

LEPC BACKGROUND

The LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) is a program implemented by the CEPC (Colorado Emergency Planning Commission) and federally by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and is designed to emphasize local awareness and planning to ensure that all businesses and organizations which store hazardous materials have emergency plans to assist emergency responders in the safe handling of material spills on their property.

LEPC activities include emergency response planning, training, education and outreach, program administration, and local program initiatives. LEPC membership is diverse and includes elected officials, emergency responders, community groups, and those subject to federal hazardous material reporting regulations.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ROLE

Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), facilities which deal with hazardous materials that meet or exceed certain threshold amounts are required by federal law to submit documentation of said materials on an annual basis. This documentation is now required to be submitted electronically through the submission program "TIER II submit". This program is free and available online.

To obtain the Tier II submission program and for reporting requirements and procedures for this state, visit:

<https://www.epa.gov/epcra/state-tier-ii-reporting-requirements-and-procedures#Colorado>

For further information on submitting material documentation and for information on learning if you have hazardous materials that exceed the threshold amount required by law to report, call **719-583-6203** or visit:

<https://cdphe.colorado.gov/sustainability-programs/sara-title-iii-programs>



YOUR RIGHT-TO-KNOW

The EPCRA federal regulation was designed to give the public access to their community's chemical storage information. With this knowledge, each community is well informed of what hazardous materials may surround them, better preparing them in case of an emergency.

The law requires businesses and industries to provide information on any hazardous materials that they possess including information on potential risks and effects of the materials on public health, safety, and the environment.

In Pueblo County, maintaining EPCRA is the responsibility of the Pueblo County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the local fire departments.

Copies of facility reports, MSDS sheets, and response plans for extremely hazardous substances are on file and citizens who wish to review this information should contact Pueblo County OEM @ **719-583-6203** or contact their local fire department.

PREPARING FOR HAZMAT INCIDENTS

If a hazardous materials release occurs, knowing what to do is key. When a hazmat emergency requires citizens to act to protect themselves, either through evacuation or immediate sheltering, local authorities will notify the public through news outlets, on-scene announcements, emergency telephone notification, and possibly door-to-door contact. It is critical to your safety that you follow the emergency instructions that you are given.

If you see an accident or incident that may involve hazardous materials, notify your local emergency authorities, dial 911. **DO NOT** approach an area where potentially hazardous materials may be present. Let authorities and trained emergency personnel handle the situation. Hazardous materials spills should be reported to the proper authorities for safe and complete clean-up and disposal.





A UNIFIED COMMUNITY

The LEPC encourages an active community to increase awareness of hazardous materials and emergency planning, and it should not be viewed as a regulatory commission but rather a partner in safety and preparedness with all local businesses, industries, and most of all, the community. The LEPC is here to help and welcomes any questions, comments, or concerns about local emergency planning and preparation.

All LEPC meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend these meetings. The LEPC meets at 10:00 am on the third Wednesday of every other month beginning in February of each year. If you are interested in attending these meetings, or for further information or assistance, please contact the LEPC through the Pueblo County Office of Emergency Management at **719-583-6203** or send correspondence to:

Pueblo County LEPC
c/o Pueblo County Sheriff's Office
101 West 10th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

DO NOT SUBMIT TIER II REPORTING

INFORMATION TO THIS ADDRESS.

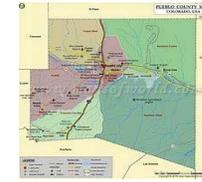
In addition, please submit Tier II info electronically through the tier II submit program to:
pueblocountylepc@pueblocounty.us



For more information on EPCRA, TIER II, the Superfund Amendment and Re-authorization Act (SARA) or any other HAZMAT regulatory information, visit:

cdphe.colorado.gov
cdola.colorado.gov
www.epa.gov
www.pueblosheriff.com

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Informed Citizen = Safe Community

