appropriate, discussion revolved around desired training opportunities and needs across the Region. Approximately one-half of the training funds have been spent or accounted for with about four months remaining in the Contract period. Noting the abundance of hazardous materials that exist in the Tampa Bay Region, the popularity of rail as a transportation means for these materials, and the increasing interest and demand for mass transit, the notion of sending representatives from perhaps each County to a January 29-31, 2013 Consortium training event entitled "A WMD Event: Freight Rail Hazardous Materials Incident Response involving Mass Transit and Rail Systems" at West Virginia University was discussed for future reference. These trainees would/could become valuable assets when strategizing and conducting next year's biennial exercise. Pinellas County also expressed an interest in pursuit of the "Hazmat IQ" training course, even it involves some sort of cost sharing scenario. It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will next meet on May 29, 2013 with the hopes/expectations of tying up the loose ends of remaining funds. As noted for all HMEP training funding, the pre-requisites consist of: intended for public-sector First Responders; course being deemed "cost effective" by FDEM staff; and course/workshop must at least include a transportation component or nexus. The lone HMEP training course conducted during this time period was an Ethanol/Fuel Spill Management with Foam Agents course held on December 18-20, 2012 for the Pinellas County Hazmat team.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: facilitated the monthly meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (December 12th & January 9th); facilitated the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee meeting (December 13th); attended a retirement luncheon for a longtime employee of Tampa Port Authority and staunch supporter of LEPC District 8, Mr. Larry Bagby (December 27th); attended the Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting (January 8th); (January 16th); attended the monthly meeting of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators (January 22nd & February 19th); prepared and submitted the FDEM & HMEP Quarterly Reports (January 30th); hosted and co-presented the EPCRA How-to-Comply/E-Plan Electronic Filing Workshops along with FDEM staff Paul Wotherspoon, Sam Brackett and Mary Green (February 4th & 5th); accompanied SERC/FDEM staff G.W. Lupton and Robert Dietrich on Risk Management Planning audits of Hillsborough County facilities [Yuengling Brewery Company of Tampa, Cosme Water Treatment Plant, and David L. Tippin Water Treatment Plant (February 12-14, respectively)]; presented an EPCRA/E-Plan informational session at the Flexible Packaging Association's annual conference held in St. Pete Beach with the assistance of LEPC member/HCEM staff/E-Plan Enhancements Subcommittee Chair Jeff Patterson (February 14th); and participated in a planning meeting associated with the conduct of a "*Hazardous Materials Forum*" for the Port of Tampa facilities on March 28th (February 15th)