

LEPC Exercises

Exercises must involve hazmat response to be considered an LEPC exercise

Exercises must test the plan (or component of the plan) for the county; or region if the hazmat plan is regionally based

Exercises should be progressive by year

- Year 1 - Seminar or Workshop (ex: Hazmat Plan points of contact validation, how to handle a facility chemical inventory or response plan request)
- Year 2 - Tabletop Exercise (TTX)
- Years 3 & 4 - Functional Exercise (tests a specific different area of the plan each year)
- Year 5 - Full Scale Exercise

Minimum requirements for TTX or full scale exercise

- Notification & Warning
- Communications
- Coordination and control
- Public safety (evacuation/shelter in-place)
- Resource management

Sample objectives

- Examine key response challenges associated with a hazardous Chemical release/spill
- Become familiar with resources and agencies that would respond to a hazmat incident
- Identify gaps and shortfalls in current hazmat plans, policies and procedures
- Identify and share best practices and lessons learned
- Develop innovative and practical applications
- Improve understanding of complexities and enhance local response effectiveness

PAM Exercises may be used to satisfy LEPC requirements if it tests the county (or region) plan

Information to provide to MERC

- Exercise objectives
- Signed attendance roster
- After actions report / Improvement plan

Sample TTXs are available by contacting the MERC