

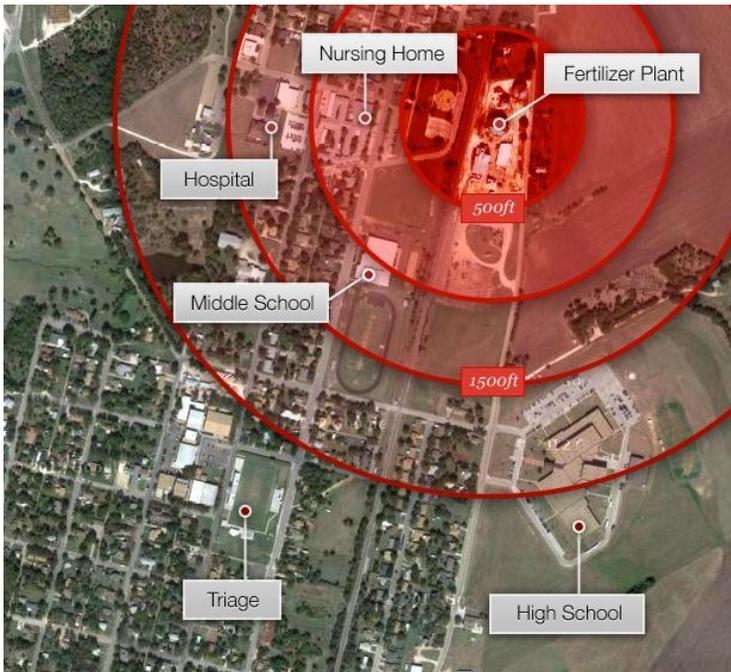
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Commentary



Considered to be the worst disaster the Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has ever seen, the April 17, 2013 West Fertilizer Company in West, Texas explosion resulted in 15 people dead, at least 200 injured, 75 homes damaged, evacuation of 133 patients from a nursing home by responders, a five-mile evacuation cordon, and at least \$100 million in damages from 50 tons of a non-EPA regulated chemical called ammonium nitrate.

Used for enhancing agricultural crops, this chemical has historically also been used as a terrorist component and domestically demonstrated in combination with fuel oil by the April 19, 1995 Alfred P. Murrah Federal building explosion in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where 50-pound bags were purchased in McPherson, Kansas. The April 16, 1947 Texas City explosion from two ships carrying ammonium nitrate was equally devastating, and in Toulouse, France a plant explosion on September 21, 2001 resulted in 30 dead and 2,500 injured.

CBS News

Canada recently added the chemical to its most highly regulated dangerous chemicals list in 2011. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires reporting of storages of one ton or greater, but no such regulation from the EPA that lists 356 chemicals as extremely hazardous but not ammonium nitrate. A 2002 request by the CSB to the EPA to include ammonium nitrate in the list was ignored, and after the recent West, Texas explosion, the EPA is still unsure whether it will consider adding the chemical to the reportable listing.

Around the Region

Kingman County LEPC

May 14, 2013 – Kingman County Activity Center



Lt Dustin Goetz showing the new HazMat truck serving the 19-county South Central Kansas region.

A couple of years ago the South Central Regional Homeland Security Council approved funding of this purchase for a new hazmat vehicle. The cost was \$480,000. The truck services a 19 county region. It takes a 5 person crew to handle a call for response. It takes extensive training to become a hazmat technician. Emergency Management would be the normal routing to request a need if ever an incident warranted this unit. It takes approximately an hour to begin travel and response to a call for duty. There is no cost for use of this unit if it is a State approved emergency such as Greensburg was several years ago.

Sedgwick County LEPC

May 2, 2013 – Public Safety Building, Emergency Operations Center

Item 1: Hazardous Chemicals in the Region

A short overview of the types of common hazardous materials (i.e. anhydrous ammonia and chlorine) was presented along with planning considerations of risk versus vulnerability to populations. A map showing pipelines in the region along with release scenarios from facilities having extremely hazardous substances (EHS) reportable under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 (EPCRA). The south central Kansas regional hazard analysis containing further information on this and all hazards can be found at http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/emergmgmt/planning/regional_hazards_plan.pdf.

Item 2: Critical Infrastructure Protection

Mr. Chuck Clanahan, Protective Security Advisor for the Kansas District - DHS Infrastructure Protection Directorate, mentioned there will be a 4-hour improvised explosive device training course to be held at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, Kansas May 29, 2013 and can be found at <http://trncal.kletc.net/NewTrn/detail.php?pnumber=2732>.

He also noted that schools in particular are lacking emergency plans, especially those in Missouri. Mr. Clanahan also covered the Automated Critical Asset Management System (ACAMS) and suggested that public and private facilities consider using this resource to help them not only in emergency planning but day-to-day operations. ACAMS is administered by the DHS and is a secure website accessible from any location with proper credentials. Users are required to go through Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) training to access sensitive information on ACAMS. Further information is below:

ACAMS: <http://www.dhs.gov/automated-critical-asset-management-system-acams>

PCII: <http://www.dhs.gov/protected-critical-infrastructure-information-pcii-program>

Item 3: Sedgwick County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Mr. Barry Carroll, Sedgwick County MRC Coordinator, mentioned that there is one tandem axle trailer at Mid Continent Airport with supplies to set up a 20 bed alternate care site in an existing structure and also serves as the Airports Mass Casualty Trailer with 50 back boards, medical treatment kits and patient moving equipment.

Policies and LEPCs

According to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, there are 53 LEPCs of the 105 counties that have conducted at least one meeting in the past year, and 59 that have LEPC appointment letters. Johnson, Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties do not have individual LEPCs since they are part of the Mid-America Regional Council area. Submit LEPC minutes to Harry Heintzelman to ensure the following map is kept current.

So, what are the federal requirements in regards to having an LEPC?

42 USC 116 §11001(c) – Establishment of local emergency planning committees

Not later than 30 days after designation of emergency planning districts or 10 months after October 17, 1986, whichever is earlier, the State emergency response commission shall appoint members of a local emergency planning committee for each emergency planning district. Each committee shall include, at a minimum, representatives from each of the following groups or organizations: elected State and local officials; law enforcement, civil defense, firefighting, first aid, health, local environmental, hospital, and transportation personnel; broadcast and print media; community groups; and owners and operators of facilities subject to the requirements of this subchapter. Such committee shall appoint a chairperson and shall establish rules by which the committee shall function. Such rules shall include for



2013 Region 7 LEPC/TERC Emergency Planning & Response Conference July 25-27, 2013, Overland Park, Kansas

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Breakout session tracks include IAFC Response to Rail Incidents, LEPC Basics, LEPC Coordination with Industry, Health and Medical, and Preparedness for Public Safety. A discussion-based exercise focused on reviewing local emergency response plans, with stakeholder participation from responders, emergency managers, private sector, state emergency response commissions, tribal emergency response commissions/committees, volunteer agencies,

federal partners and others. This year we will hold a two-part exercise. In the first session, we'll have three subject matter experts on SARA Title III programs, including SME's from the private sector and the SARA Program office. The second part will be interactive, using response plans as a focus of our discussion. The goal of the exercise is to improve the overall readiness of emergency response planning by validating emergency plans and procedures, to reveal strengths and weaknesses, and to prepare personnel for planning a response to real world events.

<http://www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/>

Also, the awards committee is accepting nominations for LEPCs/TERCs and industries that are actively involved in their community risk reduction, planning and prevention activities.

<http://www.marc.org/gti/lepc-terc/awards.htm>

2013 Kansas Preparedness and Human Services in Disaster Summit July 26-27, 2013 Wichita, Kansas



This conference has been offered yearly to provide training for Citizen Corps groups, emergency management professionals, human services in disaster professionals, and voluntary organizations active in disaster to increase the foundation, knowledge, and response capability of human services in disaster professionals and organizations in the State. This conference will provide multiple general sessions in addition to over 20 breakout sessions in specialty focus areas such as disaster recovery, citizen

preparedness, psychological first aid, volunteer and donations management, and many other topics.

Scope

This conference encompasses a broad spectrum of foundations level training for Citizen Corps groups, emergency management professionals, human services in disaster professionals, and voluntary organizations active in disaster.

Purpose

The purpose of this conference is to provide necessary training to Citizen Corps groups, emergency management professionals, human services in disaster professionals, and voluntary organizations active in disaster to increase the foundation, knowledge, and response capability of human service in disaster professionals and organizations in the State.

<http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=545>

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