





Committee



"THOSE WHO CANNOT REMEMBER THE PAST ARE CONDEMNED TO REPEAT IT"-GEORGE SANTAYANA, SPANISH PHILOSOPHER, 1863-1952



What is the LEPC?

In 1986, the U.S. Congress passed a law called the "Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA)" also know as SARA Title III, requiring every county in the nation to form and maintain an LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee). This group supports emergency planning for chemical hazards and provides local government and the public with information about possible chemical hazards.

The Freestone County LEPC is made up of representatives from state and local government, emergency management, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, environmental groups, education & local industry.

One of the goals for the Freestone County LEPC is to educate all businesses of the Tier 2 reporting requirements as a means of making our community a safer place to work, live and raise our families.

This informational flyer is designed to be used as a reference for local businesses. You should always follow the rules and regulations set forth by the EPA.



What is the Tier II report?

The Texas Tier II Report is an annual hazardous chemical inventory which provides detailed information on chemicals which meet or exceed specified reporting thresholds at any time during a calendar year. Emergency response personnel, such as fire fighters and healthcare providers, can use Tier Two data to protect workers and the community during an emergency involving a hazardous chemical. In addition, Local **Emergency Planning Committees** (LEPCs) and local emergency managers can use Tier Two data to plan response strategies within their communities.

Your Tier II report should be submitted to the Texas Department of State
Health Services, local Volunteer Fire
Department and your Local Emergency
Planning Committee (LEPC). The
Tier II report is due no later than
March 1 of each year.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMITTING TIER II REPORTS?

You need to file an electronic Tier2 Submit data file if:

You are the operator of a facility which has one or more hazardous chemicals [defined by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard as any element, chemical element, mixture of elements and/or compounds which is a physical hazard or a health hazard] present at any one time during the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31), *AND* The hazardous chemical met or exceeded:

a) 10,000 pounds at any one time during the previous year *OR* b) The Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) in pounds or 500 pounds, whichever amount is less (at any one time during 2013), for any of the chemicals listed on the Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) List specified by EPRCA.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR ASSISTANCE WITH TIER 2 REPORTS?

Please see the below links for assistance with the Texas Tier II reporting:

- * http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tiertwo/ publications.shtm#general
- * http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tiertwo/ about.shtm
- http://www2.epa.gov/epcra-tier-iand-tier-ii-reporting
- You can also reach out to the Freestone County LEPC at any time.

LEPC Mission Statement

"To enhance the protection of the community and the environment from hazardous materials incidents through planning. preparation and communication between citizens.