



# **Tampa Bay Lepec, Dist 8 HazMatters**

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## **Fourth Quarter - October - December, 2008**

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District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities this quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings in Tallahassee October 9-10, 2008. Staff conducted one LEPC Meeting on November 19, 2008. In 2009 the Tampa Bay LEPC will begin meeting on a quarterly schedule versus a bimonthly schedule.

The Tampa Bay LEPC is continuing with the HMEP Planning Project A-2 Section 302 Facility Outreach with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops as a follow-on to the planning workshops held previously. Betti Johnson of the TBRPC briefed the latest version of the Florida Disaster Survival Kit which is now interactive and online at and will guide businesses through the process of writing an all-hazards plan. The Subcommittee will focus on providing significant data to serve as an annex to the *Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit*, accessible through the internet at [www.fldisasterkit.com](http://www.fldisasterkit.com). As a followup and refinement of duties, subcommittee meetings and/or teleconferences are tentatively planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup> with a gathering of the entire subcommittee on January 6, 2009. The subcommittee is currently caucusing to determine what directions will be taken for 2009 since this will still be an important part of our overall HMEP Planning Project on Section 302 Outreach.

There were a couple of HMEP training classes conducted this quarter: Rail Safety for Public Responder, was held November 11-13, 2008 in Manatee County. The Tampa Bay LEPC hosted the CSX Transportation Functional Exercise conducted at the St. Petersburg College Allstate Center on November 13, 2008. The exercise was a great success and was similar to the one conducted in Hialeah in South Florida and the one planned for Orlando. We will be sponsoring an Air Monitoring Course conducted in Pasco County by Doug Wolfe on December 4, 2008 and will likely offer additional courses in 2009.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee on August 14, 2008 as well as the US Coast Guard Area Committee on the same dates following the Spill Control meeting.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the October 8 and the November 12 meetings and intends on assisting for the December 10, 2008 event.

The next LEPC meeting will be February 25, 2009.