

Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission



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Acronyms

- **SARA** – Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986
- **EPCRA** – Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know
- **SERC** – State Emergency Response Commission
- **LEPC** – Local Emergency Planning Committee

Connecticut General Statutes

Title 22a, Chapter 446I

Emergency Response Commission

- **22a-601** – Establishes a CT Emergency Response Commission within the Department of Environmental Protection.
- **22a-602** – Requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to provide technical and clerical assistance to the Commission.

Connecticut General Statutes

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- Authorizes the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to receive, process and manage chemical information and notifications made pursuant to Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Laws.

SERC Membership

22a-601

The Commission consists of a Chairperson selected by the Governor and 19 members.

Commissioners of

- Environmental Protection
- Public Safety
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Labor

SERC Membership *continued*

- The Secretary of Office of Policy and Management
- The Adjutant General of the Military Department
- Director of the Office of Emergency Management
- The State Fire Marshal
- The State Fire Administrator

SERC Membership *continued*

- Nine members appointed by Governor
- Four representing the public
- Three representing owners or operators of facilities
- Fire Chief of a Municipal Fire Department (paid employees)
- Fire Chief of a Volunteer Fire Department

SERC

Roles and Responsibilities

- Designates Emergency Planning Districts
- Appoints LEPCs
- Oversees and supervises/coordinates LEPCs
- Receive and make available chemical information
- Administer federal and state funds

Local Emergency Planning Committees

Connecticut has 169 LEPCs

- Local Emergency Planning Committees (109)
- Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (28)
- Northeastern CT Regional Emergency Planning Committee (10)

LEPC's *(continued)*

- South Central Region Emergency Planning Committee (14)
- Southwest CT Regional LEPC (4)
- Tri-Town CT LEPC (4)

Capitol Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Andover, Avon, Bolton, Bloomfield,
Canton, Coventry, East Haddam.
East Hampton, East Hartford, East
Windsor, Enfield, Farmington,
Granby, Hartford, Manchester,
Marlborough, Middletown,
Plainville, Portland, Rocky Hill,
Somers, South Windsor, Stafford,
Suffield, Tolland, West Hartford,
Wethersfield, Windsor Locks

Northeastern CT Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Brooklyn, Canterbury,
Eastford, Killingly,
Plainfield, Pomfret,
Putnam, Sterling,
Thompson, Woodstock

Southwest CT Regional LEPC

Darien

New Canaan

Stamford

Greenwich

Tri-Town CT LEPC

East Lyme

Montville

New London

Waterford

South Central Region Emergency Planning Committee

- Bethany, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge

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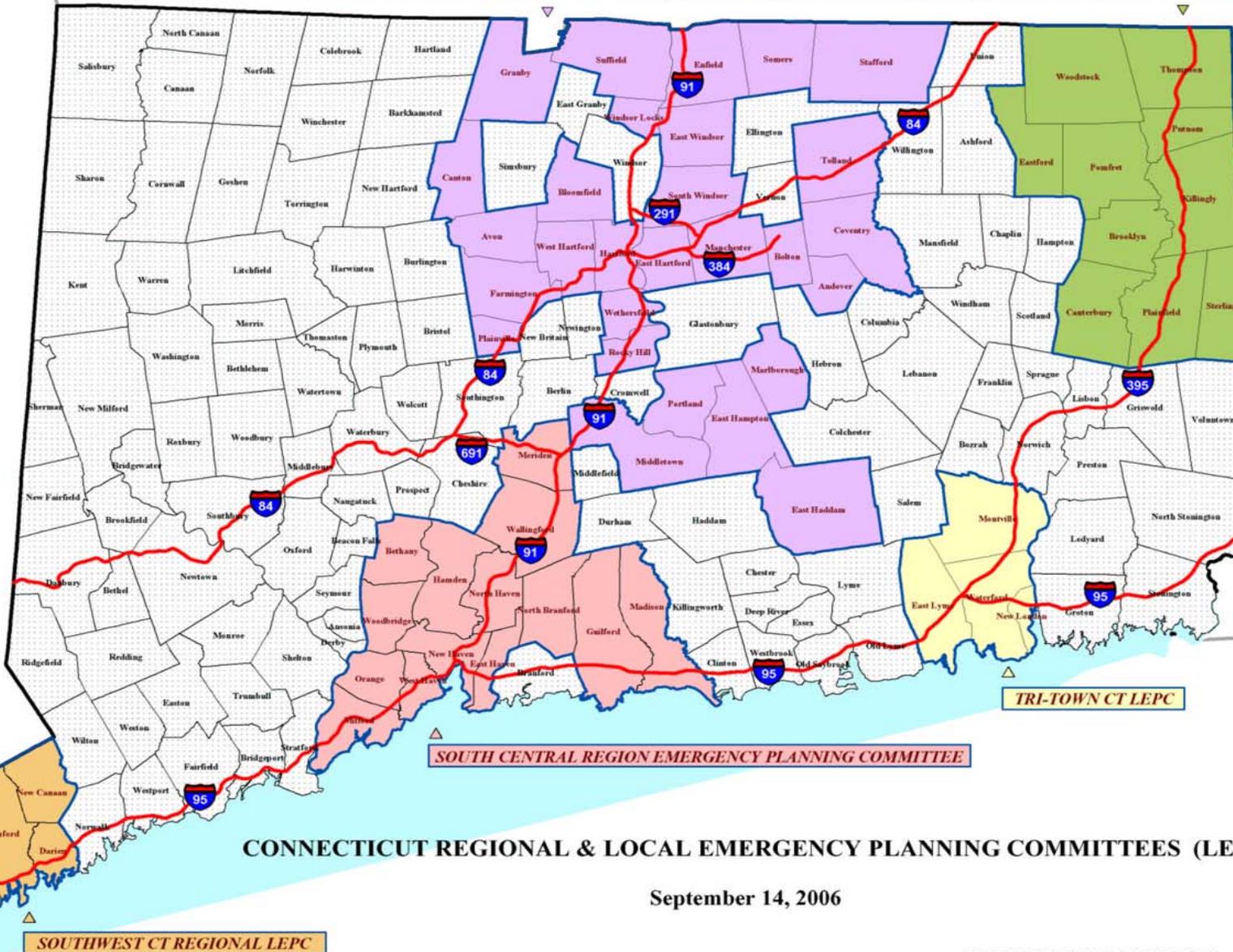
CAPITOL REGION EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

NORTHEASTERN CT REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE



NEW YORK

RHODE ISLAND



TRI-TOWN CT LEPC

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

SOUTHWEST CT REGIONAL LEPC

CONNECTICUT REGIONAL & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES (LEPCs)

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LEPC Membership

- Community Citizen Groups
- Elected Officials
- Homeland Security
- Emergency Management
- Environmental
- Fire Service
- First Aid/Health
- Hospital
- Law Enforcement
- Media
- Facilities Owners and Operators
- Transportation

LEPC

Roles and Responsibilities

- Appoint Chairperson
- Establish Committee Rules
- Establish procedures for receipt and distribution of chemical information
- Develop, review and update annually
Emergency Response Plan

LEPC Roles and Responsibilities

continued

- Publish public notice annually announcing Emergency Plan and chemical information is available
- Evaluate and make recommendation with regard to resources for plan development, maintenance, and implementation.

Local Emergency Plan Components

- Identification of facilities and transportation routes involving extremely hazardous substances
- On-site and off-site emergency response procedures
- Designation of a community coordinator and facility coordinator to implement the plan

Local Emergency Plan

Components *continued*

- Methods for determining the occurrence of a release and the probable affected area and population.
- Description of community and industry emergency equipment and facilities and the identify of persons responsible for them.
- Evacuation plans.

Local Emergency Plan

Components *continued*

- Training programs including schedules for training of local emergency response and medical personnel
- Methods and schedules for exercising emergency response plans

Grants

U.S. Department of Transportation

- Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant. “Planning and Training Activities”

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) “HAZMAT Responder Training, Exercises, SERC Conference”

Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (CEPP) Grant (EPA)

- Improve environmental quality by fostering communications between the SERC, LEPCs and stakeholders “Update EPCRA Guidance for CT LEPC Manual Update”

Websites

- **Statutory References:** Connecticut General Statutes, Title 22a - Chapter 446l: Sections 22a-600 through 22a-611. Connecticut General Assembly website at prdbasis.cga.state.ct.us/2003/pub/Chap446l.htm
- **State Emergency Response Commission** web homepage at <http://www.ct.gov/serc>
- **Environmental Protection Agency** website at www.epa.gov/osweb
- **The National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials** website at www.nasttpo.org
- **Commission on Fire Prevention and Control** website at www.ct.gov/cfpc/site/default.asp

**Telephone Hotlines -
Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know**

**Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know (EPCRA) Hotline**

(800) 424-9346 or

(703) 412-9810

TDD (800) 553-7672

Monday-Friday, 9 am to 6 pm, EST

Accidental Release Notification

Section 304 Requirements

- Unless exempted, a release of an EHS or CERCLA hazardous substance above the reportable quantity must be reported. (If no reportable quantity has been established, the amount will be 1 lb.)
- Immediately report to DEP/SERC, LEPC and NRC (Transportation related incident reporting requirement can be satisfied by calling 911).
- Follow up report must be submitted to the NRC.

Connecticut General Statutes 22a-450

Reporting a Spill

To report a spill, call 860-424-3338 or Toll Free 1-866-DEP-SPIL (1-866-377-7745)

All spills must be reported immediately by phone . Reporting Requirements for Pollution Incidents at

www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/oilspill/report.htm

- Responsibility for Cleaning of Spill Posing an Environmental Threat at

www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/oilspill/resp.htm

Local Fire Marshal Requirement

- **Connecticut General Statutes 29-307a**
for a copy of the statutes at
www.cga.state.ct.us/2003/pub/Chap541.htm#Sec29-307a.htm
- Manufacturing establishments must notify the local Fire Marshal of the presence of any hazardous material (Call local Fire Marshal).

Compliance with the Laws

- Section 311 of the federal law and 22a-609 of the CGS.
- Section 312 of the federal law and 22a-610 of the CGS.
- Section 313 of the federal law and 22a-611 of the CGS.
- For further information, instructions and forms go to the SERC homepage at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/serc/index.htm>

Section 311 and 22a-609 MSDS Reporting Requirements

Unless exempted these requirements apply to:

- Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) in quantities greater than the TPQ or 500 lbs
- 10,000 lbs. or more of a hazardous chemical as defined under OSHA

Section 311 and 22a-609 Submittals

Compliance

Facilities must submit a MSDS or a list of chemicals to the SERC, LEPC and local fire department no later than 3 months after a hazardous chemical becomes present at the facility or if there is new information discovered relative to a hazardous chemical.

Section 312 and 22a-610

Tier II Inventory

Reporting Requirements

- If you are subject to the Section 311 reporting requirements, owners or operators must also submit an annual Tier II report which requires an inventory your facility's hazardous chemicals and identification of storage locations.
- The Tier II report form “Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory” and instructions are available on the U.S. EPA website at yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/ceppoweb.nsf/content/tier2.htm

Section 312 and 22a-610

Tier II Inventory

Submittals

Compliance

- You must submit a completed Tier II report to the SERC, your LEPC, and the fire department who has jurisdiction over the facility each year **by March 1**.
- SERC strongly encourages owners and operators to submit electronic report, known as the Tier2Submit. (Please note: The Tier II report is different than the State Fire Marshal's form.)

Section 313 and 22a-611 Toxic Release Inventory Reporting Requirements

- Primary purpose is to inform communities and citizens of chemical hazards in their areas.
- The law requires EPA and the states to annually collect data on releases and transfers of certain toxic chemicals from industrial facilities, and make the data available to the public in the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI).

Section 313 and 22a-611 Toxic Release Reporting Requirements

Manufacturing facilities with Standard Industrial Classification Code 2000-3999 WITH 10 or more full time employees or the equivalent THAT manufacture, process or import more than 25,000 lbs of a toxic chemical listed in 40CFR372.65 otherwise use more than 10,000 lbs listed on the toxic chemical list in 40CFR372.65. For reporting year 2006, facility owners will be using NAICs codes in place of SIC codes.

Section 313 and 22a-611 Toxic Release Inventory Submittals

Compliance

- EPA has TRI-ME software to assist the users. The CD-Rom with the *TRI-ME* software is available to download from www.epa.gov/tri/report/trime/index.htm.
- Report must be must be submitted every **July 1** to the CT SERC and Federal EPA in Washington, D.C.

Further Information

The Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division provides technical and clerical assistance to the SERC. For further information visit the SERC homepage at <http://www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/serc/index.htm>



Call the SERC at
(860) 424-3373