



# Tampa Bay LEPC, Dist 8 HAZMatters

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## Fourth Quarter - October - December 2003

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Staff attended the, LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on October 9-10, 2003 in Tallahassee. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on November 19, 2003 at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

HMEP Training continued with Pasco County 40-hour Hazardous Materials Technician Course October 7-22, 2003. HMEP Planning activities, Section 302 Facility Outreach, continued with presentations of the Ammonia Siren Warning System briefing on October 21, 2003 to the Tampa Fire Department, and to the Davis Islands Civic Association on November 25, 2003.

Staff represented LEPC at:

- S US Coast Guard Workshop to address Kinder Morgan request to import ammonium nitrate by the shipload into the Port of Tampa; 10/8/03
- S Evaluator for Hydro-Agri Tabletop Exercise on 10/30, and for full-scale exercise on 11/14/03.
- S Tampa Bay Harbor Safety Committee, 10/15/03
- S US Coast Guard Readiness Response Group, a subcommittee of the Tampa Bay Harbor Safety Committee, 11/10/03
- S RMP Audits by DEM Staff at TradeMark Nitrogen 10/23, Pasco Beverage 12/9, and Lykes Meat Group 12/10/03.
- S Tampa Propeller Club, 11/15/03

Tampa Bay LEPC District VIII joined Southwest Florida LEPC, District IX, in a multi-jurisdictional tabletop exercise (TTX) held at Tropicana Products, Inc., on Tuesday, November 4, 2003. Chairman Hiers served as opening master of ceremonies and Manatee County Commissioner, Jane von Hahmann provided a welcome to Manatee County to all participants. Exercise Director Fire Chief Doug Wolfe from Sarasota Fire Rescue then provided an overview of the days events, beginning with training sessions to be conducted in the morning session, followed by lunch (courtesy of Tropicana), followed by the exercise beginning in the afternoon. The scenario involved a hazardous materials (methyl bromide) leak from a railcar on a siding adjacent to Tropicana. There were numerous railroad boxcars and tank cars (chlorine, sodium hydroxide) on the siding which posed a challenge to participants for chemical identification of which car was leaking the material. The exercise was deemed highly successful by participants. The Exercise Committee, under Manatee County Chair Steve Simpson developed the exercise on PowerPoint. A total of 63 agencies, 12 counties, 4 state agencies, 5 businesses, and 1 Indian reservation participated.

The Chlorine Institute in conjunction with local chlorine producers and distributors and LEPC District VIII sponsored a two-day seminar at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel on November 12-13, 2003. This two-day event gave first responders excellent instruction in the handling of chlorine and in making repairs with the A, B, and C kits as required for HAZMAT teams. A field trip to Chemical Formulators concluded the Seminar's activities on the second afternoon. To assist first responders with registration fees, the LEPC authorized 40 "scholarships" to be provided out of the 2003-04 HMEP budget. This was money well spent for two days of outstanding training.