



Jackson County, MS Local Emergency Planning Committee

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WHO ARE WE?



- Jackson County, Mississippi
 - Includes Cities from Pascagoula (East) to Ocean Springs (West)
 - Borders Alabama State Line (East) and Harrison County (West)
- Industries Include:
 - Large Oil Refinery
 - Intermediate Chemical Facility
 - Shipyards & Shipbuilding Facilities
 - Ammonia Facilities
 - Agriculture Facility
 - LNG Plant
 - Port Facility
 - Pogy Processing Facility

Area	
• Total	1,043 sq mi (2,701 km ²)
• Land	723 sq mi (1,873 km ²)
• Water	321 sq mi (831 km ²), 31%
Population	
• (2010)	139,668
• Density	193/sq mi (75/km ²)

Funding & Participation

- Funding is always an issue
 - HMEP Grant (typically less than \$10K per cycle). 20% match is usually met with “In-Kind” services vice direct dollars.
 - Industry funded for special projects
 - Other opportunities include:
 - Local ordinances that charge by pound of hazmat or by number of employees to Tier II companies
 - State Tier II fees
- Participation
 - We currently have ~30 members in attendance on a regular basis
 - If you feed them, they will come. Get sponsors for lunch and this cost can be used towards In-Kind match for grants.
 - Exercises are sponsored by industry and response organizations; these costs can be used towards In-Kind match as well.

Preparedness Activities

- Exercises conducted with Singing River Hospital, CSX, Gulf LNG, and First Chemical -- these activities enhance hazmat response capabilities.
- LEPC Sponsored HazMat training for Emergency Responders: this was grant-funded training conducted in county locations for fire, EMS, law enforcement and industry partners.
- Over \$75K in grant money received to the County to help in emergency planning
- One grant of \$50K awarded for plan update that had not been updated since before Katrina

Outreach & Information Activities

- Coordinated informational Public Service Announcement post cards mail out to local area urging sign up with Code Red emergency call out program
- Creating a Shelter in Place Program for our near neighbor schools and daycares.
(over 250 kits purchased distributed to local daycares and over a dozen local schools, both public and private) as well as training and exercises conducted
- Designing and Purchasing Emergency Information Signs to tell community what to do in the event of an emergency chemical release
- Website development with Tier II information

Upcoming Activities

- TRANSCAER Railcar Response Training for First Responders
- Exercise with Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)
- Additional Mailings and Community meetings for Emergency Call Program
- Shelter in Place Video (Using Grant Funds)
- Update of Emergency Response Plan

Industry Perspective - Chevron

- Partnerships
 - Part of the community (we work and live here)
 - Sharing of best practices
 - Develop professional relationships
 - Networking
 - Teambuilding
 - Trust
- LEPC Leadership (industry/agency mix)
 - Chair, vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Co-chairs and Secretary/Treasurer
 - Chair and vice-chair

Industry Perspective - Chevron

- Committees
 - Training
 - Grants
 - Drills/exercises
 - Shelter-in-Place
 - Hurricane Evacuation
 - Safety Fair
 - Reverse calls/drills
 - Grants