



TAMPA BAY LEPC, DIST 8 HAZMATTERS

Fourth Quarter - October - December, 2006

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff (Mike Spina) attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee October 5-6, 2006, and conducted (Lofgren) one LEPC meetings on November 29, 2006.

No HMEP Training was scheduled for this quarter. For early next year, we have scheduled a 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher Course on January 18, 2007, 3 consecutive one-day CAMEO for Technician Courses, taught by Dwayne Mundy on February 6-8, 2007, and a 3-day CAMEO Course to be taught by EPA at no cost to HMEP or the RPC on February 27-28, March 1st.

We are continuing with our HMEP Planning Project with the second Facility Disaster Planning Workshop, held on October 31st and due to overwhelming response have scheduled a third workshop on January 23rd. Several planning meetings were held attendant to the workshops and follow-on plans for additional workshops will take the planning process beyond to include recovery efforts for future workshops. As reported last period, we continue with the Port of Tampa Siren Warning Briefings and held one at Harbour Island on November 3rd. Two briefings will be scheduled for the Tampa Port Authority and one in Spanish for the Palmetto Beach Community Center. District 8 will continue with approximately 20 scheduled How-to-Comply workshops scheduled in January and February in advance of the March 1st EPCRA deadline.

The LEPC is preparing for EPCRA Awareness Week on January 21-27, 2007 with a proclamation approved by the LEPC on November 29th and one approved by the TBRPC on December 11th - a copy of the latter was sent to each city/county government in the region to also request proclamations. Additionally, the third Disaster Planning Workshop was specifically planned for this week to also heighten EPCRA Awareness.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on October 8th and December 13th, as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee on August 8th and December 13th - which meet to discuss revision of the Area Contingency Plan. The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship and staff assisted with the October 11, November 8th, and December 13, 2006 meetings. Staff also represented District 8 LEPC at the semi-annual RDSTF General Assembly meeting held at FDLE on November 2, 2006.

Staff will attend the Annual FEPA Conference at Daytona Beach on January 29 - February 2, 2007/

The next LEPC meeting will be moved up one week due to FEPA Conference to January 24th and at this meeting Thomas Yatabe Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded to recipients.