



Tampa Bay LEPC (District 8)

HazMatters

March 2011 – May 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 Tallahassee at the Betty Easley Conference Center on April 7-8, 2011 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on May 25, 2011. Staff additionally attended the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting delinquently conducted at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center on June 1, 2011 under the leadership of Mr. Paul Siddall. District 8's next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2011.

Short of a formal meeting, the LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) Chair Chet Klinger met with LEPC Staff Coordinator John Meyer on April 21, 2011 to discuss strategies designed to renew or invigorate Subcommittee participation, bolster new membership, potentially redefine Subcommittee purpose, and brainstorm future training opportunities. It is envisioned that a "Facility Disaster Preparedness Forum" will be scheduled in late June or early July of this year. A new database of e-mail addresses of potential Subcommittee members was amassed while recently performing (and completing) an assessment of LEPC hard copy Tier II hazardous material inventory records with those of the State's electronic database. A listing of all discrepancies was compiled and shared with FDEM staff. Upon receipt of a response from FDEM staff regarding these discrepancies, the response will be shared with the LEPC membership. The LEPC website (i.e. www.tbrpc.org/lepc) is routinely and frequently updated to ensure all activities and initiatives of the LEPC are current.

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 (March 16 & May 25, 2011).

No Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) program courses/workshops were conducted during the quarter. The LEPC's pre-scheduled Training Subcommittee meeting was canceled due to numerous scheduling conflicts. However, Subcommittee members were contacted, reminded and encouraged to identify training initiatives desired for the remainder of the 2010-11 HMEP funding cycle. A listing of HMEP funded courses conducted over the past couple of years by three of the LEPCs was compiled by LEPC District 4 staff Mr. Jason Taylor. This listing was additionally transmitted to Subcommittee members with the hopes of spurring ideas and/or consideration.

Staff represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the March 8 and May 10, 2011 meetings 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 March 9 & April 10, 2011 PPSC meetings.

The Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee met on March 23, 2011 at the TBRPC offices under LEPC sponsorship.

Staff and various LEPC members attended the Ammonia Handlers/Operators meetings held on March 24 (@ C.F. Industries), April 26 (@ Hillsborough County EOC) and May 24, 2011 (@ Mosaic). The meetings are rotationally located and are focused on discussing initiatives and activities of the ammonia operations facilities located within or adjacent to the Port of Tampa.