

Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

Taylor County Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Program

The Hazardous Materials Program is coordinated by Taylor County Emergency Management and includes direction of the Taylor County Local Emergency Planning Committee. The program involves compliance with SARA Title III planning and record keeping, available training for public safety agencies, community outreaches on hazardous materials issues and other mandated requirements. SARA Title III also covers facilities certain threshold quantities of hazardous materials.

Emergency Planning And Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA)

EPCRA (Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act or SARA Title III) was passed in 1986 and requires:

- Development of plans for response to accidental releases.
- Immediate notification of public officials when a release occurs.
- Making chemical hazard and inventory data available to the public.
- Making toxic chemical release information available to the public.
- The establishment of a Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) helps to implement and oversee compliance.

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for Taylor County reviews plans for mitigation, response and recovery from hazardous materials releases resulting in an emergency. Representation on the committee comes from:

- Fire Service
- Law Enforcement
- Local Industry
- Public Health
- Local Government Officials
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hospitals
- Community Groups
- Citizen Representatives

Hazardous Materials Facilities in the Taylor County LEPC Jurisdiction

Tier II reports are required under SARA Title III by March 1st each year for the prior calendar year. Any facility with inventories over the threshold planning quantity must complete these forms and send copies to the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and the local fire department.

[EPCRA Information](#)

Off-site plans include:

- facility name and location
- name of facility emergency planning coordinator with 24 hr. contact phone number
- list of primary emergency responders
- list of resources available from/at facility
- list of outside resources available
- hazard analysis of the facility with a vulnerability zone for release of EHS stored at facility, identification of special facilities (i.e., schools, hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, etc.) within the zone
- population protection procedures (sheltering and evacuation) and attachments.

Visit [WHOPRS](#) (Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System) to get the most current information.