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 NASTTPPO
- 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