



## Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

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TO: Rowan County Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1991 Rowan County LEPC Annual Report

### Background:

The Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee is a requirement of Federal law and State regulation. The Federal government enacted a law known as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (1986) which required the states to establish a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). Each State Commission was then to establish Local Emergency Planning Committees. The NC SERC established each county in North Carolina as a separate district, having its own LEPC.

The primary function of the LEPC is to establish and maintain a Response Plan which deals with chemical emergencies, or Hazardous Materials Incidents (HazMat Incidents). The Response Plan is used as the guide document for coordinated response to a HazMat Incidents in Rowan County. The original Rowan County HazMat Response Plan was written in 1988.

The committee's members are made up of those from both the private and public sector, as well as elected officials.

The SERC oversees and approves all local plans, and is the coordinating agency for statewide response.

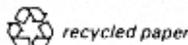
The attached report details the activities of the Rowan County Local Emergency Planning Committee during the calendar year, 1991.

*Richard D. Franklin*

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1991 Rowan LEPC Chairman

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MEETINGS:

The Rowan County LEPC met six (6) times during 1991 at regularly scheduled meetings. Additionally, one (1) meeting of the executive committee was held on dates other than a regularly scheduled meeting date. The executive committee met twice before regularly scheduled meetings. The record of attendance is as follows:

	Members Present	Guests
January 10, 1991	14	2
March 7, 1991	12	2
May 9, 1991	7	1
July 11, 1991	8	0
September 12, 1991	13	3
November 14, 1991	12	3
Members at start of 1991:	20	
Members lost (no replacement):	2	
Current Members:	18	

Current Membership:

Adkins, Cindy *		Mattox Distributing
Ashworth, Wayne *		Emergency Services
Brown, Von		Dept. of Labor
Connell, Elizabeth		Emergency Services
Cook, David	(Vice Chairman) *	Rowan Memorial Hosp.
Edwards, Jack		NC Highway Patrol
Faggart, Randall		Fire Marshall
Franklin, Richard	(Chairman) *	National Starch
Gobble, Jeff		Piedmont Nat. Gas
Haupt, Ed		Sheriff's Dept.
Hobbs, Michael		Cone Mills
Lackey, Tim		Sals. Fire Dept.
Parnell, Robert	(Secretary) *	Sals. Fire Dept.
Perry, Dow		Envirogene
Seagle, Jim		Rowan Co. Health Dept.
Smith, David *		Hoechst Celanese
Smith, Paul		NC State Senator
Stutts, Ken *		Sals. Police Dept.
Torrence, Byron		NC Finishing
Webb, Tom		Rowan Co. Commissioner

\* = Member of 1991 Executive Committee

### DRILL:

On April 17, 1991, the Rowan County LEPC conducted a County-wide drill which was hosted by National Starch and Chemical Company at their site on Cedar Springs Road. The required drill is a major function of the Training Committee. The Training Committee Report of this drill is attached for further details. Also included with this report is a video presentation which was made through the resources of Piedmont Natural Gas.

This drill was the first drill under the LEPC which entailed actual field exercises.

### TRAINING:

At the end of 1990, a subcommittee of the LEPC, at the request of the Rowan county Fire Chief's Association, developed a recommendation as to the levels of response (and therefore training) which should be available in Rowan County. The Chief's Association then requested that the LEPC bring this matter before the County Commissioners for their consideration.

On October 7, 1991 the 1991 LEPC Chairman, Richard Franklin, presented the details of the driving regulation (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response - known as HAZWOPER), along with the recommendations of the LEPC. The Commissioners then asked for a detailed plan for the response to hazardous materials incidents in Rowan County. This plan, along with its costs were presented to the Commissioners on January 6, 1992 by Mr. Franklin.

This matter now rests with the Rowan County Commissioners.

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

#### Tier 2 Review:

This committee was formed to assess how the Tier 2 forms are used and the completeness of information received from industry. The information on hazardous chemical storage is entered on forms known as Tier 2 forms. The reporting of chemicals on this form is an annual requirement of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA).

Forms from industry must be reviewed for completeness and accuracy before being input into a computer database. The database is then made available to emergency service personnel who may be required to respond to incidents at facilities which have hazardous chemicals.

Reviewing the forms is an annual requirement, coming just after the annual March 1 deadline.

#### Fixed Facility Review:

Facilities which have extremely hazardous substances (As defined by SARA) are required to have an emergency plan. These plans and facilities must be reviewed to assure that the facilities' plans coordinate with the overall County-wide plan.

Each facility plan should be reviewed whenever changes are made at the facility, or in the plan. If manpower was available, the LEPC would prefer to do this annually.

#### Hazard Plan Review:

This committee began work in the second half of 1991 to review the hazardous material plan. The plan, originally adopted in 1988 is being reviewed to see what changes, if any, need to be made to align the plan with the format recently published by state emergency management. It is expected that this committee will continue into 1992, with recommendations for any changes coming later in the year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard D. Franklin  
1991 LEPC Chairman