

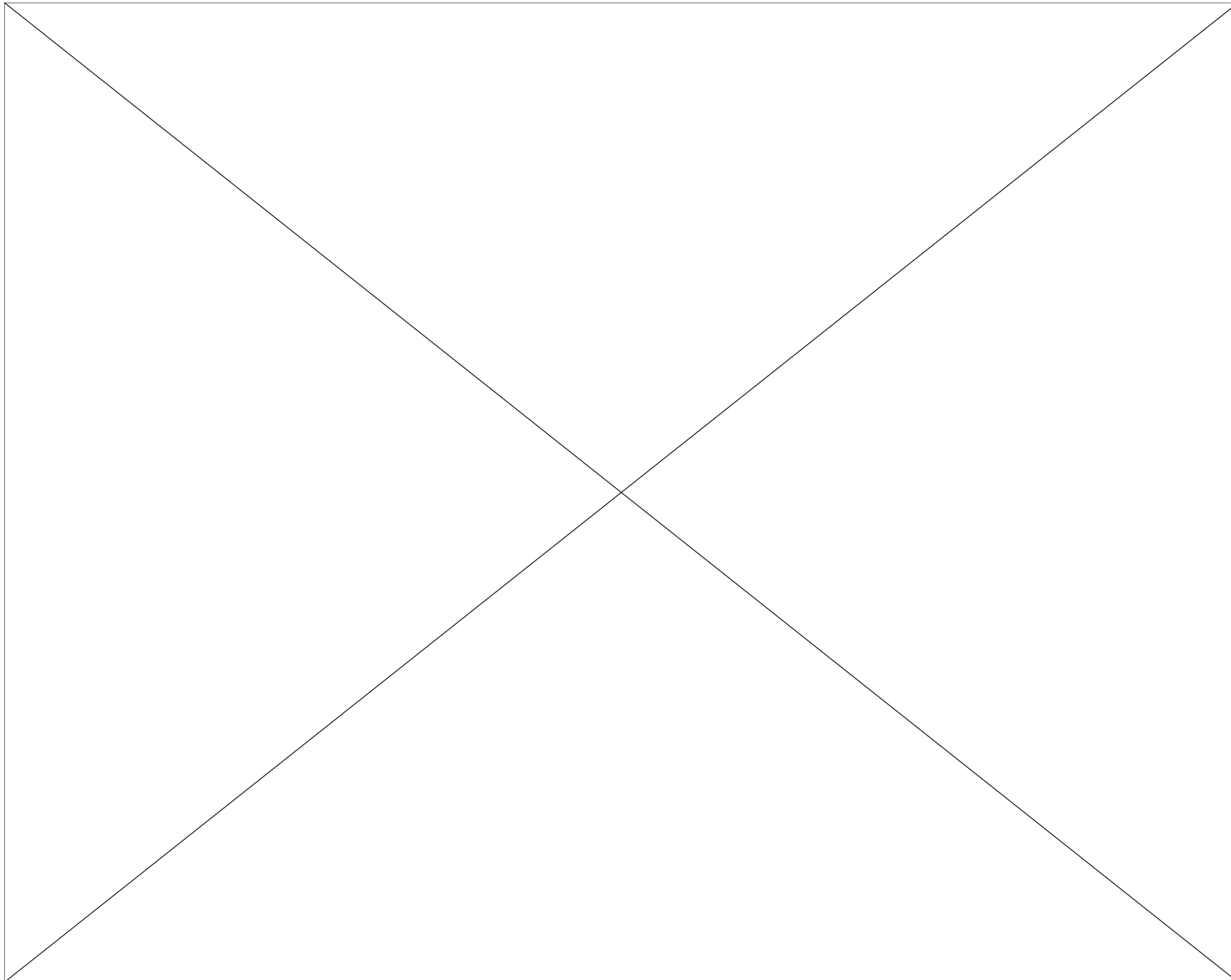


Roane County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Chemical Emergency Preparedness: Findings from CSB Accident Investigations



What Are LEPCs?

- Local Emergency Planning Committees present a way for local communities to formally engage in emergency planning, training and overall emergency preparedness in their area.

Why was the LEPC Established?

- The LEPC is a product of Federal legislation that was passed in the wake of the Bhopal disaster in India, where so many people died as a result of an accident involving hazardous chemicals.

Who Are Members of the LEPC?

- *County Emergency Management Director*
- *City and County Elected Officials*
- *Local Fire Fighter Officials*
- *Health / Industrial Hygiene Specialists*
- *Local Hospital Officials*
- *Law Enforcement Officials*
- *Environmental Groups*
- *Transportation Groups*
- *Local Media & Broadcasters*
- *Local Industry Leaders*
- *Community Interest Groups*

Why Do We Need An LEPC?

- Local Emergency Planning Committees have unique understanding of the area they live and work in; no one is better prepared to plan for an emergency than the people who live here. Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) can help, but local planning makes getting that support quicker and more effective.

Emergency Planning and Community 'Right to Know Act'

- Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Community 'Right to Know Act' known as EPCRA in 1986, also known as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA / Title III).
- This legislation created the LEPC

Emergency Planning and Community 'Right to Know Act'

- EPCRA establishes requirements for industry and for federal, state, and local governments regarding emergency planning and community right to know reporting for hazardous chemicals being stored, used in production or released into the environment in reportable quantities. (EPCRA is codified in the U.S. Code under title 42 chapter 116)

Roane County LEPC

- Primary mission of the Roane Co. LEPC is to develop/maintain comprehensive county-wide emergency response plan; evaluate county and industrial facility response plans in accordance with SARA/EPCRA; integrate response capabilities, and foster cooperative efforts between local governments and industry.
- [Planning Guide for Local Emergency Planning Committees](#)

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The Roane County LEPC has been involved in developing community wide emergency response exercises.

One of the Missions of the LEPC is to ensure readiness of the community to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials.

These pictures are from a community wide exercise at the TVA Kingston Fossil Plant



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- The Roane County LEPC Meets quarterly at the Roane County Office of Emergency Services located at 220 North Third St, Kingston TN 37763