

2012 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week LEPC Activities

DISTRICT 1

- Requested all counties proclaim the week as Hazmat Awareness Week. Received a proclamation from Holmes, Washington and Santa Rosa Counties.
- In addition, the West Florida Regional Planning Council has provided a supporting resolution for this worthy endeavor.
- A local high school media class is developing a short video on mercury awareness that will be shown in schools.
- The LEPC committee changed its quarterly meeting date to Jan. 25, in order to have the meeting during Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. A presentation by staff will be given at the meeting, which will include showing a video and discussion.

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DISTRICT 2

- Hazardous Materials Awareness Week event on Tuesday, January 24th at 9:30 am. Providing media and guests an overview on Mercury safety (quick intro and a 6-minute Mercury Safety video)
- A guided tour of the Veolia Environmental Services recycling facility (342 Marpan Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32305) by Lisa Dunwoody
- And a question and answer/interview session out by the TFD HazMat vehicle(s)

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DISTRICT 3

- LEPC District 3 is holding a series of How-to-Comply seminars for facilities with reporting requirements. These are being held in Gainesville, Starke, Lake City and Bell.
- Also at these seminars, we will be presenting Certificates of Appreciation from the State Emergency Response Commission.
- We are also distributing Mercury Safety information to the school districts located in our eleven county districts.

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DISTRICT 5

- District five is placing the Governor's Proclamation as well as links to local agencies that would assist, handle or respond to mercury related incidents on the agency website.
- We also will release this information to local news media and be available to speak or comment if requested.

Please join the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council, District 5 of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the State Emergency Response Commission in the observance of Hazardous Materials Awareness Week from January 22th to the 28th. These organizations wish to promote safe and secure handling, use and disposal of light bulbs and other various instruments containing Mercury. The proper care of these items ensures personal safety, protection of health and the states precious environment. Listed are websites for agencies who educate, regulate and respond to incidents involving mercury and other hazardous materials.

Should an incident occur in the home, please take extra measure to ensure personal protection. Below are websites to many of the regions responding agencies. The top link will guide you through immediate protective measures and clean up procedures. Should you require further assistance, each of the links below can provide additional guidance.

http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick_topics/publications/shw/mercury/CFLCleanupGuidelinesLetterheadFinal062507.pdf

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/mercury/index.asp>

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Family/wh/lifespan/Young/mercury.html>

<http://www.co.hernando.fl.us/FireDept/>

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/>

<http://www.sheriffcitrus.org/EM/EOC.html>

<http://www.levydisaster.com/>

<http://www.marionso.com/main.php>

<http://sumtercountyfl.gov/>

http://www.marioncountyfl.org/FireRescue/Fire_default.aspx

http://chieflandfirerescue.com/Home_Page.php

<http://sumtercountyfl.gov/index.aspx?nid=86>

https://floridastatefirecollege.org/public/pb_index.asp

<http://www.ffca.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/mercury/>

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tf.asp?id=113&tid=24>

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DISTRICT 6

- During Hazardous Materials Awareness week, the District VI LEPC will be holding a “How to Comply” workshop on January 25th at the Volusia EOC.

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DISTRICT 7

- The district will be distributing flyers throughout the region. We are focusing on schools, health care facilities, first responders and county public offices as the locations to drop off flyers for the public to pick up.
- Additionally, the Governor’s proclamation will be presented at the next RPC meeting and passed on to each of the county Boards of County Commissioners.

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DISTRICT 8

- Plan to disseminate information & video links (regarding Mercury) to my 200+ distribution list via e-mail.
- May additionally include Proclamations from Governor, SERC & TBRPC declaring 2012 HMAW.

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DISTRICT 9:

- The Governor’s Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Proclamation and mercury safety information was sent to all of the local Chamber of Commerce agencies in the region.
- Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Mercury safety information was included on the council’s webpage.
- Mailed a proclamation to all local governments asking them to join the Council by sharing and declaring “**Hazardous Materials Awareness Week**” in their jurisdictions during the noted period.
- Moreover, the Council recommended that Southwest Florida’s local governments endorse this initiative by developing a similar instrument at the local level which could be

presented during an official meeting to the county emergency manager, or for cities, to the local emergency preparedness coordinator or fire chief.

- Also, the Council requested a copy of the local government's adopted proclamation be forwarded to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for display and its records.
- A Hazardous Materials Awareness Week display is in the front lobby reception area of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council for public perusal.
- The Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency will conduct a press conference on mercury safety and minimizing mercury spills involving Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's) at the Fort Myers Housing Authority, January 27, 2012. CFL recycling bags provided by Veolia Environmental Services will be distributed to the City of Fort Myers' Housing Authority residents.
- A How to Comply Facility Compliance Workshop scheduled, January 27, 2012, at the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will culminate the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week Activities in the Region.

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DISTRICT 10:

- Mailing to community agencies and facilities Mercury Fact Sheet from DEP
- Posted on Website: Fact sheet and Safety sheet
- Posted websites to retrieve more info from various state and local agencies and posted site to locate local drop off sites for mercury
- Presentation to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Board meeting. The TCRPC Board adopted a Resolution recognizing the week
- Posted Mercury safety and information sheets with all county emergency management offices for dissemination

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DISTRICT 11

- South Florida LEPC members to promote the 2012 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week by distributing educational materials through their agencies, places of business and other public places
- An emphasis will be placed in promoting existing county programs to safely dispose of or recycle items containing Mercury
- Materials promoting **Mercury Awareness and Education** will be made available to Committee members at the January 25, 2012 meeting.

- County recycling programs, such as **Home Chemical Collection**, **Household Hazardous Waste** and **Waste Electronics Collection** Programs will receive special attention.

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