

DATE: February 4th, 2025

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) - REGION V- PUBLIC MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: Shane Gardner, Fire Marshall, Bakersfield Fire Department COORDINATOR: Ryan Essepian, Emergency Services Coordinator, Cal OES

ITEM #	TOPIC/ISSUE	PRESENTER	QUESTIONS/NOTES	COURSE OF ACTION
1.	Introductions/Confirm Quorum	Shane Gardner		
2.	November 2024 Minutes	Shane Gardner		
3.	Nominations/Vacancies • Multiple vacancies	Ryan Essepian	One resignation (EMS)	
4.	Region V CUPA Updates	CUPAs		
5.	Legislative, SERC, Other	Cal OES Hazmat		
6.	HMEP Grant	Ibrahim Komora		
7.	CSTI Report	JP Robles		
8.	LEPC Representative Reports	Members		
9.	Presentation – Hydrogen Fires	Shane Gardner		
10.	Public Comment	Public		
11.	Chairperson's Report	Shane Gardner		
12.	Next Location and Time	Ryan Essepian	5/6/25 Visalia FD. St.55 Classroom	
13.	Adjournment	Shane Gardner		

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LEPC Responsibilities

- 1. Development, revise, implement the region's hazardous materials emergency plan (consistent with state and federal law), focusing on:
 - a. Identification of chemical risk, especially those that cross jurisdictional boundaries (primary road, rail, and pipeline), fixed facilities using extremely hazardous substances, or situations requiring multi-jurisdictional assistance.
 - b. Classification of regional public and private emergency response capabilities.
 - c. Promoting the establishment of agreements to enhance emergency response capabilities.
- 2. Provide a forum for consideration of ideas and concerns in the implementation of hazardous material emergency programs within the region.
- 3. Enhance public safety and environmental protection advancing implementation of hazardous material emergency planning and Community Right-to-Know laws.
- 4. Promoting education and awareness programs, and sponsoring such programs as necessary, to educate the community in this field.
- 5. Facilitating local government emergency preparedness activities, such as drills, exercise, education, and formal training.
- 6. Working with local Administrating Agencies (AA) to further a system for obtaining emergency planning data from local facilities using hazardous REGION V LEPC HANDBOOK materials, and then processing requests for that information from the public (as legal and appropriate).
- 7. Develop a coordinate region-wide hazardous material team response capability.

Members & Guests

Members and guests represent a variety of industries from Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties. Each member should share an interest in reducing the risks posed to both public and emergency responders created by hazardous materials. Industries that can be represented in LEPC come from Administering Agencies, Agriculture, Military, Community Groups, Elected Official, Emergency Management, Fire, First Aid, Health, Hospital, Industry, Law Enforcement, Media, Transportation, and Ad Hoc. Vacancies will be announced at each LEPC meeting or via outreach by the LEPC chairperson and/or coordinator. Those interested should request nomination forms for official application to LEPC.

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