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DISTRICT 1

West Florida Regional Planning Council

Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties

The District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its quarterly meeting April 18, 2007 at the Okaloosa County Health Department in Crestview, Florida. At the meeting, members approved the revisions to the LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan update, determined that the LEPC Biennial exercise would be conducted at the end of June in Okaloosa County, and also finalized elements to be included in the Facilities Planning Survey project conducted with Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant funds.

The LEPC Training Subcommittee also held its meeting April 18, 2007. At the last Training Subcommittee meeting, At the last Training Subcommittee meeting, it was decided to primarily focus on Hazardous Materials Operations Level (initial and refresher) training next year. In addition, Hazardous Materials Awareness Level training will continue as well as other identified courses as prioritized.

During the quarter, regional planning council staff designed and executed the Region 1, Regional Domestic Security Task Force's Radiological Response tabletop and full-scale exercise in Bay County. LEPC members served as either controllers or evaluators.

Other activities included additional follow-up work on Hazards Assessments, Small Quantity Generator Training, communication with businesses regarding emergency reporting timeframes and forwarding incident reports received by the LEPC to the relevant county emergency management office.

The other major activity was the relocation of the West Florida Regional Planning Council offices. All means of contact for the District 1 LEPC subsequently changed. The new information is as follows:

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The next District 1 LEPC meeting will be held July 18, 2007, at 10:00am. For more information, please contact Debbie Thayer at 850-332-7976 ext 217.

DISTRICT 2

Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties

The District 2 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) held its quarterly meeting May 2, 2007 at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. The following is a summary of LEPC activities over the last quarter:

Hazardous materials training courses sponsored by the District 2 LEPC consisted of an Awareness Level course in Wakulla County, April 21, 2007 and three Awareness Level courses in Jefferson County held April 25, 2007, May 10, 2007 and May 12, 2007. A total of thirty-eight personnel were trained in the four classes.

Staff has requested the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct a 3-day Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) training course July 31, 2007 – August 2, 2007 at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom. The course will become official once a confirmation letter has been received from the EPA.

All training courses are posted on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's website:
www.thearpc.com.

Staff completed the hazards analysis update site visits and submitted the hazards analyses for Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jefferson, Liberty, Leon and Wakulla counties to the Division of Emergency Management. In addition, staff continued work on a district-wide CAMEOfm database that will contain all hazards analysis information (e.g. – site pictures, vulnerable zone maps, site plans, etc.) from the nine-county region. A compact disc containing the database will be distributed to all District 2 fire departments upon completion.

The LEPC selected "Community Workshops and Section 302 Facility Outreach" as the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant planning project for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. LEPC staff developed and conducted a series of educational and safety workshops to raise the awareness of preplanning and preparedness activities among emergency response agencies, Section 302 facilities and the general public. Staff mailed invitations to over 180 facility contacts. Staff held a workshop in Leon County and Jackson County on February 21, 2007, but a workshop in Gulf County had to be cancelled due to low registration numbers. The third and final workshop was held in conjunction with the May 2, 2007 LEPC meeting.

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC will be held July 18, 2007 at 10:00 am EDT at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Division classroom.

DISTRICT 3

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, scheduled for May 11, 2007 at the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center, was cancelled due to the wildfires in North Central Florida.

The LEPC continues to use Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant funds to conduct Hazardous Materials Awareness Level classes. Staff conducted a review and update of the LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan.

LEPC activities included teaching "Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) and ALOHA for Hazmat Technicians" in Bradenton and using CAMEOfm to update the hazards analyses for six counties. Staff continues to provide administrative support to the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and prepared an Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Competitive Grant application on its behalf.

LEPC staff Dwayne Mundy was a Bronze Medalist at the second annual Florida Hazardous Waste Olympics. This competition was held at the Florida Chapter's National Association of Hazardous Materials Management Association Conference held at Fort Walton Beach in May.

The next LEPC meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 17, 2007, 10:30 a.m., at the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Starke. This continues the LEPC's multi-year goal of visiting all eleven EOCs in the District.

DISTRICT 4

Northeast Florida Regional Council

Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties

The District 4 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held May 23, 2007 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Staff completed and submitted the 2006-2007 Hazards Analysis Updates to the Division of Emergency Management for five counties in the district.

During the third quarter, the LEPC provided funding, by way of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP), for registration fees, instructors and material resources for a 160-Hour Hazardous Materials Technician Class proctored by First Coast Technical Institute (FCTI) and conducted April 9-May 4, 2007 at the Fernandina Fire Department. The students will be taking the State Exam at the end of June 2007. The LEPC also sponsored a 16-hour Spill, Fire and Leak Control course, proctored by Safety Systems from July 9-10, 2007, at the First Coast Technical Institute.

The LEPC chose "Commodity Flow Study" as the 2006-2007 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning project. The study will be submitted to the Division of Emergency Management at the end of July 2007. The update of the LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan is underway and will be submitted to the Division of Emergency Management at the end of June 2007.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2007 at the offices of the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

DISTRICT 5

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council

Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties

The District 5 Local Emergency Planning Committee met April 18, 2007. The Training Subcommittee met prior to the LEPC meeting, training requests were discussed and ideas were presented on future training opportunities. The Plan Review Subcommittee also met to discuss annual updates to the LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan.

The LEPC sponsored a Clandestine Methamphetamine Lab Awareness course April 23, 2007 in Ocala, a 5 day HazMedic course was held the week of April 30, 2007 and two National Incident Management System courses were held May 23 and 24, 2007 in Hernando and Marion counties respectively.

Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council staff began working on the Levy and Sumter counties Small Quantity Generator programs. This project will be completed in June and July.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007. Questions regarding the above may be directed to Michael Arnold at (352) 732-1315, extension 228 or via email at MArnold@wrpc.cc.

DISTRICT 6

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Brevard, Lake Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia counties

The District 6 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held April 27, 2007 at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

An informational video about the LEPC was copied onto VHS tapes and DVDs and distributed to all county emergency managers in the district. The video is to be used for informational and promotional purposes about the LEPC.

The LEPC is contracting with Emergency Response and Educational Consultants to conduct a Table-Top and Full-Scale exercise in Lake County. The exercises meet the requirements of both the LEPC biennial exercise and the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning project. These exercises are also multi-disciplinary and meet Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) requirements. The Table-Top exercise was held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Lake County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The Full-Scale is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at South Lake High School in Groveland, Florida.

The LEPC is sponsoring a Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) class including an administrative component on July 24, 25, and 26, 2007 at the Orange County Emergency Operations Center in Winter Park.

In addition, a Hazardous Materials IQ class is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at the Orlando EOC. This course is to train responders to efficiently and safely respond to hazardous materials emergencies.

Finally, a 2-day First Responder Awareness for Clandestine Lab Operations training course is being offered September 17-18, 2007 at the Orlando EOC.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled to be held July 27, 2007.

DISTRICT 7

Central Florida Regional Planning Council

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk counties

The District 7 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met March 14, 2007 in Bartow, Florida. The meeting was hosted by American Compliance Technologies (ACT) at their new facility. During the meeting, Mr. Robert Kincart of ACT was recognized as the district's 2007 Thomas Yatabe Award recipient. Additionally, two members were awarded State Emergency Response Commission Certificates of Achievement.

LEPC staff continued to review the Tier II reports received since the first of the year. Overall, the reports appear to be in good shape. Final reports back to the state will be completed in the near future.

Several Shelter-In-Place classes were conducted to Tampa Maid Foods as part of their annual safety fair. Total attendance exceeded 250 employees.

Extensive work in the area of Small Quantity Generators of Hazardous Waste was accomplished this month. Sites were visited in Okeechobee, Hardee and DeSoto Counties.

The LEPC also met May 3, 2007 in Arcadia, Florida. Much of the meeting was dedicated to discussing options for training events under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant contract. Several options were placed on the table and Mr. Gary Weiss, Training Subcommittee Chairman, agreed to research methods for conducting the requested training.

The LEPC is also developing a pamphlet titled "When a Hazardous Materials Disaster Strikes." The pamphlet will list emergency contact numbers for each of the five counties in the LEPC District along with state and federal contacts. It will also give basic information on sheltering-in-place and other mitigation methods. The pamphlet should be ready for approval by the next LEPC meeting and once approved, copies will be distributed throughout the district.

Staff from three regional planning councils met with Mr. Bass from Wheeler Farms to provide compliance assistance for his company. This joint effort resulted in quickly bringing the company into compliance and educating them on their EPCRA reporting requirements for the future.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2007 in Sebring, Florida.

DISTRCT 8

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas counties

The District 8 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met May 30, 2007.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant training this quarter consisted of 3 one-day

Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Tactical courses taught April 17-19, 2007 by Dwayne Mundy for the Manatee County Hazardous Materials Team; the Basics of CAMEO taught at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council April 24-26, 2007; a 24-Hour Chlorine Training course on June 19-21, 2007; and Clandestine Lab Training in collaboration with Pinellas County Fire & Emergency Medical Services June 26-28, 2007.

Tampa Bay will host the first Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Mobile Training Module in Pinellas Park on August 21-24, 2007. The training will update those desiring HSEEP Exercise Planning and Evaluator Training and the Train-the-Trainer course.

The LEPC is continuing the HMEP planning project with Facility Disaster Planning Workshops on Hazards/Risk Assessment, as a follow-up to the planning workshops held previously. A successful risk assessment workshop was held on May 30, 2007 and the next workshop is scheduled at the Tampa Port Authority on July 26, 2007.

Staff represented the LEPC at the Tampa Bay Spill Committee meeting April 10, 2007 as well as the U.S. Coast Guard Area Committee meeting which met to discuss revision of the Area Contingency Plan. Staff attended the second of two planning sessions as a member of the planning committee for the Clean Gulf 07 Conference to be held at the Tampa Convention Center November 15-16, 2007. Currently under discussion is the addition of a LEPC/SERC series of workshops.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled to take place July 25, 2007.

DISTRICT 9

Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council

Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties

The District 9 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met May 24, 2007, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. The Committee recognized Ms. Cheryl Diamond for her contributions to the LEPC. During her tenure, Ms. Diamond was the Communications Subcommittee Chairperson.

In other matters, the LEPC approved the 2007 update of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. Also, Exercise Chairman Rick Zyvoloski discussed the proposed 2008 LEPC exercise and members were appointed to serve on the Exercise Design Subcommittee and assist in the endeavor.

The LEPC conducted successful Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness and Operational Level courses, April 19-20, 2007, in Fort Myers at the Lee County Port Authority. A total of sixty-four students (64) attended the two courses. Approximately, fifteen individuals received Hazardous Materials Awareness Level training May 3, 2007. A 48-hour Chemistry course is slated to be conducted at the City of Fort Myers Fire Department in July 2007. Also, the LEPC plans to conduct an 8-hour Water Spill Response course in Fort Myers. The LEPC may sponsor an 8-hour HAZWOPER Operational Level course (Fort Myers) and an 8-hour Hazardous Materials Awareness Level course for public utilities employees (Naples), depending on the availability of funding.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2007. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing www.swfrpc.org.

DISTRICT 10

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties

The District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held May 3, 2007 at the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

The LEPC sponsored one participant to attend the Train the Trainer L449 ICS 100-400 class offered in Volusia County. Student materials were provided for the City of Stuart, Department of Emergency Management to conduct an ICS-300 class May 2-4, 2007. The district also sponsored two Palm Beach County Health Department Biomedical Waste field investigators to attend a Hazardous Material Incident Response Operations class in Jacksonville, Florida.

Four workshops were held in the district in June to meet the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant planning project requirements.

The LEPC Biennial Exercise was held May 31, 2007 at the St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center. The exercise was held in conjunction with the St. Lucie County Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) exercise. The event engaged county and municipal agencies and departments within St. Lucie County as well as mutual aid provided by Martin County's Hazardous Materials Team. The tabletop exercise focused on identification, communication and notification processes outlined in the regional hazardous materials response plan. Agency needs assessments identified actions to be tested which included simulated and actual notification and communications procedures between agencies. The Emergency Operations Center element formulated objectives designed to teach and expand the use of E-Team as a resource tracking tool. A breakout room was used to simulate a Command Cell where agencies reacted to an expanding incident that taxed local resources, tested mutual aid and provided an opportunity to exercise unified command protocols. The St. Lucie County Special Operations Team responded to the hazardous materials element and demonstrated the use of hot zones, ALOHA plume modeling and Emergency Response Guidebook identification of a released chemical. The After-action report is available upon request.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2007 at the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, Stuart, Florida.

DISTRICT 11

South Florida Regional Planning Council

Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties

The District 11 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held April 25, 2007 at the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center. The members authorized the Training Subcommittee to proceed with ALOHA and Clandestine Drug Lab classes and requested that additional work be done to conduct a Chemical Compatibility and Storage course. Members also decided to continue development of a Hazardous Materials Challenge Event and chose a Chair to lead the effort. The Planning Subcommittee met with the Dean of the Florida International University, School of Architecture, who offered to have students build a model city for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Shelter-In-Place planning project. A Chair was chosen for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan update and the group's initial meeting was set for the first week in June.

The District 11 Training Subcommittee met May 23, 2007, at the South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC) offices. The members agreed to take a slow approach to planning the Hazardous Materials Challenge Event with a spring 2008 target date. The members authorized the Chair and Coordinator to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Hazardous Materials Chemistry course and further authorized the release of RFPs for ALOHA, Chemical Compatibility and Storage and Clandestine Drug Lab courses.

As part of the HMEP planning project activities, LEPC Vice-Chair Don Perdue presented a Shelter-In-Place seminar June 7, 2007 to the Broward County Emergency Medical Services Council.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2007 at the Miami-Dade Emergency Operations Center and the Training Subcommittee is scheduled to meet July 18, 2007 at the South Florida Regional Planning Council.