

**VERMONT LOCAL  
EMERGENCY  
PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**(LEPC)**



## LEPC HISTORY

- 1986 – US Congress passed the Emergency Planning Right-to-Know (EPCRA) as part of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA). President Reagan signed EPCRA into law on October 17, 1986.

# VERMONT LEPC HISTORY

- Late 80''s – Vermont establishes 14 LEPC's – one for each county
- Over time it was realized that some of the LEPC's were not active and the responsibilities of an LEPC exceeded the manpower and expertise of many of them.
- In 2022 the State of Vermont decided to disband the local LEPC's and replace with one statewide LEPC.

# LEPC FORMATION

- EPCRA mandated the creation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) in every U.S. county or equivalent jurisdiction. LEPCs are composed of representatives from various stakeholder groups, including local government officials, emergency responders, industry, environmental groups, and the public.

# LEPC PURPOSE

Enhance	Enhance public awareness of hazardous chemicals in communities.
Promote	Promote emergency planning and preparedness for chemical accidents.
Provide	Provide a mechanism for collecting and disseminating information on hazardous chemicals.
Encourage	Encourage cooperation and coordination among industry, government agencies, and the public to mitigate the risks associated with hazardous chemicals.

# LEPC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Hazardous Materials Inventory (Tier II)
- Risk Assessment
- Emergency Response Planning
- Information Sharing
- Public Education and Outreach
- Training and Exercises
- Resource Coordination
- Compliance and Reporting
- Communication and Coordination
- Plan Review and Updates
- Annual Reporting to SERC

**NEW POSTION**  
**Hazardous**  
**Materials**  
**Compliance**  
**Coordinator**

## **Reports to Chief, State Hazmat, Division of Fire Safety**

- Establishes and maintains management system to identify storage facilities and transporters of hazardous materials
- Develops operating policies, procedures and inspection schedules.
- Develops training programs for users and transporters of hazardous materials.
- Administers SARA Title III and Community Right to Know activities.
- Establishes a system to track, process and review Tier II fees received into the Hazardous Substances Fund.
- Provides EPCRA guidance to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the LEPC



# LEPC VOTING MEMBERS

- Representative from each Regional Planning Commission's Emergency Management Committee (13)
- Fire Service Coalition
- Vermont Ambulance Association
- Vermont Sheriffs Association
- Vermont AOT
- Vermont Association of Planning & Development Agencies
- Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition
- Extremely Hazardous Substances industry (2)
- Vermont National Guard
- Vermont Department of Health
- Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Farms, and Markets