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

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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