

CEPAC NEWSBREAK

CHEMICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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TIER2 REPORTS UPDATE

This year's Tier 2 season brought a total of 51 newly reporting facilities to our LEPC. About half of these facilities are EHS (Extremely Hazardous Substance) reporting facilities. CEPAC held two Tier 2 workshops in early February 2015. The purpose of these workshops is to familiarize those who are responsible for Tier 2 reporting with the new EPA/SERC reporting requirements. CEPAC will host these again in January of 2016. We want to get them in earlier, because the Tier 2 filing deadline is March 1 every year.

Electronic Tier 2 reporting is the preferred reporting method. Paper reports are still accepted. When you submit electronically, you can send one e-mail to all three reporting places at once. These reports can be sent as pdf's, zip files, compressed files or some other electronic attachment. When filing electronically, please do not send paper copies of your tier2 as this is not necessary.

CEPAC is here to maintain a current SARA Title III chemical database. For the 2014 reporting year, we had 765 reporting facilities. That is up from 718 from the previous year.

If you have reportable quantities of any hazardous substance, by law you must report these to the OEPA, LEPC and your local fire department. For most hazardous substances, the reporting threshold is 10,000 pounds or more stored on site. For Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) chemicals, it can be as little as one pound depending on if it is on EPA/SERC list. If you are unsure, find out by contacting one of these sources:

- OEPA/SERC at 1-800-644-2260
- CEPAC Information Coordinator at 614-645-6275
- www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/serc/invforms.aspx



CEPAC COUNCIL MEETINGS

The full CEPAC Council meets on the last Friday in February, the second Friday in June and the last Friday of October. The meetings start at 9am and are usually done between 9:45am and 10am. The location of the meetings is Columbus Public Health, 240 Parsons Ave., Second Floor Auditorium. Our summer meeting will be held June 12, 2015 and our fall meeting will be held Friday October 30, 2015.

CEPAC's Hazard Analysis Committee meets four times a year, usually in February, April, September and November. These meetings are held at CPH, 240 Parsons Ave., in room n-108 in the North Dorm.

The Planning, Training and Exercise Committee also meet four times a year usually in February, late April/May, September and November. These meetings are held at Franklin County EMA, 5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd.

The Public Information Committee meets as needed throughout the year, the meetings are usually held at Franklin County EMA.

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

The CEPAC information coordinator is available to answer any questions with regard to chemical reporting, storage or disposal. You can stop by the office anytime, call, and e-mail or write a letter with any questions or concerns you might have with regard to chemicals at home or in the workplace. CEPAC also can come to you and provide presentations on what CEPAC is and does and about what makes a substance hazardous and what might be hazardous in your own home. CEPAC also hosts two chemical, environmental and safety related workshops in the spring and fall, topics vary.

The topic for our next scheduled workshop will be "Sustainability", "Point and Non-Point Source Pollution", to be held on November 13, 2015 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Registration will be from 8:00am to 8:30am. Location is the City of Columbus Engineering & Construction Training Center, 1881 E. 25th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. To register contact Pete J. Kowal at pjkowal@columbus.gov or 614-645-6275.

We welcome questions, comments or suggestions relating to chemical production, use, storage and disposal from the public and area facilities. We

encourage public participation at our committee meetings and all are welcome, if you are interested or know someone who might have an interest in serving on a CEPAC committee, we would like to hear from you. Together with all of you, CEPAC strives for a safer community.



Peter Kowal, Columbus Public Health, receives certificate from Michael Wood, EM Program Manager Defense Logistics Agency for educational presentation on CEPAC