

# *Sangamon Valley LEPC*

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## *Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2012*

*During calendar year 2012, the Sangamon Valley LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 19, March 15, May 17, September 20 and November 15. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. Meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (3, January/March/November), Athens City Hall (1, May) and the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (1, September).*

*The January LEPC meeting was attended by 19 members and 2 visitors. It provided the Chair, David Butt, with the opportunity to present the committee with the 2011 LEPC Summary Report which was reviewed and approved for submission to the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). Prior to the year's start, our Independent Planner, Matt Helms, had completed site specific plans for 70 active facilities storing Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS), 9 facilities storing Propane and 2 facilities storing Bulk Fuel at a terminal. No active facility had ever failed to receive its annual plan update, recognizing that one EHS facility with a plan had been vacated.*

*A 23-page Hazardous Materials Annex developed for Sangamon County in accordance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) was given its first reading by the committee and accepted as the appropriate format for a similar document on behalf of Menard County. The LEPC reviewed its mission statement and its 4 goals. A fifth goal was approved to pursue and complete the tagging for hazardous materials of all 9-1-1 addresses in Sangamon County with a Tier 2 Report filed.*

*The March LEPC meeting was attended by 13 members and 4 visitors. New Tier 2 Reports are requested from all filers by March 1. Our LEPC had received all 13 expected for Menard County and 128 of 131 expected for Sangamon County. The LEPC gave its conditional acceptance to the Hazardous Materials Annex to be the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County as required by EPCRA. It will be titled as such, dated and clarified on a training item.*

*The May LEPC meeting was attended by 19 members and 6 visitors. This was the fourth year that we held our May meeting in Menard County. Something we intend to continue. Our progress on receiving 2010 Tier 2 Reports was deemed as complete, with 144 received by late May. A report was given on the annual Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference, including how our 3 attendees worked as a group through a tabletop exercise on its last day. The LEPC accepted the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County dated May 17, 2012. It is modeled on Sangamon County's plan which has its clarification and is dated March 15, 2012.*

*While our July meeting was again skipped in 2012 (as a sort of summer vacation for the LEPC), there was no shortage of work being done by the Chair toward the July deadline to apply for our FFY2013 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant. The LEPC identified 12 water plants in our planning district with only City Water, Light and Power (CWLP) filing a Tier 2 Report. The remaining 7 in Sangamon County were sent certified letters requesting their Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS).*

The September LEPC meeting was attended by 18 members and 6 visitors. It was our annual meeting giving the public an opportunity to review planning documents and ask questions. A press release to this effect had been issued and the visitors attended for the primary purpose to look over our plans. A total of 2 comprehensive county plans and 95 site specific plans were on display: 52 plans for EHS storage above the TPQ; 28 plans for EHS storage below the TPQ, 10 plans for Propane storage, 2 plans for Bulk Fuel terminals and 3 plans written for facilities now vacated which are no longer updated. The LEPC's initial goal **to have a written plan for every facility in the planning district which reports storage of EHS on its Tier 2 Report** lacks 3 sites exceeding the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) and 4 sites below the TPQ. The second goal of our LEPC **to always make an annual update to every written plan** has been continuously met. The third goal of our LEPC **to find and work with facilities in our planning district which should be filing Tier 2 Reports, but are not**, was met again this year through our work with several business sites that have strings of acid-filled batteries for uninterrupted power supplies and water plants (this caused the filing of Sangamon County's 132nd and 133rd Tier 2 Reports). The fourth goal of our LEPC **to have a written plan for every facility in the planning district which reports storage of Propane on its Tier 2 Report** has been met. Meeting fifth goal **to tag addresses to note hazardous materials for 9-1-1 dispatchers wherever Tier 2 Reports are filed** is complete for 13 sites in Menard County and progressing well for over 130 sites in Sangamon County, with over 75% of the addresses verified.

The September meeting also saw the LEPC extend our agreement with the Independent Planner for the eighth year to continue our site specific planning project. We received a Grant Adjustment Notice to increase our HMEP grant for FFY2012 by \$2,160 to \$32,750. For FFY2013, our HMEP grant application total is \$35,310. It was approved at this level.

The November LEPC meeting was attended by 16 members and 3 visitors. After hearing back from water plants in Sangamon County, the Chair explained to the LEPC about 2 methods used for disinfecting. Water can be "chlorinated" with either pure Chlorine (an EHS) or a bleach-like compound (non-EHS), Sodium Hypochlorite. MSDS for both of these chemicals were provided to all members for review. Chlorine is used by CWLP, Curran-Gardner Water District, Mechanicsburg-Buffalo Water District, village of Dawson and village of Illiopolis in Sangamon County. The other 3 water plants use Sodium Hypochlorite, with only South Sangamon Water District storing a quantity that requires the filing of a Tier 2 Report. The large swimming pools throughout Sangamon County also disinfect with Sodium Hypochlorite. Similar information for Menard County will be sought in 2013.

#### **Statistics for LEPC activities during 2012 are as follows:**

133 Tier 2 Reports were received for sites within Sangamon County. 13 Tier 2 Reports were received for sites within Menard County. Of these 146 filings, 83 included at least one EHS chemical and 63 were for non-EHS sites. Our Independent Planner completed 13 new site specific plans. This brings his total over 7 years to 95 (3 sites are now vacated). Of these 92 active plans, 18 received their first annual revision, 6 received their second annual revision, 13 received their third annual revision, 17 received their fourth annual revision, 12 received their fifth annual revision and 13 received their sixth annual revision during 2012. The Independent Planner drove over 6,200 miles during 2012 within Sangamon and Menard Counties while pursuing our site specific planning project. Sangamon Valley LEPC has 33 members.

Respectfully submitted,

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LEPC Chair