

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

The Daviess County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a federally mandated committee with membership from business and industry; emergency response groups such as fire, medical and law enforcement; government; local industry; community groups; media; hospitals; environmental interest; and the general public. The mission of the LEPC is to effectively plan for emergencies involving hazardous materials; promote safety in the community thru hazardous materials awareness, planning efforts, cooperative partnerships between the community and industry, and developing and sponsoring educational and training programs relative to hazardous materials and emergency preparations for Daviess County Emergency Responders, Industry, and the Community. The LEPC meets semi-annually and the public is invited to attend.

The primary responsibility of the LEPC is to receive information about hazardous substances from industry and to use this information to develop comprehensive site emergency plans to handle emergencies. It is also responsible for outreach to citizens on their “Right to Know” what hazardous materials are in their community.

The LEPC can assist you in obtaining chemical related information from industry in your neighborhood. Federal law requires LEPCs to establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information. The Daviess County Emergency Management Agency has been designated as the official agency to serve as coordinator of this information.

Industry must provide three types of information to the LEPC, including:

1. In case of an accidental release of certain chemicals, industry must immediately notify appropriate federal, state and local agencies, including the LEPC. Once submitted, release information is maintained on file with the LEPC.
2. If a facility stores or uses more than 10,000 lbs. of one hazardous chemical or mixture or stores or uses more than 500 lbs. of an extremely hazardous substance or the listed threshold planning quantity on the “List of lists”; they must report to the LEPC the amount, general location and hazards caused by that chemical's use or storage.
3. Annually, the industry must submit to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and to the U.S. EPA, a Toxic Release Inventory which reports on the amounts of toxic chemicals they routinely emit into the air, water or ship off-site for treatment or disposal.

Daviess County LEPC Right-to-Know Guidelines

In 1986, in the wake of the Bhopal, India disaster, the U.S. Congress enacted the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act as part of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). This Act (PL 99-499) 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 was that, with this important information, communities could take steps to reduce the risk of fires, explosions, and pollution and be better prepared for emergencies *before they occur*.

Kentucky's Local Emergency Planning districts correspond to the 118 of Kentucky's 120 counties. Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties joined to form the Northern Kentucky Emergency Planning Committee, creating the only exception.

Kentucky LEPC's – It is your right to know! Read the Kentucky LEPC's "Right To Know" Adobe Acrobat PDF by clicking [here](#).

Safety Tips for Our Citizens concerning Hazardous Chemicals

If you should happen upon a transportation accident involving hazardous chemicals:

1. Move immediately to a safe area away from the chemical(s). 1,000 feet minimum is recommended.
2. **DO NOT** interact with any chemical(s) at the scene.
3. Call 9-1-1 to notify emergency personnel. Give them as much information as possible without exposing yourself to danger.
4. Alert others and keep them away from possible danger.
5. Notify emergency personnel immediately if you become exposed to chemicals.

Links

Clicking a link below will open that item in a new window!

- [SARA Title III](#) – information; online submission and associated documents
- [SARA List of Lists](#)
- [NAICS Codes](#)
- [CAS Numbers](#)
- [Commonwealth of Kentucky – EPCRA “How To Comply” Packet](#)

Haz-Mat Related Training

- [KY Haz-Mat Training Opportunities](#)
- [Haz-Mat IQ](#)
- [TransCAER](#)
- [Kentucky Fire Commission](#)
- [KCTCS State Fire Rescue Training](#)
- [Haz-Map](#)
- [Emergency Response Guidebook](#)