



## FUNDING REQUESTS

The Greenville County LEPC receives funding through County Ordinance #4295, which enacts a hazardous substance user fee on facilities that house hazardous substances above the threshold planning quantity established by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The ordinance states that all funds collected are to be used exclusively for hazardous substance safety purposes, including training, equipment, and public awareness materials/education.

Funding requests can be submitted through the Emergency Management website ([www.gceoc.com](http://www.gceoc.com)). Requests are evaluated based on:

- Objective
- Impact
- Need
- Value



## EMERGENCY ALERTS

To ensure the citizens of Greenville County can be warned in the event of a hazardous material spill or release, a portion of the LEPC budget funds an emergency alert system. The system can quickly alert those who may be impacted by an incident and give them important safety instructions.

**Greenville County residents can register and customize their alerts by visiting the Emergency Management website ([www.gceoc.com](http://www.gceoc.com)) and clicking the link to sign up for alerts.**



## GREENVILLE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

## WHAT WE DO

The Greenville County LEPC strives to develop emergency plans to educate, communicate, and protect the local community in case of a hazardous materials emergency. The LEPC also collects inventories of regulated chemicals each year.

The LEPC fosters partnerships between local industries and government agencies as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness.

The LEPC also plays a role in community education, providing information regarding citizen response to hazardous materials incidents, health and environmental planning, and environmental risks.



## PURPOSE

Many of the chemicals, solvents, and other substances used every day in industry, farming, household cleaning, and even for purifying our drinking water can pose a potential hazard. When used properly, and stored safely, we seldom hear of a problem. However, accidents, fires and unforeseen circumstances do happen.

Greenville County's industrial capacity and network of interstate highways and railways result in vulnerabilities to hazardous materials releases from both moving and stationary sources.

The mission of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is to protect the community from the harmful and possibly life-threatening effects of a hazardous materials release by developing and implementing policies and procedures for complying with the Emergency Planning and Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III).

## MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

The LEPC holds quarterly meetings that are open to anyone interested in hazardous material safety. Members of the LEPC come from the public and private sectors and are familiar with environmental and public safety issues. Through networking and information sharing, the members of the LEPC create valuable partnerships. These partnerships are instrumental in developing and implementing emergency action plans for hazardous materials incidents.

To join the LEPC, visit the Greenville County Emergency Management website ([www.gceoc.com](http://www.gceoc.com)) and type "LEPC" into the search bar.

