

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: 03/17/2025

Meeting Date: 03/24/2025

Submitted By: J. Moore

Department: Emergency Mgt

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:



Court Decision: <small>This section to be completed by County Judge's Office</small>	
	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">3-24-2025</p>

Description:

Presentation on the purpose of the Johnson County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and presentation of a check to the LEPC by Atmos Energy

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: Zac Johnson

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) ☒ PUBLIC ☐ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: 5 minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

☐ Action Item ☐ Consent ☐ Workshop ☐ Executive ☒ Other n

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

☐ County Attorney ☐ IT ☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor
☐ Personnel ☐ Public Works ☐ Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents
In Your Submission Email**

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

Johnson County

LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee



What is an LEPC?



Our role

To form a partnership between local governments and industry as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness

Our mission

To increase public knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and release into the environment



What is the Regulatory Basis for an LEPC?

EPCRA – Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986

Created to assist communities in planning for chemical emergencies.

Requires industry to report on storage, use, and releases of hazardous substances.

Also referred to as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III).

EPCRA Major Sections:

Sections 301-303: Emergency planning

Section 304: Emergency release notifications

Sections 311-312: Hazardous Chemical storage reporting (Tier II)

Section 313: Toxic chemical release inventory

Under EPCRA, the State Emergency Response Committee

Requires public employers to provide information, training, and appropriate personal protective equipment to their employees who may be exposed to hazardous chemicals in their workplaces.

Private employers are covered under similar federal law enforced by OSHA.

Sections 301-303

Emergency Planning

Local governments are required to prepare chemical emergency response plans.

State governments are required to oversee and coordinate local planning efforts.

Facilities that maintain Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) on-site in quantities greater than corresponding Threshold Planning Quantities (TPQ) must cooperate with emergency plan preparation.

Section 304

Emergency Notification

Facilities must immediately report accidental releases of EHS and “hazardous substances” as defined under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Any release of these substances in quantities greater than their corresponding Reportable Quantities (RQs) must be reported to state or local officials.

Sections 311-312

Hazardous Chemical Storage Reporting

The State of Texas requires Tier II reporting for any facility that stores hazardous chemicals that meet or exceed chemical thresholds at any one time.

A chemical is considered hazardous if the facility is required to maintain Safety Data Sheets (SDS) under OSHA regulations.

Facilities are required to submit a Tier II to the state, the local LEPC, and their local fire department.

Tier II Reporting

Reporting Thresholds (RQs)

Hazardous Chemicals: 10,000 lbs.

Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS): 500 lbs. or the threshold planning quantity (TPQ), which is less.

The List of EHS is outlined in [40 CFR Part 355 Appendix A](#).

JOCO LEPC Members

Officers

President: Zac Johnson, Johnson County EM

Vice President: Rob Severance, Cleburne Police Chief

Treasurer: Jeff Pakeltis, Sachem

Secretary: Katrice Harris, Sachem

Information Officer: Corrie Stiles, Johnson County EM

LEPC Members Representing:

- Access Midstream
- Air Gas
- Air Liquide
- American Film and Printing
- American Red Cross
- AT&T
- Atmos Energy
- CoreLab
- Dakota Distributing
- E3 Response
- Energy Transfer
- EnerVest
- Enlink
- Halliburton
- HEB
- Johnson County Power
- Lowe's
- Magellan
- NTTA
- Oncor
- ONEOK
- PVS Chemicals
- Sachem
- Summit Midstream
- Targa Resources
- Technical Chemical
- Texas 811
- Texas Health
- Texas Lime
- The Home Depot
- US Polyco
- Williams Companies
- Windstream
- Local Fire and Law Enforcement agencies
- Various state and federal agencies