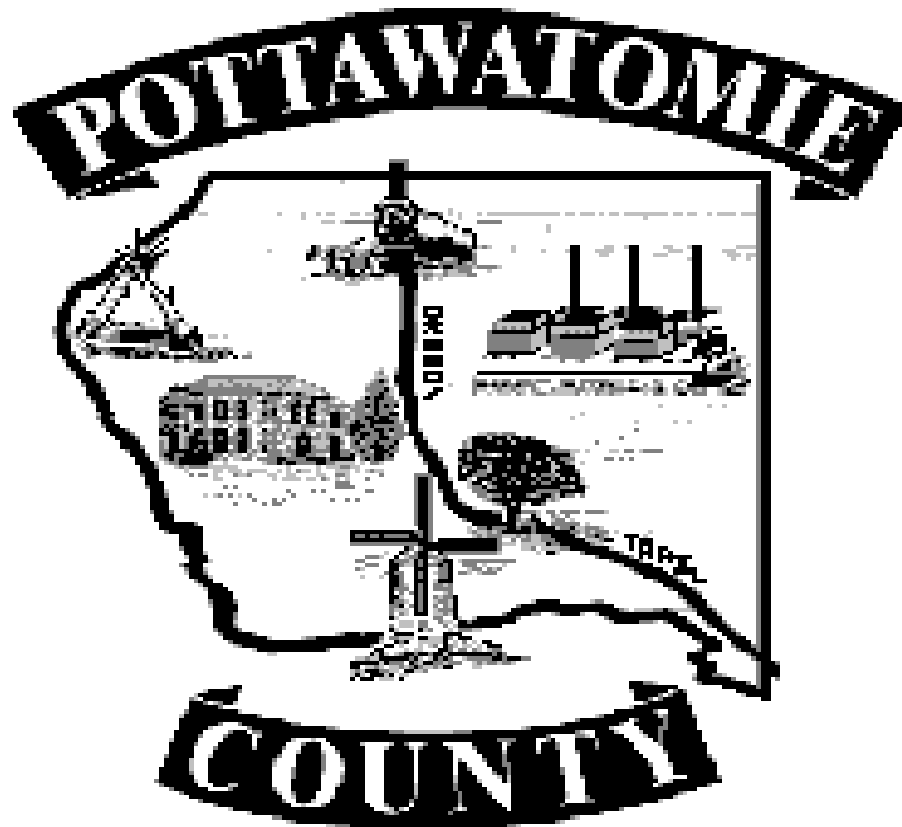


# Local Emergency Planning Committee

June 3



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# AGENDA

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- Introductions (new members)
- Update by County Departments
  - Commissioners
  - Emergency Management
  - Health Department
  - Sheriff's Office
  - EMS
- Update by City Police Chiefs
- Update by COE
- Update by KDOT
- Update by City of Wamego Rep
- Update by Industry Representatives
- Update by Jeffrey Energy Center
- Update by Chairman of LEPC
- Update by Red Cross
- LEPC Training (Emergency Manager)
- General Discussion
- Adjournment



# Who is LEPC?

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- Cultural Groups
- Elected Officials
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Managers
- Fire Service
- First Aid / EMS
- Health
- Environmental Groups
- Hospitals
- Utilities
- Transportation
- Media
- Community Groups
- Business / Industry
- Schools
- Tribal
- Public at Large

# LEPC Mission Statement



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- The mission of Pottawatomie County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is to have the County and local Communities in a state of readiness to respond to all hazardous substance incidents, as defined by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III.



# LEPC Goals

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- Target and focus Hazmat planning activities so the LEPC will accomplish localized planning from a statewide perspective.
- Ensure that community-based Hazmat Incident Response Planning is accomplished.
- Verify that communities are prepared to respond to; control; and mitigate hazardous materials incidents.
- Ensure that the individual plans and SOPs of the various organizations involved in a Hazmat incident response coordinate and function together as a single operational unit.



# LEPC Planning Focus

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- Conduct localized planning for:
  - facilities having Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS)
  - that meet the Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQs)
  - as designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



# LEPC Planning Responsibilities

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- Coordinate local planning activities
- Promote local planning activities
- Develop local planning uniformity
- Evaluate local plans
- Assure all plans interface together
- Facilitate local planning activities

# LEPC Planning Responsibilities



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- Target local planning activities
- Assess and analyze local risk and response capabilities
- Implement a local planning strategy
- Monitor local planning activities
- Work through local planners and planning groups



# SARA Title III Requirements for LEPC

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- Emergency Plan
- Annual review of the emergency plan
- Evaluate need for resources to develop, implement, and exercise plan
- Develop procedures for receiving and processing request from the public for Tier II information



# Tier I Definition

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- Tier I: if a *release* from that site has caused, or is likely to cause, *human exposure* to the release or contamination of a *sensitive environment*, and the *release* can be addressed under CERCLA authorities, and cleanup of the *release* has not been generally deferred to another Federal cleanup program. This includes, but is not limited to, sites where:
  - *Drinking water supplies* have been, or are likely to become, contaminated with a *hazardous substance* (as defined in HRS); or
  - Soils on or in close proximity to school, day care center, or residential properties have been contaminated by a *hazardous substance* three times above *background* levels; or
  - Toxic substances that *bioaccumulate* have been discharged into *surface waters*; or
  - *Air releases* of *hazardous substances* have been identified in a *populated area*; or
  - *Sensitive environments* have been contaminated; or
  - Releases would require immediate action from EPA (e.g., fire, explosions).

# Tier II Definition



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- Tier II sites are those that would be unlikely to warrant Federal remedial actions, i.e., those that do not meet the definition for Tier I sites. Tier II sites would also include sites that score below 28.5, based on the Hazard Ranking System (HRS), 55 FR 51532, and do not meet any of the characteristics of Tier I sites identified previously. The majority of sites brought to the EPA and State agency's attention over the course of the Superfund program have scored below 28.5 and are considered Tier II.



# SARA Title III Requirements for LEPC

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- Designate an official to serve as information coordinator
- Recommend additional resources and means to provide them
- Provide for:
  - public notification of committee activities
  - public meetings to discuss emergency plan
  - public comments
  - response to public comments by committee
  - distribute emergency plan



# SARA Title III Emergency Plan Required Elements

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- Identify EHS facilities, EHS transportation routes, facilities at risk.
- Develop procedures for facilities, emergency responders, medical personnel to respond to releases.
- Designate community emergency coordinator and facility emergency coordinator.



# SARA Title III Emergency Plan Required Elements

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- Develop procedures for emergency coordinator to notify responders and public of release.
- Develop method to determine occurrence of a release and the area affected.
- Describe emergency equipment at facility and in the community and identify who is in charge of it.



# SARA Title III Emergency Plan Required Elements

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- Develop community evacuation plans and alternate traffic routes.
- Develop training programs including schedules for training emergency responders and medical personnel.
- Develop methods for exercising emergency plan.