

Emergency Planning & the Community Right-to-Know

In the wake of the Bhopal, India, chemical accident disaster in 1986, the United States Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act as part of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

This Act (Public Law 99-499) mandates Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) be established and requires industry to provide information to local governments and citizens on the types and amounts of hazardous materials they manufacture, store, handle, use or release regularly into the environment.

The intent of the Act is that communities could take steps, based on this important information, to reduce the risk of fires, explosions and pollution and be better prepared for emergencies before they occur.



LEPC Membership

Members of the LEPC represent a large number of government and private organizations, industries and occupations in order to provide the expertise to advise on plan development and to offer a "total package" of planning and outreach capability.

Membership of each LEPC must include, at a minimum, a representative from each of the following groups or organizations:

- At Large
- Broadcast/Print Media
- Community/Service/Civic Groups
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Facility Owner/Operators Regulated by SARA Title III Firefighting
- First Aid
- Health
- Hospital
- Law Enforcement
- Local Environment Group
- State or Local Elected Officials
- Transportation

Meetings are open to the public, and held on the fourth Thursday of January, April, July and October at 10 a.m.

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Local Emergency Planning Committee



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CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NC



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of Cumberland County



Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)

The role of a LEPC is to form a partnership between local governments and industries to enhance all-hazards preparedness.

In addition to its formal duties, the LEPC serves as a focal point in the community for information and discussions about hazardous substance emergency planning, and health and environmental risks.

Who We Are

At Cumberland County LEPC we are dedicated to enhancing emergency preparedness and response within our community. Established under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), our committee brings together government officials, emergency responders, industry representatives and community leaders to ensure Cumberland County is ready to handle hazardous materials incidents effectively.

*Be disaster aware.
Take actions
to prepare.*

What We Do & Our Goals



Collaboration: Work closely with local agencies, businesses and the public to foster a coordinated response to emergencies.



Data Management: Maintain and update hazardous materials inventories and related information.



Planning and Coordination: Develop emergency plans and procedures for hazardous materials incidents.



Training and Education: Provide training opportunities for responder and community members.



Drills and Exercises: Conduct exercises to test response plans and improve readiness.



Community Information: Serve as a focal point in the community for information about hazardous substance emergency planning and health and environmental risks.



Tier II Reporting

What Is Tier II?

Tier II reports are federally required based on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. This, in combination with the North Carolina Hazardous Materials Right to Know Act, led to the annual submission of Tier II reports within Cumberland County. This information is vital for emergency responders to train, plan and respond to chemical incidents in their jurisdiction.

How Do I File My Report?

Cumberland County uses E-Plan as the filing system for EPCRA (Tier II) reports. Submission through E-Plan satisfies the requirements to file with local first responders, emergency management, Local Emergency Planning Committee and the State. Cumberland County does not accept paper submissions.

Reporting Requirements

Cumberland County requires reporting according to the limits provided by the North Carolina Hazardous Chemical Right to Know Act. If your facility has any materials meeting the below requirements for 24 consecutive hours or more, you must report it. This applies if the material was present on-site at any time during the past year.

The Reportable quantities are 55 gallons, or 500 pounds or more of any Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hazardous substance.

Federal reportable quantities apply for Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS). Submission of an annual Tier II report of any chemicals that meet or exceed these amounts satisfies the federal, state, and local reporting requirements.