



What we are and what we do

WHY?

- Created as a stakeholder group to represent the interests of those that collect, use and rely on the data generated from EPCRA.
- Protect the principle of community right-to-know
- Promote effective emergency preparedness at the community level
 - Support under-resourced communities
 - Promote all-hazards planning



MEMBERS

- Public and Private sector
- People with EPCRA related interests & responsibilities
- Examples:
 - Members/staff of SERCs, TERCs, LEPCs
 - Various federal agencies
 - Private industry
 - State, tribal, & local government employees
 - Law, fire and EMS 1st responders
 - Various trade associations
 - General public



ROLE OF MEMBERS

- Members do not necessarily represent their employers when advocating positions – they represent NASTTPO
- Advocate collective positions to agencies and Congress



WHITE PAPERS & GUIDANCE

■ TOPICS OF INTEREST TO
SERCs/TERCs/LEPCs

■ EXAMPLES:

■ MEASURING SUCCESS

■ PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

■ PROGRAMMATIC GUIDANCE

■ CFATS – ROLE OF LEPCs & SERCs

■ LEPC ROLE IN ALL-HAZARDS PLANNING

■ COORDINATION & COOPERATION WITH
FACILITIES









ADVOCACY

- ROUTINELY COMMENT ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS & AGENCY GUIDANCE
- PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS
- TESTIFY TO CONGRESS
- EXAMPLE TOPICS:
 - RISK MANAGEMENT PLANNING
 - CONFINED ANIMAL RELEASE REPORTING
 - REQUIREMENTS OF THE HMEP GRANT
 - DRINKING WATER UTILITY EMERGENCY PLANNING
 - CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD INVESTIGATIONS
 - CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM PROGRAM
 - RAILROAD EMERGENCY PLANNING



FEDERAL PARTNERS

ROUTINELY ENGAGE

-  VARIOUS US EPA COMPONENTS
-  VARIOUS US EPA REGIONS
-  PHMSA (HMEP AND VARIOUS GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS SUCH AS THOSE RUN BY IAFC)
-  FRA (FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION)
-  DHS – CFATS
-  DHS - FEMA



MEMBER UPDATES

- UPCOMING CONFERENCES
- PROPOSED AND FINAL
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY INITIATIVES
- NEW AND PROPOSED REGULATIONS
- AGENCY ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES
- LITIGATION INVOLVING SERCs/LEPCs
- GENERAL LEGAL MATTERS OF INTEREST
- ROUTINE EMAIL COMMUNICATION ON NEW
DEVELOPMENTS



OUTREACH





- PROVIDE SPEAKERS TO REGIONAL/STATE LEPC AND HAZMAT RESPONSE CONFERENCES
- PARTICIPATE IN INDIVIDUAL SERC AND LEPC MEETINGS AS REQUESTED
- EXTENSIVE EMAIL EXCHANGE WITH SMEs



TWO ANNUAL CONFERENCES

AGENDA TYPICAL INCLUDES

AGENCY UPDATES

-  US EPA
-  PHMSA – HMEP
-  CFATS
-  CSB

LEGAL & REGULATORY UPDATES

LESSONS LEARNED & SUCCESS EXAMPLES

