

Duties of the LEPC

Preparation of County-wide Hazmat and EHS Emergency Operations Plan

Annual review of the plan & conduct annual exercises to test the plan

Identify facilities & transportation routes for hazardous materials storage & travel

Gather information on Material Data Safety Sheets and chemical inventories for public view

Conduct public meetings to promote the Community Right to Know Law

Conduct hazard analysis and vulnerability studies

Evaluate warning & evacuation procedure

Coordinate training for emergency personnel

Establish Community Emergency

Coordinator, Community Information Officer and Chairperson for the LEPC

If You See A Spill!

Do Not Approach the Area!!

Call Local Law Enforcement

If persons are injured, call 9-1-1 and advise:

1. The location of the spill
2. What has been spilled
3. Nature of injuries or illness
4. Approximate amount spilled
5. Who spilled the material and location, if different
6. Any placards or markings
7. Approximate time of the spill
8. Type of container the material is spilling from

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Story County LEPC

Each county in Iowa has a Local Emergency Planning Committee. The State Emergency Response Commission appoints committee members from:

Emergency Response Agencies
State, County & local officials
Firefighter/Emergency Medical Services
Health Officials
Hospitals
Transportation Agencies
Media
Community Groups
Industry
Law Enforcement
Emergency Management

The LEPC meets quarterly at sites throughout the county. If you would be interested in joining, attending or participating call the LEPC Chair at 515.382.7315

Emergency Release Notification

If there is a chemical accident at a commercial, municipal, or other facility or on a transportation route and if the accident releases hazardous substances, you have a right to know about it under the Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Law.

A facility must notify the community & the state through the LEPC & the Department of Natural Resources.

Any facility who fails to notify the authorities of a release is subject to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per day. Offenders can be fined up to \$75,000 per day. Criminal penalties for persons who knowingly & willfully fail to provide notice, face fines of up to \$25,000 or up to 2 years in prison.

In a Hazardous Materials Incident, the Spiller is responsible for emergency notifications and cost recovery.

Notify Emergency Personnel first through 9-1-1

Notify the Department of Natural Resources at 515.281.8694

Notify the LEPC at 515.382.7315 or the local law enforcement agency involved

Hazardous Chemical Reporting

Story County citizens have the right to information about amounts, location & potential effects of hazardous chemicals which are stored or present in your community.

Facilities with extremely hazardous substances and threshold quantity amounts must annually report this information to local fire departments, the LEPC and the Iowa DNR. Those agencies will provide that information to the public for their viewing upon request.

Toxic releases into the environment must also be reported to the LEPC as well as state and federal agencies. Many chemicals covered under law may pose long term health and environmental hazards.

Toxic release inventories (Tier II Reports) should be filed annually and show estimated amounts of chemicals, released amounts transported as waste, how chemical waste was treated and efficiency of treatments.