

Hazmat Preparedness Fee

On the recommendation of the LEPC, the Durham County Board of County Commissioners adopted the below hazardous materials preparedness fee structure. The fees are based on Tier II reports and will be invoiced annually.

Fee Structure:

Per chemical reported on a Tier II report but below the EPA mandatory reporting threshold - \$0

Per chemical above EPA Tier II reporting threshold - \$65

OR

Per Extremely Hazardous Substance above the EPA reporting threshold - \$125

AND

Clean Air Act 112 Risk Management Plan (RMP) regulated facility - \$500

Maximum fee per facility - \$7,500

These preparedness fees went into effect on July 1, 2018 and will be billed annually in April following the annual Tier II reporting deadline of March 1st.

Sign Up To Receive Emergency Notifications:

Alert Durham is Durham County's official mass emergency notification system. By working in Durham, you spend several days a week in our county. Alert Durham is designed to keep you informed about emergencies relevant in your area. Sign up for emergency notifications and include your work address to receive information via call, text, or email before and during an emergency. You can sign up by visiting alertdurham.com.

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Durham Local Emergency Planning Committee



Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) work to understand the hazards in the community, develop emergency plans in case of an accidental release or natural disaster, and look for ways to prevent accidents. The role of a LEPC is to form a partnership between local governments and industries to enhance all hazards preparedness. The local government is responsible for hazmat planning and response within their jurisdiction. This includes:

- Ensuring the local hazard analysis adequately addresses hazmat incidents; incorporating planning for hazmat incidents into the local emergency management plan and annexes;
- Assessing capabilities and developing hazmat response capability using local resources, mutual aid and contractors;
- Training responders; and
- Exercising the plan.

Industry must be a part of this planning process to ensure facility plans are compatible with local emergency plans.

LEPCs are crucial to local hazardous materials planning and community right-to-know programs. The membership comes from the local area and should be familiar with factors that affect public safety, the environment, and the economy of the community. In addition to its formal duties, the LEPC serves as a focal point in the community for information and discussions about hazardous substance emergency planning, and health and environmental risks.

LEPC Responsibilities

The major legal responsibilities of LEPCs are listed below. Each LEPC:

- Shall establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information including Tier II information.
- Shall receive from each subject facility the name of a facility representative who will participate in the emergency planning process as a facility emergency coordinator.
- Shall be informed by the community emergency coordinator of hazardous chemical releases reported by owners or operators of covered facilities.
- Shall be given follow-up emergency information as soon as practical after a release, which requires the owner/operator to submit a notice.
- Shall receive from the owner or operator of any facility a SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for each such chemical (upon request of the LEPC or fire department), or a list of such chemicals as described.
- Shall receive from the owner or operator of each facility an emergency and hazardous chemical inventory form.

Durham County LEPC Membership

As required by law, the Durham County LEPC consists of representatives from the following groups:

- Elected state and local officials
- Police, fire, civil defense, and public health professionals
- Environment, transportation, and hospital officials
- Facility representatives
- Representatives from community groups and the media

The Durham County LEPC meets quarterly at a variety of locations. Meetings typically last 1 hour with time before and after for networking. If you are interested in coming to a meeting contact our LEPC coordinator by emailing LEPC@dconc.gov or calling 919-560-0660