

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 Facilities in Wisconsin

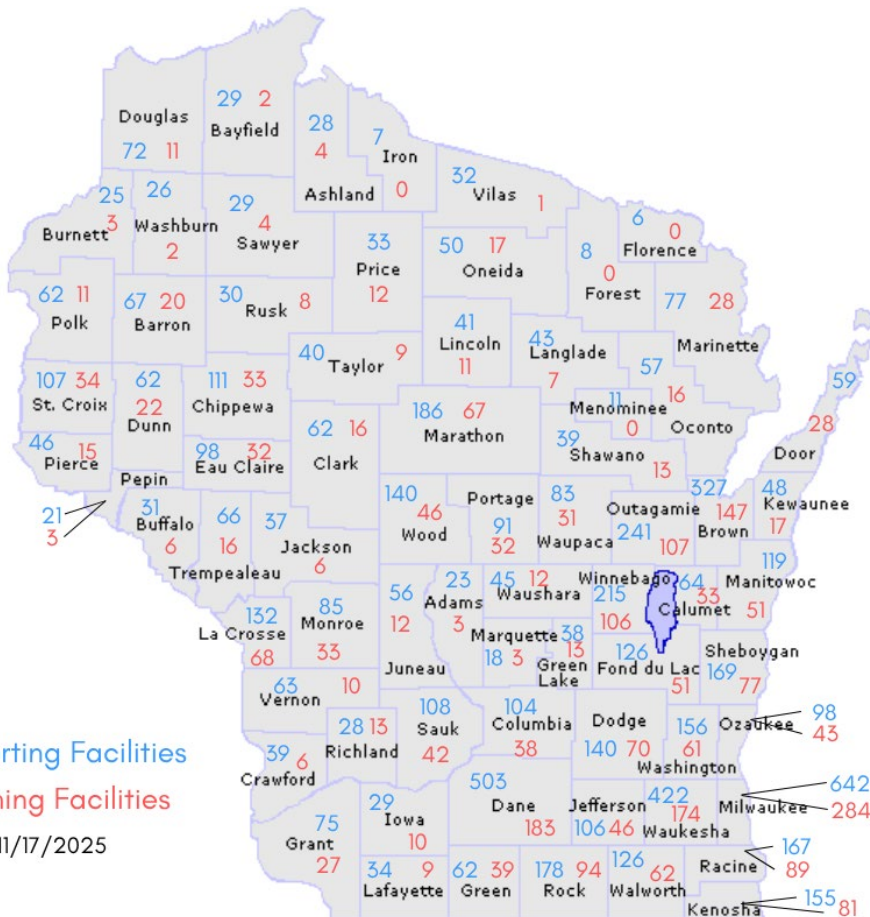
Reporting Facility – a facility that has a hazardous chemical present in quantities that equal or exceed 10,000 pounds and for extremely hazardous substances present in quantities that equal or exceed 500 pounds or the threshold planning quantity, whichever is less (EPCRA Section 311/312)

Planning Facility – a facility that has an extremely hazardous substance present in amounts that equal or exceed the chemical-specific threshold planning quantity (EPCRA Section 302)

Did You Know?

Wisconsin has about 6,943 Reporting Facilities and 2,681 Planning Facilities.

For more info on EPCRA in Wisconsin: [WEM EPCRA](#)



Reporting Facilities
Planning Facilities

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Grant Deadlines & Upcoming Funding

- **2025 Computer & HazMat Equipment Grant (CHREG)** – Performance period ends December 31, 2025
Program & Fiscal Reports due January 31, 2026
- **2025 EPCRA Planning Grant** – Program & Fiscal Closeout due on January 31, 2026
- **Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grants** including HazMat Core & Specialized Training, Commodity Flow Study, and HazMat Exercise– Applications due December 8, 2025

Training/Conference

- New Director’s Series Module B: Hazmat Overview for LEPCs – please contact Steve Fenske directly to schedule at Steve.Fenske@widma.gov
- WAHMR (WI Association of Hazardous Material Responders) Conference – March 4-5, 2026 – Stevens Point, WI [WAHMR - Conference Registration](#)
- 2026 Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security – March 23-25, 2026 – Madison Marriot West, Middleton, WI
- LEPC Pre-Conference offering – March 23, 2026 – Madison Marriot West, Middleton, WI
- [Ammonia Safety Day Expo](#) – April 23, 2026 – Waukesha, 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](#)
- [NASTTPO](#)

2026 LEPC Pre-Conference Offering: LEPC Resilience & Engagement

LEPC 101/201 - [Agenda DRAFT](#)

The Wisconsin Emergency Management Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) team along with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Best Practices Workgroup is pleased to present a LEPC Resilience & Engagement session as pre-conference training at the Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security in Middleton, Wisconsin on March 23, 2026. Tim Gablehouse, Past President of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO), will be presenting LEPC 101 and 201.

LEPC 101 introduces the attendee to EPCRA focusing on LEPCs as a foundational element of how the statute is implemented. Adopted in the aftermath of a hazmat incident in Bhopal, India, EPCRA mandates community-based hazardous materials preparedness.

The second part of the program, LEPC 201, builds on these introductory principles to help attendees better understand the complex legal landscape in which emergency preparedness effort's function. It begins with an overview of the community emergency preparedness planning and response legal environment and the liability of government/volunteer groups for planning shortfalls.

Attendees will learn about the national trend of utilizing LEPCs as a foundational element of community preparedness planning and the tools available to minimize the risk of liability to emergency planners and local governments.

All Wisconsin LEPCs are encouraged to send one LEPC member to this. One night of lodging will be provided per County LEPC. In addition, we must follow the 50-mile rule, therefore, counties within 50 miles will not be eligible for lodging. It is our goal to host a Statewide LEPC seminar once every three years (which aligns with the three-year HMEP grant cycle), and to continue as funding allows. **Counties will be notified once Registration is Open. We encourage everyone to register early, as space will be limited.** Points of contacts for this will be Anita.Smith@widma.gov and Melissa.Johnson@widma.gov.

This seminar is brought to you by U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT), Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) using Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) funds.

2026 WAHMR Conference

The WAHMR (Wisconsin Association Hazardous Material Responders) conference is being held on March 4 and 5 in 2026. It will be held at Stevens Point Holiday Inn Conference Center. Not only does the conference help with continuing education for responders, but it also offers topics that LEPC members would find interesting and helpful. Some 2026 upcoming topics include: Responding to Battery Emergencies, Public Health and Hazmat, Dangerous Mail investigations, and Rail Incidents. You can find more information at [WAHMR](#).

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 2026. If you have ideas that you would like to share, please reach out to [Darlene Pintarro](#). Let's work together here in Wisconsin!

LEPC Workgroup Membership

The LEPC Workgroup has experienced some changes in statewide representation. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Phil Rentmeester at Phil.Rentmeester@marathoncounty.gov.

CHREG Grant Guidance Group

The Computer and Hazmat Response Equipment Grant (CHREG) now has a Guidance Subgroup led by Phil Rentmeester (Marathon County), and facilitated by the state EPCRA Program Manager, Dave Radisewitz. This subgroup was formed to evaluate the specifics of the Grant administered by the state. For general feedback, please contact Phil Rentmeester at Phil.Rentmeester@marathoncounty.gov.