



TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS

Third Quarter - July - September 2002

Staff attended the, LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on July 11-12, 2002, hosted by the Northeast Central RPC in Jacksonville.. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on July 24 and September 25, 2002 at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. At the July 24th meeting, LEPC Chairman Ernie Hiers was unanimously reelected as Chairman for the forthcoming biennial period 2002-04. Charles E. Tear, Emergency Management Coordinator for Pasco County was elected to succeed Dr. Sven Normann who chose not to stand for reelection.

HMEP Training continued as follows: Bay Pines VA Hospital HAZMAT Team conducted training on July 9-11, August 6-8, and September 10-12, 2002 at the Bay Pines Training Facility. Additionally, the team also conducted a three-day course for the Manatee County Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, July 24-26, 2002, and a 3-day course for Manatee County EMS on August 13-15, 2002. Lee Newsome conducted an HEICS Course at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg on July 23, 2002. Finally, Frank DeFrancesco conducted a series of chlorine classes for the New Port Richey Water Department. The following Awareness/Operations courses for hospitals/medical first responders has been scheduled at Bay Pines for the remainder of the year: Oct 8-10 and Nov 5-7.

A U.S. Coast Guard PREP Exercise (Preparedness Response Exercise Program) was conducted September 25, 2002 - at TTX involving collision of an oil vessel inside Tampa Bay. Responsible party was SeaRiver Marine Industries, prime transporter for Exxon/Mobil and will involve first responders as well as spill recovery companies.

Staff represented LEPC at:

- Tampa Bay Spill Committee meetings on July 9th and September 10, 2002
- Greater Tampa Bay Marine Advisory Council on September 19, 2002
- Presentation was made at the Tradewinds Resort to the Florida Marina Owners Assn on August 15, 2002.
- Participated in RMP audit of Good Humor/Breyers Ice Cream plant, Pinellas Park
- Number of site visits in conjunction with Pinellas County Hazards Analyses

Tampa Bay LEPC hosted the visit of Mr. Amiad Alexandron, Technical Vice President of Haifa Chemical Company. This company is sole importer and distributor of anhydrous ammonia for Israel and the special security concerns for the protection of the ammonia terminal and pipeline prompted Mr. Alexandron to request a visit to Tampa to discuss ammonia safety and operations procedures with area ammonia executives. The three-day visit was highly successful which included visits with CF Industries terminal and IMC Phosphates terminal as well as the Tampa Bay Pipeline. The Florida ammonia operators probably benefitted more from Mr. Alexandron's knowledge than vice versa.