



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

HazMatters

June 2011 – August 2011

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the Quarterly SERC meetings held in Pensacola at Pensacola City Hall on July 7-8, 2011 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on August 31, 2011. Staff additionally attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council on August 26, 2011 under the leadership of Mr. Paul Siddall. District 8's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2011.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on August 18, 2011. Invigorated with renewed interest and additional members, Subcommittee members briefly highlighted some of the past FDPS accomplishments for the benefit of new members, including a presentation of the recently-completed Tier II quality control assessment/initiative, solicited ideas about a possible refinement of Subcommittee purpose, and strategized about future potential training sessions. Training venues included the conduct of a Facility Disaster Preparedness Forum on July 14th with a second, identically-themed, Forum scheduled for September 7th. The Forum would be best characterized as a facilitated interaction between hazardous material facility representatives as well as members of the First Responder community (and others) regarding pre- and post-disaster planning initiatives and objectives.

LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding Training Task Force initiatives (June 15 & August 31, 2011) as well as a HMEP Financial Webinar (June 16th).

Several Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) program courses have been scheduled and have been or will be conducted prior to the end of the Quarter. Those courses consist of: 8 Hr. Hazardous Materials Containers 101 (Pinellas County); a 40 Hr. Hazmat Technicians/IC (Manatee County); 8 Hr. OSHA Hazwoper Refresher (Hillsborough County); and 24 Hr. Life Safety & Command (Manatee County).

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the July 12, 2011 meeting of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee and the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee which immediately followed.

The Pinellas Police Standards Council (PPSC) continues to meet at the TBRPC under LEPC sponsorship. Staff assisted with the June 8, July 13 & August 10, 2011 PPSC meetings.

The Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee also met on August 3, 2011 at the TBRPC offices under LEPC sponsorship.

Staff and/or various LEPC members attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings held on June 28 (@ Kinder Morgan), July 26 (@ CF Industries) and August 23, 2011 (@ CF Industries). The meetings are essentially rotationally located and are focused on discussing initiatives and activities of the ammonia operations facilities located within or adjacent to the Port of Tampa.