

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)



Established in 1987, the Philadelphia Local Emergency Planning Committee (PLEPC) is responsible for developing a comprehensive chemical emergency response plan for the City of Philadelphia.

The PLEPC meets bimonthly to assess resources and capabilities for dealing with hazardous materials incidents and emergencies. The committee focuses on planning, preventing, and responding to these events effectively.

PLEPC activities are dedicated to protecting the health and safety of people, communities, and the environment from hazardous materials incidents. As such, PLEPC promotes community awareness and ensures the proper identification and inventorying of hazardous materials, storage sites, and transportation sites. It also provides information on chemical hazards and emergency plans to Philadelphians. The committee provides or sponsors seminars, workshops, presentations, and newsletters for government agencies, businesses, and the health care community.

The committee also works to meet the responsibilities of the [Tier II Reporting Requirements](#) set out in SARA Title III, Pennsylvania Act 165.

PLEPC MEMBERS

Members of the PLEPC include local agencies such as the fire and police departments, emergency medical services, health agencies, local civic and environmental groups, and the owners of industrial facilities.

[PLEPC members](#) (PDF) therefore represent a wide range of groups and interests, from government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private industry.

2015 PLEPC Meeting Schedule

LEPC meetings are open to anyone interested in attending.

If you need an accommodation to participate in LEPC committee meetings, please contact us at 215-683-3251 or by e-mail at LEPC@phila.gov by at least two weeks prior to meeting's date.

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Date: Thursday, February 26, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Administration Building, 240 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Administration Building, 240 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Administration Building, 240 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Administration Building, 240 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

PLEPC Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2015: [Meeting Minutes](#) / [Meeting Photos](#)

December 18, 2014: [Meeting Minutes](#)

July 24, 2014: [Meeting Minutes](#)

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) TIER II REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The LEPC Tier II Reporting Requirements provide step by step instructions for completing your Tier II Report. For more information, review Pennsylvania's Tier II Reporting Requirements.

What is Tier II reporting?

Under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), facilities

using, storing or manufacturing more than a certain amount of hazardous chemicals on-site at any time during the 2011 calendar year are required to submit reports on their chemical inventories and pay fees to the state and local authorities. Please use the reference table below to assist in determining whether or not to file a Tier II report.

Tier II Reporting Changes

Beginning January 10, 2012, Philadelphia Tier II facilities will only submit Tier II reports to the Pennsylvania Bureau of PENNSAFE's PATTS website. This is the state Tier II reporting website that companies have been using when filing Tier II reports with the state and the website address is: <http://www.lipatts.state.pa.us/submit>. The local Philadelphia LEPC reporting website has been deactivated as the LEPC will receive Tier II data from the PATTS website for Tier II facilities.

2014 Tier II Reporting Changes

For information regarding the 2014 changes to Tier II Reporting Requirements, please review this presentation from the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry – 2014 Changes to Tier II Reporting Requirements.

If you have questions about Tier II reporting or you have trouble with your PATTS account, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of PENNSAFE at 717-783-2071.

Billing

Tier II facilities will continue to receive a bill from both the state and the LEPC. The current LEPC Tier II fees are as follows:

- \$75.00/chemical
- \$100.00 flat emergency planning fee for facilities storing Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) above the EPA's Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ)

Questions about local billing should be directed to the LEPC: 215-686-1141 or LEPC@phila.gov.

Off-Site Emergency Response Plans

Facilities storing Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) above the EPA's Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ) will need to complete an Off-Site Emergency Response Plan that the LEPC has developed. Qualifying Tier II facilities can use the LEPC's Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Template to provide facility-specific information (e.g., Facility emergency contacts, equipment, communications systems, etc.).

After completing this information, facilities will send the plan back to the LEPC at the following e-mail address: LEPC@phila.gov. The LEPC will complete the remaining plan and approve it. Once the plan has been approved by the LEPC, facilities will be sent the completed, approved plan and will be asked to upload the plan to the PATTS website.