



# TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS

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## Fourth Quarter - October - December 2002

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Staff attended the, LEPC Staff and Chairs Meeting, and the State Emergency Response Commission Meeting on October 10-11, 2002 in Tallahassee. The Tampa Bay LEPC met on November 19, 2002 at the offices of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. .

HMEP Training continued as follows: Bay Pines VA Hospital HAZMAT Team conducted training on October 8-10 and November 5-7, 2002 at the Bay Pines Training Facility. Training is scheduled for Law Enforcement personnel in proper use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) in Hillsborough County on December 11-12, 2002.

Staff represented LEPC at:

- US Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Steering Committee Meeting of the Area Committee, November 4, 2002.
- Tampa Bay Spill Committee meetings on November 5, 2002
- Greater Tampa Bay Marine Advisory Council on December 19, 2002
- Ammonia Siren Warning Briefing was given to the Channelside Merchants Assn at the Florida Aquarium on November 20, 2002.
- Participated in RMP audit of DPC Enterprises on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and IMC Phosphates on December 4, 2002.
- Number of site visits in conjunction with Pinellas County Hazards Analyses

The nine counties which make up the Tampa Bay Regional Security Task Force will host a mass equipment demonstration on January 29, 2003 to demonstrate to the public the capabilities of each city/county to respond to a terrorist incident. This field event will be held either at the Florida Fairgrounds or at Raymond James Stadium. Since this date conflicts with the normally scheduled January 29<sup>th</sup> LEPC meeting, will hold the meeting in conjunction with the event and as soon as the venue is determined, an appropriate meeting room will also be scheduled. As a backup for Raymond James Stadium, we will meet at the nearby Tampa Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross. This event will receive high publicity to all city and county elected officials as well as the public.

A CHLOREP Seminar will be conducted in the Tampa Bay area in late 2003, date and location TBD. This will be similar to the very effective seminar conducted by the Chlorine Institute in early 1995 at the Allstate Center in which 120 chlorine users and responders attended. The LEPC will help plan the event.

Pinellas County received the 4<sup>th</sup> transmitter for the county's AM station which will give them a 75 to 80 percent coverage of the county. Those interested may utilize this public service vehicle in a commercial free environment. The LEPC will use this county-wide asset to help publicize EPCRA Awareness Week scheduled for February 23 - March 1, 2003.