

EPCRA Requirements for LEPC Members

29 Ill. Adm. Code 620.50(a)

The local emergency planning committee shall, at a minimum, be composed of representatives from the following groups or organizations: Each of the constituencies listed herein should be represented equally on the committee. The intent is a well-balanced committee that is not dominated by anyone single constituency or interest group.

- Representatives of state and local elected officials: Elected officials should only be listed as LEPC members with their consent and agreement that they will attend meetings. It may be more practical for an elected official to have a staff person or a member of the local community represent that official on the LEPC.
- Local environmental groups: Individuals with a genuine interest in the environmental impact from hazardous material use, storage, transportation, and emissions are intended to fill this category. An environmental engineer employed by regulated facility or an environmental consultant would likely have a conflict of interest due to a relationship with industry and, therefore, should not be appointed to the LEPC as an environmental representative but may serve as a representative of industry (see the last entry, below).
- Law enforcement: This includes all police agencies within the planning district.
- Hospital: A representative of the hospital/hospitals located within the planning district or of the hospital serving the community if none exists within the district.
- Local government ESDA: Representative of an ESDA established by ordinance.
- Transportation: Representative of an entity with experience transporting large numbers of people for input when developing evacuation plans.
- Firefighting: Representative of responding fire departments within the planning district.
- Broadcast and print media: A media representative is invaluable in advising the LEPC on news releases, public education and outreach goals and initiatives.
- First aid or emergency medical service: Representative of responder emergency medical services.
- Community groups: Representatives of community groups, including the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, church service groups and Parent-Teacher Organizations. Members of the general public could also serve in this category.
- Health: County or city health departments or Visiting Nurse Association representatives would be valuable in identifying at-risk populations.
- Industry representatives, owners and operators of Regulated Facilities.