

**District 1 Local Emergency Planning Committee****West Florida Regional Planning Council**

Covering Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington Counties

***Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)***

Staff participated in a public outreach activity for the LEPC and Shelter-in-Place at the Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo, held on September 10, 2011 at the Bayview Park in Escambia County. Shelter-in-Place was highlighted.

Staff attended the SERC meetings, held October 6 and 7, in Tallahassee. Thomas Yatabe Award Approvals for District 1 is John Gallagher, along with two certificates of appreciation to: Randy McDaniel, Okaloosa County EM Director and the Gulf Coast Community College/Public Safety Facility LEPC members.

The LEPC quarterly meeting was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Okaloosa County Emergency Operations Center. Twenty-seven members, visitors, and staff attended the meeting. Staff coordinated presentations for Sunshine State One Call, presented by Brad Martin and a CAMEOfm presentation by Lt. Anthony Smith. Items discussed at the meeting include:

- Resource and Training Subcommittee Report – Training priorities for the upcoming year were discussed and agreed upon.
- Exercise Design Subcommittee – The subcommittee agreed to coordinate the next biennial exercise with the upcoming RDSTF exercise to be held in 2013 or 2014.
- Education and Public Awareness Subcommittee – Preparations have begun for Hazardous Materials Awareness Week 2012.
- Planning Subcommittee – The subcommittee has started the 2011-2012 planning project – a Commodity Flow Study.

**HMEP Planning**

The 2011 project was completed and submitted to FDEM. The 2011-2012 planning project is to complete a Commodity Flow Study. Eight sites and dates were developed and will start in January 2012, with a completion date of June 2012. Capt. Steve Park with the Florida Highway Patrol will be assisting with the project, sending vehicle compliance officers with staff and LEPC members to perform the study.

**HMEP Training**

The following trainings were held this quarter:

- ICS 300 – at the Bay County Public Safety facility in Southport
- HazMat Tech – for the Okaloosa and Bay County Special Operations Teams
- Advanced CAMEO was held on Sept. 13-15 in Escambia County, with 14 attendees.
- Hazardous Materials Technicians Level Refresher training was held on Sept. 27 and 28 in Bay County with 27 attendees.

**Hazard Analysis**

Staff has completed 50% of the Hazard Analysis site visits for Bay and Washington Counties. The CAMEOfm database has been updated with the current information.

**Regional Domestic Security Task Force**

Staff completed the Interoperability Communications Exercise Planning portion for COMMEX-12, tentatively scheduled for April 2012.

Staff attended the National Guard IO Exercise, Operation Omega, on Nov. 17 & 18.

Staff coordinated the following training for Communication First Responders in our region:

- COML – Communications Unit Leader was offered on Nov. 1-4, at the Bay County EOC in Southport
- FIN – Florida Interoperable Network 4.7 was offered on Nov. 29, at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Administration Bldg., in Southport.

*If you have questions, please contact Kathy Ahlen at West Florida Regional Planning Council at: (850) 332-7976, ext 210.*

**LEPC District 2****Apalachee Regional Planning Council**

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

The District 2 Local Emergency Planning Committee held its quarterly meeting on October 26th at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Facility. The following is a summary of recent LEPC staff activities over the last quarter:

**Hazardous Materials Training**

Staff sponsored the following training courses since the last HazMatters publication:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>
9/21/11	Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness	Tallahassee Fire Dept. Training	8
9/22/11	Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness	Tallahassee Fire Dept. Training	8
9/23/11	Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness	Tallahassee Fire Dept. Training	8
10/17/11	Technician Level Refresher	FDEP Carr Building	8
10/18/11	Technician Level Refresher	FDEP Carr Building	8

Staff closed out Fiscal Year 2010-11 with a series of 4-hr (two sessions per day) Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness courses provided by Emergency Responders Educators and Consultants (EREC, Inc.). Staff will be working with the Tallahassee Fire Department to assess if the Clandestine Drug Lab Operations course is warranted.

Staff started the 2011-12 Fiscal Year with two consecutive 8-hr Technician Level Refresher courses provided by Emergency Responders Educators and Consultants (EREC, Inc.). Staff is planning on offering this course each October so that agencies can fulfill their refresher training requirements. Staff continued to coordinate efforts to bring in a series of Chemical Suicide Awareness courses as well as some additional Awareness level training for Leon and Jefferson

Counties. All training courses are posted on the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's website: [www.thearpc.com](http://www.thearpc.com).

### ***HMEP Planning Project***

Staff completed all work for the District II LEPC's planning project, Facility Hazards Analysis Summary. Staff finalized the process of entering the Hazards Analysis data into the DEM-approved summary table format. Staff utilized CAMEOfm and FloridaHMIS to update approximately 200 Section 302 facilities in the summary table. Staff printed the deliverables and bound them in a 9-county legal binder with dividers. Staff delivered the binders to the Emergency Management Directors within the District with the instructions to distribute them to their corresponding Dispatch Supervisors.

### ***FDOH Assistance***

Staff has been assisting Nancy Leiva of the Florida Department of Health on a webinar presentation entitled 'Key Components of Environmental and Emergency Response to a Chemical Incident.' The webinar will be part of a series of modules to train FDOH staff. The webinar will be completed in April of 2012. Representatives from the Tallahassee Fire Department and the Department of Environmental Protection have also been assisting and will participate in the webinar.

### ***Biennial Exercise***

Staff has been coordinating with the Department of Environmental Protection and Emergency Responders Educators and Consultants (EREC, Inc.) to assist on the planning of a full-scale hazardous materials exercise. Staff has attended the Concepts & Objectives, Initial Planning Conference and Mid-term Planning Conference. The two-day exercise will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and will include participation from the Tallahassee Fire Department, DEP's Environmental Response Team, Regional Forensic Response Teams and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

### ***Next LEPC meeting***

The next meeting of the District 2 LEPC will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Tallahassee Fire Department Training Facility. As always, anyone interested in attending the LEPC meeting is welcome.

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## **LEPC District 3**

### **North Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

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

The North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (District 3 LEPC) will next meet on 8 December 2011 at SiVance/Milliken, a Section 302 site in Gainesville. The group is anticipated to adopt the 2011 update of the LEPC Plan, plan Hazardous Materials Awareness Week activities, and review results of the Tier 2 Quality Control project and the results of last fiscal year's hazmat training program. Comments were submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on its proposed rule on an Ammonium Nitrate Security Program.

During last fiscal year's HMEP training program, the LEPC conducted 22 hazmat classes attended by 266 students. A total of 5,388 hours of training were documented. The Division of Emergency Management provided additional training funds to conduct additional classes, including Hands-On Technician Refresher and "Using Electronic Data for Identifying and

Responding to Chemicals Transported in Your County.” In January 2012, the LEPC is offering the 160 hour International Association of Fire Fighters Hazardous Materials Technician class in Bell.

The LEPC has 326 facilities on its master Tier 2 facility list. The Quality Control review indicated that 8% contained minor errors and 6% contained major errors. *Florida HMIS* was used to submit 14% of the Tier 2 forms and the U.S. EPA software *Tier 2 Submit* for an additional 5%. *Tier 2 Submit* had the least number of errors due to built-in error checking. Facilities are contacted regarding correcting their errors, supplying missing forms and being invited to upcoming How-to-Comply seminars. It is anticipated that Hazardous Waste How-to-Comply information will be presented after the EPCRA How-to-Comply seminars.

On November 22, 2011, the LEPC conducted a conference call to develop comments on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security proposed rule on an Ammonium Nitrate Security Program. The LEPC concluded that greater security can be achieved through local, regional and state efforts rather than the creation of a complex and expensive federal registration program to check if an estimated 75,000 farmers are contained in the Federal Terrorist Database. A second conclusion concerned that proposed rule’s treatment of low concentration ammonium nitrate blends that may result in a number of additional facilities being regulated which likely pose a minimal threat as a potential source of explosive materials.

Staff activities include providing administrative support to the LEPC, scheduling and teaching hazmat classes, and using CAMEO to update hazards analyses for seven counties. Staff continues to provide administrative support for the North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team. Staff assisted with a Communications Technician class held in Gainesville, as well as a Florida Interoperability Network Workshop conducted in Altamonte Springs. Staff helped plan, conduct and evaluate an interoperable communications exercise held for the Florida National Guard. This November exercise was facilitated by staff from seven additional regional planning councils.

Staff assisted with preparing Exercise Plans and a Controller/Evaluator Handbook for an upcoming Joint RDSTF Regions 2 and 3 interoperable communications exercise: Operation CARS (Communicating Across Regions and States). It is anticipated that the 2012 LEPC full-scale exercise will be conducted at the Fort White central location of this multi-county, multi-state exercise.

The North Central Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team will hold a meeting at the same location, following the LEPC meeting and lunch. Items to be discussed include participation in the upcoming LEPC exercise and promoting hazmat training classes.

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#### **LEPC District 4**

#### **Northeast Florida Regional Council**

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

#### **November 2011**

The previous District IV Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was held on November 9th, 2011 at the Northeast Florida Regional Council offices located at 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216.

**HMEP**  
**Conducted Training**

*Offensive LP/NG Leak Control, St. Augustine, FL – September 14 – 16:* This was a 12-hour training course, with 4 hours online with a day at First Coast Technical College. Students split the day between in-class lecture and an outdoor, hands-on component using live products of natural gas and propane. Response Technologies provided their training services during this 3 consecutive day course. Students were supervised by instructors in a safe learning environment to learn tactics and strategies, as well as various tools and equipment to safely mitigate leaks in the controlled environment.

**Upcoming Training**

The Training Committee is in the process of finalizing the 2011-2013 Training and Exercise Plan. The initial plan was created last year. The Committee met on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Orange Park to discuss training needs and deficiencies for the District. The plan is used to formulate the LEPC's long-range plans for identified training needs over the next three years. The intent of the plan is not to be a rigid structure, but to allow Staff to coordinate the items necessary to conduct a training regimen consistent with the training needs and wants of first responders in the region.

Please note, items in **bold** have been scheduled; *italicized* items are tentative.

<b>Training</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>E-Plan Conference</b>	<b>October 26-27</b>	<b>12 hours</b>	<b>Charlotte, NC</b>
<i>Clandestine Drug Lab Awareness</i>	<i>Fall, 2011</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Clandestine Drug Lab Operational</i>	<i>Fall, 2011</i>	<i>16 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Chemical Suicide Workshop</i>	<i>Fall, 2011/Winter 2012</i>	<i>3 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Incident Command Systems</i>	<i>Fall, 2011/Winter, 2012</i>	<i>40 hours</i>	<i>Orange Park Fire Department</i>
<i>HazMat Competency Check Off</i>	<i>Winter, 2012</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Tank Truck 101</i>	<i>Spring 2012</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>International HazMat Conference</i>	<i>Spring, 2012</i>	<i>35 hours</i>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i>
<i>Air Metering Proficiency</i>	<i>Spring 2012</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Ammonia Leak Control</i>	<i>Summer, 2012</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>IAFF HazMat Tech Train-the-Trainer</i>	<i>Summer, 2012</i>	<i>40 hours</i>	<i>TBD</i>

**Planning**

**Option 2: Quality Control of Submitted Tier II Information** - With the advent of the electronic submission, like E-Plan and FL HMIS, it is important to ensure that correct information is being transferred amongst these databases. Staff will begin the Quality Control review with each county's Section 302 facilities to ensure that those facilities that contain the worst of the worst are correct. Staff will then move to the 311/312 sites. All facilities with 4 or more errors will be contacted to inform them of the status their Tier II Chemical Inventory. All facilities will then be invited for a series of How-To-Comply Workshops scheduled for January 11-13, 2012.

### **Additional**

There has been a change in staff at the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) and LEPC District IV. Jason Taylor left at the beginning of November. His position will be filled by the end of the year, in advance of the January SERC meeting. As of now, Beth Payne, Senior Regional Planner with NEFRC is the point of contact.

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### **LEPC District 5**

#### **Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council**

Citrus, Hernando, Levy, Marion and Sumter Counties

During the quarter, staff from the Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council (WRPC) attended meetings in Tallahassee on October 6th and 7th 2011. The regular quarterly LEPC Training Committee meeting was held prior to the LEPC meeting on October 19th. The training committee continued to accept new training needs and requests for this upcoming funding cycle.

The LEPC will hold its biennial exercise this year. The exercise committee has formed and submitted a scenario to the state for approval. Staff is working together to ensure this scenario will meet the needs of both the HMEP and LEPC contracts. This exercise has been entered into the NEXS system and been approved. Future meetings are scheduled for the Initial Planning Conference on January 12, the Final Planning Conference on February 22 and an exercise date of March 23. Funding for this exercise will be shared among the SWFWMD and the LEPC and HEMP contracts.

The exercise will have participation from Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), Citrus County Emergency Management, Levy County Emergency Management various county departments. Other community participants will be brought on board as the planning and exercise needs are developed.

Training requests received this quarter are for a Risk Based response Course. This eight hour presentation is scheduled for Monday January 30, 2012 and will be held in Ocala. Upcoming training may include meth lab awareness, HazMedic, HAZWOPER and road way safety courses.

Questions regarding the above may be directed to Michael Arnold at (352) 732-1315, extension 228 or via email at [MArnold@wrpc.cc](mailto:MArnold@wrpc.cc).

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### **LEPC District 6**

#### **East Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Volusia Counties

The District VI Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held October 21, 2011 at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The Training sub-committee met immediately before the LEPC meeting.

#### **HMEP Training**

Recent trainings have included:

- HAZWOPER 8-hour refresher-October 3, 2011

Local upcoming training opportunities include:

- HazMatIQ First Responder Offensive - January 26th, 2012

- Chemical Suicide Awareness - March 7-8, 2012
- Rail Training – April 10th, 2012

Other trainings under consideration for District VI include:

- Radiation Training
- Air Monitoring
- Tox-Medic

### **HMEP Planning**

The LEPC completed a Commodity Flow Study for road transport in the Orlando Metro area. Staff submitted the final report to the state on September 30, 2011 and presented the findings of the study during the October 2011 District VI LEPC meeting. The 2011-2012 Planning Project will be a HazMat Team Competency Assessment.

### **General Activities**

Staff submitted all final deliverables, including exercise documents and After Action Report (AAR) for the CDC Community Reception Center Drill on September 30, 2011.

Staff attended an FBI course on indicators and warnings for homemade explosives on November 7, 2011 in Kissimmee, FL.

The District VI LEPC has been participating in the update to the Coast Guard's Area Contingency Plan for oil spills.

The District VI LEPC will also be hosting the January 2012 meeting of the SERC in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

The LEPC will be hosting 3 How-to-Comply workshops for facilities in January 2012. They will be hosted around the region on January 11th, 25th, and 31st in Rockledge, Daytona Beach, and Altamonte Springs, respectively.

### **Next Meeting**

The next District VI LEPC meeting will be held February 3, 2012 in Altamonte Springs.

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## **LEPC District 7**

### **Central Florida Regional Planning Council**

Desoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties

### **SEPTEMBER**

The majority of LEPC related work accomplished during the month of September was related to the production of the After Action Report for the HMEP Planning exercise conducted August 17, 2011. This exercise was specifically targeted to reacting to a natural disaster (tornado strike) along a major north-south artery (US Highway 27). During the play of the exercise we were able to exercise fire, EMS, law enforcement and hazardous materials assets from throughout the region, with an emphasis on Polk County.

In addition, we were able to integrate our newly approved hospital mutual aid agreements in order to handle the large number of (simulated) injuries.

The After Action Report was presented and approved by the players on September 13th.

Several meetings were held to continue the planning and preparation of the group of exercises the CFRPC will be conducting in support of DEM Region 6 and the Southwest Florida FDLE Region.

## **OCTOBER**

October proved to be a very busy month for the LEPC.

On October 6th Mr. Carter, our LEPC Chairman, Mr. Gary Weiss, attended the SERC Subcommittee for Training meeting and the LEPC Chairmen and Staff meeting in Tallahassee. Additionally, Mr. Carter and Mr. Weiss attended the LEPC Chairmen and Staff Meeting the same day.

Mr. Carter attended the SERC meetings on October 7th where our LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan was approved. Also in attendance was our LEPC Chairman, Mr. Gary Weiss, who serves as a member of the SERC in the Environmental category.

Hazards Analysis inspections for DeSoto County were completed and submitted to DEM.

SQG inspections were conducted for DeSoto, Hardee and Okeechobee Counties. During this month a total of over 200 sites were inspected.

Mr. Carter attended the Polk County Emergency Preparedness Action Committee meeting on October 14th.

## **NOVEMBER**

On November 10th LEPC District 7 held their quarterly meeting. The approved LEPC Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan was presented for acceptance by the membership. The Plan was accepted and acknowledged through resolution. Discussions were held on options for our FY 2012 LEPC Biennial Exercise and the possibilities that exist for HMEP training events.

Planning continues for the exercises in support of DEM Region 6.

Mr. Carter provided support to Region 6 for the presentation of Florida Interoperable Network (FIN) training on November 18th. These continuing classes will allow counties to communicate over a wide area with little to no degradation of service.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with all of the members of the various agencies in our region and the state. The Staff and Members of LEPC District 7 want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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### **LEPC District 8**

#### **Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council**

Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties

District 8 was involved in a number of HMEP and LEPC co-sponsored activities during the quarter. Staff attended the quarterly SERC meetings held in Tallahassee at the Betty Easley

Conference Center on October 6-7 and conducted the District 8 LEPC meeting on November 30th. Staff attended a Hazards Analysis workshop conducted by FDEM staff on November 3rd at the Hillsborough County EOC and is scheduled to attend the FDEM Region 4 quarterly meeting on December 2nd at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center under the leadership of FDEM Region 4 Coordinator Paul Siddall. The next Tampa Bay LEPC quarterly meeting has been scheduled for February 29, 2012.

The LEPC's Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee (FDPS) met on October 20, 2011. Invigorated with new membership garnered from the prior Forums, Subcommittee members discussed: the highlights of the past meeting (i.e. August 18th); provided an overview of the second (of two) Facility Disaster Preparedness Forum conducted on September 7th; nominations for the Subcommittee Chair position; and future Subcommittee initiatives including potential 2010 Tier II quality control assessment, expansion of e-mail contact list, efforts to promote "Mercury Awareness & Dangers" theme during Hazardous Materials Awareness Week (i.e. January 22-28, 2012), documentation of appropriate improvements to the hazardous materials component of the Florida Business Disaster Survival Kit, and topics for future Subcommittee workshops and/or forums. The meeting concluded with an agreement of the 2012 Subcommittee quarterly meeting schedule.

LEPC staff and/or member(s) participated in a series of teleconferences administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management regarding Training Task Force initiatives (September 14th and two on November 17th).

Several Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) program courses were conducted during the specified time period. HMEP Program funding was utilized for: a 40 Hr. Hazmat Technicians/IC course (Manatee County/August 29-Sept. 2); three 24 Hr. Life Safety & Command courses (Manatee County/dates ranged from August 31-Sept. 16); three 8 Hr. OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher course (Hillsborough County/Sept. 13-15); three 8-Hr. Anhydrous Ammonia Refresher courses (Pinellas County/October 25-27); and attendance of one (i.e. Mr. Greg Lindgren/Pasco County Emergency Management) at the E-Plan Users Conference in Charlotte, NC (October 26-27).

Staff and/or LEPC member(s) represented the Tampa Bay LEPC at the September 13th & November 8th meetings of the Tampa Bay Spill Committee, as well as the September 27th (at Hillsborough County EOC) & October 27th (at Mosaic) meetings of the Ammonia Handlers/Operators. The November Ammonia Handlers/Operators meeting, initially scheduled at Kinder Morgan, has been re-scheduled for December 6th at the Tampa Port Authority. The meeting locations are typically rotated and themed around discussion of initiatives and activities concerning the ammonia industries in proximity of the Port of Tampa.

In terms of miscellany, LEPC staff additionally: attended an "After Action" meeting regarding the July 2011 Central Florida Pipeline jet fuel release (September 8th); assisted with the September 14th, October 12th and November 9th meetings of the Pinellas Police Standards Council (PPSC); provided updates regarding the LEPC program to the TBRPC in conjunction with their September 12th, October 10th and November 14th meetings; facilitated the Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection Committee's quarterly meeting (October 5th); and attended a "voluntary" site inspection of the Americold facility in the City of Plant City (October 19th).

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## **LEPC District 9**

### **Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council**

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

The Southwest Florida (District IX) Local Emergency Planning Committee met December 2, 2011, at the offices of the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council. An administrative matter involved the approval of alternate membership for Dawn Liguori. Ms. Liguori was approved as the alternative to Mr. Rock Rhoades of the Lee Memorial Health System.

Other topics of interest included the LEPC's No-Show Training Policy and the proposed Continuing Education Program. It was noted that since the LEPC is now posting training events on the Florida Division of Emergency Management webpage, perhaps the "No-Show" Training Policy at the local level is no longer relevant. The policy was created and endorsed to ensure that individuals registering for courses are in attendance during the events. Individuals failing to follow proper cancellation will be billed \$35.00. Also, concerns were expressed regarding the implementation and completion of the proposed LEPC Continuing Education Program because of the new approach to market the LEPC training courses through the Florida Division of Emergency Management versus the local level.

The following training is slated to be conducted in the region:

- Operational Level Response to Hazmat/WMD Incidents, January 18-20, 2011 (Fort Myers)
- Operational Level Response to Hazmat/WMD Incidents, January 23-25, 2011 (Sarasota)

Mr. Matt Marshall provided an update concerning the Annual EPA E-Plan User's Group Conference recently held in Charlotte, North Carolina. He highlighted the involvement of industry and its desire to support emergency responders and the E-Plan application.

The Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee approved and endorsed Hazardous Materials Awareness Week during the January 22-28, 2012 period. Staff of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will be working on training resources as it reported there have been a number of mercury incidents recently in the region. Proclamations will be sent to all local jurisdictions within the region and DEP indicated that it is available to conduct mercury awareness workshops.

The following dates were selected by the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee as its official quarterly meetings during 2012:

- February 23, 2012
- May 24, 2012
- August 23, 2012
- December 7, 2012

Following the LEPC meeting, the Southwest Florida Regional Hazardous Materials Teams Group meeting was conducted to focus attention on the issues and initiatives likely to impact Florida's Hazardous Materials programs and communities. Southwest Florida LEPC Training Chair Matt Marshall chaired the meeting of hazardous materials team representatives from across the region. The next quarterly meeting of the Southwest Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee is

scheduled February 23, 2012. Additional information regarding the programs and activities of the Committee can be obtained by viewing [www.swfrpc.org](http://www.swfrpc.org).

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**District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council**  
Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie Counties

The last District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting was held November 3, 2011 at the Martin County Fire Rescue Training Room in Stuart, Florida. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012. The location will be the St. Lucie County Health Department Auditorium, St. Lucie County, Florida.

**District 10 Local Emergency Planning Committee Activities**

Currently the District 10 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Plan is under review for updates and content informational edits. Staff will distribute to the Planning Subcommittee members for review and edits at the next meeting.

Members were requested to nominate ideas for facility and community outreach regarding Mercury safety and awareness for Hazardous Materials Awareness Week January 22-28, 2012. Currently staff is preparing an informational flyer on Mercury safety and disposal for industry in the region.

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness**

Training

During the first quarter, District 10 LEPC sponsored HAZWOPER Refresher 8-hour training October 13, 2011 in Palm Beach County. A decontamination operational class has been requested for Indian River County and several operations refresher classes have been discussed by the St. Lucie County Public Works Department.

Planning

The 2011/2012 Planning Project Option 1, Commodity Flow Study was selected for this cycle. The Planning Subcommittee members have volunteered to conduct the project with staff. The task list has been distributed as well as examples of commodity flow studies for review.

Hazards Analysis

District 10 LEPC staff will be conducting Section 302 facility site visits as required for the Hazards Analysis contract agreement with St. Lucie County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) for the 2011/2012.

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**District 11**  
**South Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee (District 11)**  
Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties

The South Florida LEPC closed-out a very successful training year with four sessions of the Chemical Suicide for Responders class on September 20 and 21, a HAZWOPER Refresher class

at Florida International University on September 23 and a HazMat Awareness class on September 27 in Key West.

District 11 representatives were in attendance at the October 6 SERC Training Task Force and LEPC Chairs and Staffs meetings in Tallahassee as well as the SERC meeting the following day.

As part of the process to select training courses for the coming year, the South Florida LEPC Training Subcommittee met in Hollywood on November 17. The Subcommittee prepared a 2012 Training Package for approval by the full Committee at its next meeting. The Training Package includes the following classes: Chemical Compatibility and Storage, "Enhanced" HazMat Awareness, Chemical Suicide Response, HAZWOPER Refresher and HazMatIQ.

The South Florida LEPC held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 30, 2011 in Hollywood. The Committee accepted membership nominations from three new members: Capt. Trim from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue HazMat Bureau, Lt. Thomson also from MDRF and Dario Alfonso, Operations Supervisor for Brenntag Mid South. The nominations will be forwarded to the SERC for approval at its next meeting.

This being a biennial exercise year for District 11, the members selected the Plan an Exercise Option for the HMEP Planning Project. It is expected that the combined Planning and Exercise Subcommittees will develop a tabletop exercise for early 2012.

The 2012 Training Package was approved. The Chair, Training Chair and Coordinator were authorized to negotiate on behalf of the Committee to bring the classes to the District.

Dates for the 2012 Quarterly Meetings were approved. District 11 will meet on January 25, May 23, August 22 and November 28.

The first meeting of the year (January 25) was scheduled to coincide with HazMat Awareness Week (January 22-28, 2012). Several options were discussed to promote the theme of "Mercury Awareness and Education", including preparation of handouts and flyers for residential and commercial distribution and the means of said distribution.

For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.sfrpc.com/lepc.htm> or contact the SoFlaLEPC Coordinator Manny Cela ([celam@sfrpc.com](mailto:celam@sfrpc.com)).