

To: All Douglas County Stakeholders and Interested Persons
From: Chairperson, Douglas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Subject: Invitation to Join the Douglas County LEPC

The Douglas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (DCLEPC) is an open-membership group comprised of neighborhood representatives and stakeholders from the industrial, transportation, institution and government sectors who work together to promote emergency planning, preparedness and risk awareness related to the potential impact of hazardous material releases in Douglas County.

The DCLEPC was formed following passage of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) and the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1997 (NEPCRA). The DCLEPC fulfills its obligations as stated in SARA and NEPCRA as well as any other lawful purposes which are assigned to it or permitted by the Douglas County Commissioners and/or the State Emergency Response Commission.

Specifically, the DCLEPC's responsibilities include:

- Annual review and comment on the Hazardous Materials Annex F to the Douglas County Local Emergency Operations Plan (Plan)
- Receive hazardous material release reports and other information from regulated facilities and agencies as required and requested
- Support public outreach regarding chemical hazard awareness and access to Tier II information in accordance with regulations
- Assessment of resources necessary to implement the Plan and make recommendations to appropriate people, agencies and organizations regarding additional resources needed to implement the Plan

We recommend all SARA and NEPCRA regulated facilities work with their local fire departments to familiarize their first responders with the hazardous materials, their locations and accessibility in case of emergency.

To learn more about the DCLEPC, its agenda and our upcoming activities I want to invite you to our next meeting. The DCLEPC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every even numbered month beginning in February of each year. The meetings start at 0800 and typically last approximately 90 minutes. They are held on the lower level of the National Safety Council – Nebraska, 11620 M Circle, Omaha, Nebraska. If you have any questions, please call the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency at 402-444-5040.

I look forward to seeing you there.