

Mississippi SERC, LEPC and Industry Relationships

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SERC

SERC Member Agencies –

- 1. MEMA
 - SERC Chair
 - SERC Administration
- 2. MDEQ
 - On scene response
 - Coordinates cleanup

3. MSDH

 Issues precautions, recommendations and health services





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SERC Communication Process for Incidents –

- Notices of incidents are received through the 24 hr. warning point at MEMA
- The message is sent via Nixle to responding agencies
- MDEQ is probably notified first...
- MSDH provides assistance as needed given the variables during incidents



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Tier II Reporting –

- Mississippi prefers E-Plan
 - Ease of use
 - Funding
 - All facilities are uploaded to GIS database
- Tier2Submit files and hard copies are still accepted
- No legislation requiring how to report
- No state fee system

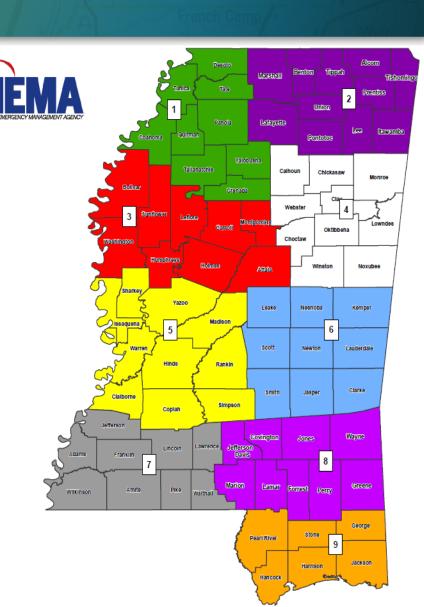






LEPCs are broken down by County –

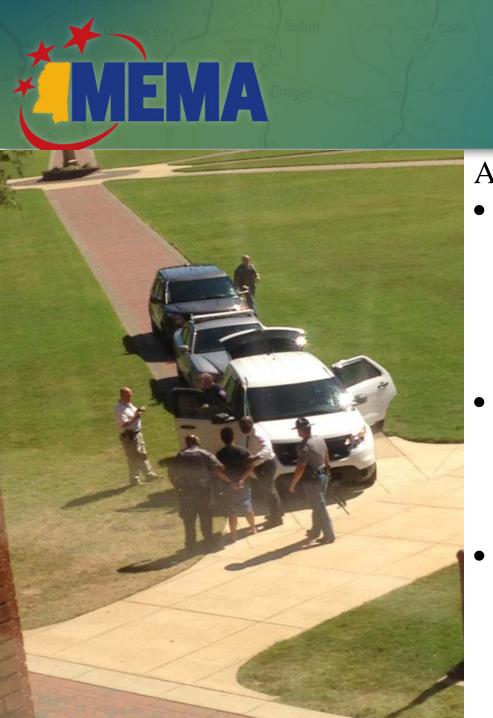
- 82 Counties plus the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians = 83 planning districts
- 53 "Active" LEPCs
- The majority of the LEPCs are all hazards based, given the amount of natural disasters we see
- Regional LEPCs have been suggested for smaller industrial areas





Severe Weather –

- Our most active threat
- LEPCs have tight relationships with the County EMA
- Many County EMAs serve as the LEPC body
- LEPC members conduct damage assessments, among other volunteer functions, in conjunction with the EMA



Active Shooter 2015 –

- Mississippi State University
 - One individual; suspected of having mental health issues – no injuries
- Delta State University
 - Targeted killing of an individual on staff
- Exercise Bureau conducts more Active Shooter exercises statewide than any other by a large margin



Other events LEPCs have to plan for –

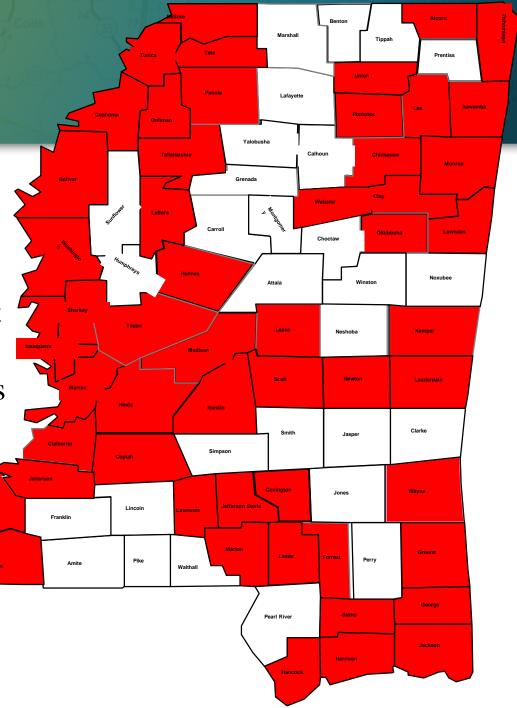
- Flooding
- Ice Storms
- Hurricanes
- Earthquake
- Radioactive Release
 - Grand Gulf Nuclear Plant
 - TRU Waste
 - All other radioactive products





Issues for MS LEPCs –

- Turnover within the LEPC
 - Over time, loss of interest
- Funding
- Mostly made up of volunteers in rural areas
- Time to meet formally





Possible Solutions –

- Training program for LEPCs
 - Exercise is a huge part in this state
- Regional LEPCs
- Better communication between the SERC and LEPC
 - Homeland SecurityInformation Network(HSIN)
- Tier II filing fees for funding







Jackson County LEPC –

- The largest LEPC in the state
- 200 + members, including industry, first responders, volunteer groups, etc.
- Home to many large industries
 - Chevron, Pascagoula
 - Gulf LNG
 - First ChemicalCorporation
 - Mississippi PhosphatesCorporation