

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.

EPCRA Fee Adjustment

There will be a Tier II fee adjustment effective 1/1/2025. For details, please follow this link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/wem/1

Number of Chemicals	1	2-10	11-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	501+
Fee (< 100,000 lbs. cumulative)	\$275	\$550	\$825	\$1,010	\$1,195	\$1,380	\$1,560	\$1,745
Fee (≥ 100,000 lbs. cumulative)	\$330	\$655	\$990	\$1,210	\$1,430	\$1,650	\$1,870	\$2,090

Emergency Planning Notification	\$1,080
Temporary Construction	\$35
Batch Plant	\$35

Featured Chemical: Anhydrous Ammonia

CAS # 7664-41-7

Appearance: clear, colorless, gas, lighter than air. Clear, colorless liquid under pressure. Under certain conditions, compressed liquefied ammonia gas can form an ammonia fog and remain low to the ground.

Route of Exposure: inhalation, ingestion, eye contact, skin contact

Signs/Symptoms: range from mild to severe eye irritation, burning, temporary or permanent blindness, nausea, swelling of lips/mouth/voice box, blistering, deep penetrating burns, frostbite

Emergency Response Dangers:

- A poisonous, visible vapor cloud is produced from contact of ammonia with water
- Liquid ammonia will attack some forms of plastics, rubber, and coatings
- When ammonia mixes with gas and/or air, it forms an explosive mixture
- Ruptured cylinders may rocket
- Fire will produce irritating, corrosive, and/or toxic gases
- Never direct water jet straight at liquid ammonia

More info from [CDC NIOSH](#)

In the News

[Dodge County](#) Hazmat Team Trains with area fire departments.

Fire at [Georgia chemical facility](#) prompts evacuations, shelter-in-place order.

Grant Deadlines & Upcoming Funding

- Computer & Hazmat Equipment Grant FY24 – Closeout due December 31, 2024.
- EMPG & EPCRA Planning Grant FY24 – performance period ends December 31, 2024. Modifications due December 15. Closeout reports due January 31, 2025.

Training/Conferences

- New Director's Series Module B: Hazmat Overview for LEPCs – please contact Steve Fenske directly to schedule at Steve.Fenske@widma.gov
- [2025 Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security](#), Oneida Hotel, Green Bay, WI – March 10-12, 2025.
- [2025 National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials \(NASTTPO\) Annual Conference](#), HYATT Regency Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI – April 21-25, 2025.
- [WAHMR](#) Conference, Holiday Day Inn, Stevens Point, WI – March 5-6, 2025.
- [Access and Functional Needs Conference](#), Great Wolf Lodge, Colorado Springs, CO – April 8-10, 2025.
- [NEMA 2025 Mid-Year Forum](#), Washington, DC, March 21-25, 2025.

Resources

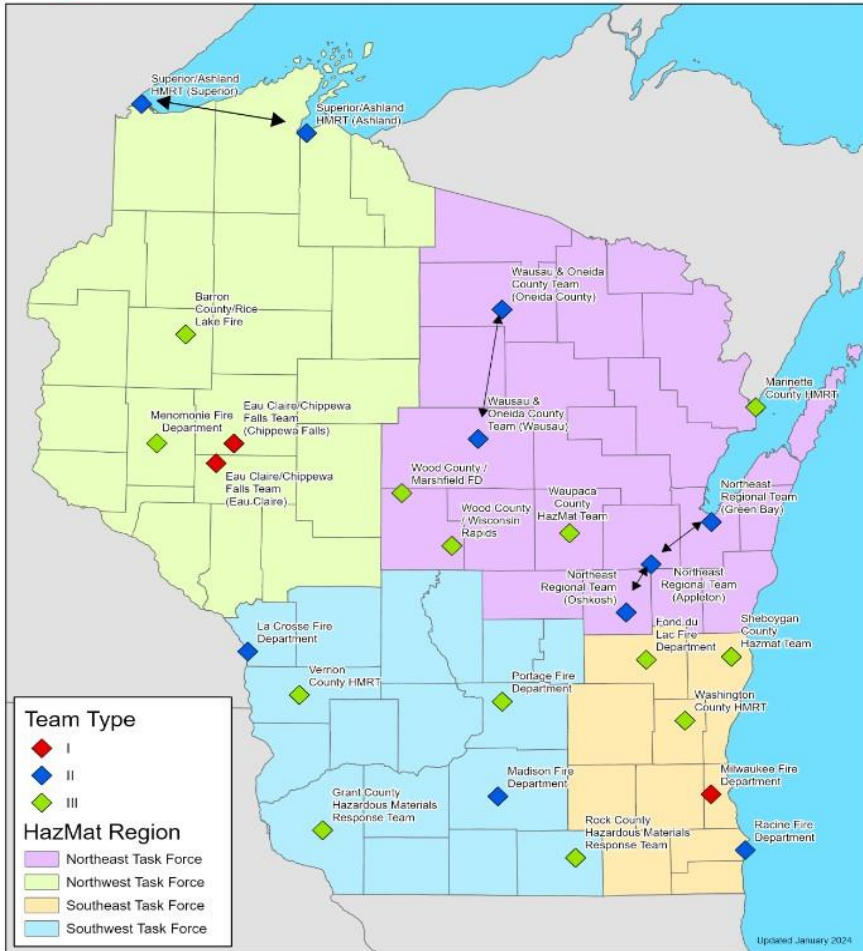
- [WEM EPCRA info](#)
- [EPA homepage](#)
- [WebEOC](#)
- [Consolidated List of Lists](#)
- [CAMEO Suite software](#)
- [CAMEO Data Manager](#)
- [LEPC EPA Handbook](#)
- [DNR Spill report BRRTS](#)

Hazardous Materials Response Teams in WI

Wisconsin Emergency Management contracts and manages 21 Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams, divided into Task Forces: Northeast Task Force, Northwest Task Force, Southeast Task Force, and the Southwest Task Force. These Task Forces are then divided into Type I, Type II, and Type III teams.



Wisconsin's Hazardous Materials Response System



These Task Forces are then divided into Type I, Type II, and Type III teams.

Type I Team – trained and equipped to respond to unknown chemical releases as well as incidents involving CBRNE weapons.

Type II Team – Responds to and able to identify and mitigate unknown chemical releases.

Type III Team – responds to known chemical.

Did You Know?

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 March 2025. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to [Darlene Pintarro](#). Let's work together here in Wisconsin!

Most ice rinks using ammonia as a refrigerant are subject to EPCRA Tier II reporting under Section 312, requiring facilities to submit an EPCRA Tier II form by March 1st annually to their SERC, LEPC, and local fire department.

[U.S. EPA – Anhydrous Ammonia Safety in Ice Rinks Video](#)

For more info on ice rink EPCRA reporting: [U.S. EPA Region 1 Guidance Document](#)

