

Annex 10 to Florence County EOP
ESF-10
Hazardous Material Response

PRIMARY: Florence County Local Emergency Planning Committee

SECONDARY: Florence County Emergency Management Department

I. Introduction

This ESF identifies the functions and responsibilities of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) within Florence County.

The LEPC is composed of representatives of the media, private industry, state and local government, health, law enforcement, fire, emergency management, hospital, transportation, environmental and other relevant groups.

II. Concept of Operations

Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) response operations are the responsibility of the fire department having jurisdiction at the scene of the accident, not the LEPC or this ESF (see ESF 4—Fire Fighting).

If assistance is requested by local fire departments during a HAZMAT response, the Florence County ERT will be deployed (see Appendix F --ERT Response Plan, to Annex 25 --Specific Hazards, of the Florence County EOP).

The LEPC does not staff an ESF desk in the county EOC during activations; however, specific members of the LEPC may be asked by the ERT or the county Emergency Management Director to assist the county by serving as technical advisors or subject matter experts during HAZMAT response operations.

The roles and functions of the LEPC are established and outlined in the following legal documents:

The Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act (SARA), Title III, Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) which is the legal basis for and authority under which the LEPC operates.

The Florence County Code, Sec. 5-17, which addresses composition, appointment, terms of membership and duties of the county LEPC.

In accomplishing many of the roles outlined in these documents the LEPC works closely with the Florence County Emergency Management Department. The Technological Hazards Coordinator of the Emergency Management Department serves as the secretary of the LEPC and the Director of the Emergency Management Department serves as a voting member of the LEPC.

III. Specific Responsibilities of the LEPC include:

1. Development of local chemical emergency response plans/Review Local Emergency Management Plans annually (Section 303 (a)).
2. Establishment of committee rules.
3. Requirement to give public notice of meetings.
4. Establishing procedures for handling public request for information.
5. Requesting any information from facilities needed for emergency planning purposes.
6. Receiving chemical inventory forms (Section 312 of EPCRA, Tier Two) and data sheets or lists (section 311 of EPCRA, MSDS).
7. Receiving release reports (Section 304 of EPCRA).
8. May commence a civil action against an owner or operator of a facility for failure to provide information under Sections 303 (d); 312 (e) (1); and 326 (a) (2) (b).
9. Annual publication in local newspaper that information required by Section 324 (b) has been submitted to the LEPC.
10. Conduct a local hazards analysis that includes hazmat risks; hazmat incidents and off-site effects of facility releases in conjunction with the County's Emergency Management Division.
11. Conduct annual review of the Florence County Hazardous Substance User Fee and determine how the fees collected will be distributed to the county's hazardous substance response programs.

IV. State Interface

This annex is supported by ESF-10 (Hazardous Materials) at the state and federal level. At the state level the lead agency for ESF 10 is DHEC. DHEC is also the coordinating agency for the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), which is the state counterpart to the county LEPC. Florence County ESF-10 is authorized direct contact with these state agencies for the purpose of coordination and information exchange.