

Wisconsin LEPC Newsletter

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This newsletter is a joint venture between a workgroup of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and statewide county emergency management representatives. This workgroup was formed to provide guidance and training to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), as they work to reenergize and improve participation in emergency planning in their communities.

LEPC Meeting Ideas

Looking for training and presenter ideas for your LEPC meetings? Below are some ideas to consider:

- Area railroad agency
- Basic Emergency Response Guide (ERG) training
- Extremely Hazardous Substance (EHS) facility presentation with tour
- Offsite plans (how are they created, what information goes into them, where do you get the information from, who receives copies of them, planning software overview, etc.)
- Tier II (312) Reports (what are they, who is required to fill them out, deadlines, content overview, what are they used for, etc.)
- HazMat Team (presentation on resources, basic hazmat awareness, recent calls, team training, etc.)
- LEPC presentation (review purpose of LEPC, roles and expectations)
- Area DNR spill coordinator

Make contact with your local subject matter experts (this might be you!) for a 20-30 minute training or presentation at the end of your LEPC meetings.

Wisconsin DNR Spills

Do you know your spill coordinator?

WISCONSIN DNR - SPILLS TEAM

- Five Regions
- One Regional Spill Coordinator per region
- Backup spill coordinators
- Weekly on-call staff



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Grant Deadlines & Upcoming Funding

- FFY2023 HMEP Core & Specialized HazMat Training Grant – Project End Date: March 31, 2024. Final Progress & Fiscal Reports due April 30, 2024.
- EPCRA State Computer and HazMat Response Equipment Grant 2024
Pre-App – April 2024
NOFO – June 2024

Training/Conference

- [WI Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security, March 13-15, 2024, Lake Geneva, WI](#)
- Wisconsin Emergency Management Association (WEMA) Conference, September 24-26, 2024, Stevens Point, WI
Speaker/Breakout Session ideas, please email: wemapresident@outlook.com
- [2024 National Association of State Title III Program Officials \(NASTTPO\) Annual Workshop, April 22-25, 2024, Charlotte, NC](#)
- [Wisconsin Association of Hazardous Materials Responders \(WAHMR\) Conference, March 6-7, 2024, Stevens Point, WI](#)

Resources

- [WEM EPCRA info](#)
- [EPA homepage](#)
- [WebEOC](#)
- [Consolidated List of Lists](#)
- [CAMEO Suite software](#)
- [CAMEO Data Manager](#)
- [LEPC EPA Handbook](#)
- [DNR Spill report BRRTS](#)

What is a spill?

A spill is a discharge of one or more hazardous substances that adversely impact, or threaten to adversely impact, human health, welfare, or the environment and requires an immediate response.

Do I have to report my spill?

Your spill is reportable to the DNR if:

- There is an impact to human health
- There is an impact to the environment
- There is a fire, explosion or safety hazard
- You have not immediately cleaned up the spill
- The spill was more than the reportable quantity listed below
 - Petroleum product completely contained on an impervious surface
 - 1 gallon of gasoline
 - 5 gallons of petroleum
 - 250 lbs. dry fertilizer
 - 25 gallons of liquid fertilizer
 - Pesticides that would cover less than 1 acre of land if applied according to label instructions
 - Meets the federal reportable quantity outlines in the [CERCLA RQ column of the EPA's Lists of Lists](#)



[More information and details on spills and WI DNR here.](#)

WHOPRS Multi-Factor Authentication

In late March 2024, the Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System (WHOPRS) will be implementing Multi-factor Authentication when logging in going forward. The update includes a significant set of Security Changes and the latest regulatory and product updates. Due to these changes, each user for all roles will need to verify their email addresses and will need to enter the codes that are sent to their email address. If users are sharing user accounts, they will not be able to complete the login process.

WEMA Wednesdays

WEMA is starting a new initiative in 2024, a quarterly "WEMA Wednesdays" where we bring the membership together in a virtual environment to learn about new technology, hear from experts in the field, have a general conversation, or any other ideas that may be of interest to our membership. If you would like meeting information or have ideas, please contact: wemapresident@outlook.com.

This Newsletter is issued quarterly to bring ideas and information for helping your LEPC and energizing them in your county.

The next issue will be released in June of 2024. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to [Darlene Pintarro](#). Let's work together here in Wisconsin!

Did You Know?

There are 3 Counties in WI (Pierce, Kewaunee, Manitowoc) that are *Risk Counties* and 21 Counties in WI that are *Ingestion Counties* based on operational and decommissioned Nuclear Power Plant locations.

Wisconsin Emergency Management Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REP) assists local and Tribal government efforts in their respective radiological emergency preparedness activities to ensure adequate response capabilities to protect the public.

Source: [WEM Radiological Emergency Preparedness](#)

Preparedness Resources

[WI DHS Radiological Emergency Preparedness in WI presentation at the NCRAC Trauma Conference 2023](#)

[WI DHS Radiation Protection](#)

[Radiation Basics Made Simple – 8 short segments broken down by topic](#)
