

Annual Report 2024



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OVERVIEW

LEPC Committee Members

- *Chairperson: Chief Brandon Wade, Corpus Christi Fire Department*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Joseph Cantu, Valero Refining Texas LP*
- *Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Wolf, Corpus Christi Fire Department*
- *Local Emergency Planning Committee Program Manager: Joanne Salge*
- *Local Emergency Planning Committee Management Assistant: Victoria Harrison*

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is supported by the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County and the Port of Corpus Christi Authority through a five (5) year Interlocal Agreement, which remains in effect.



During the 2024 calendar year, the City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) carried out its goal of educating the citizens of Nueces County regarding potentially hazardous chemicals in the community. The LEPC instructs citizens on what actions to take during a chemical emergency to protect themselves and their families by utilizing concepts such as Shelter-in-Place and/or evacuation. These initiatives also include knowing where to find and how to receive information during a chemical emergency.

In addition to public education, the LEPC continues to fulfill its statutory duty as set forth in the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) to collect and maintain annual Tier II chemical inventory information from facilities in Corpus Christi and Nueces County that use, store and/or produce hazardous chemicals. The LEPC responds to public requests, as well as first responders, by providing Tier II information when appropriate.

OVERVIEW

Through scheduled meetings, the LEPC provides information to the public on topics regarding chemical safety. In 2024, the average meeting attendance for LEPC General Meetings was approximately 34.

General Committee 2024					
January 2, 2024	March 5, 2024	May 7, 2024	July 2, 2024	September 3, 2024	November 5, 2024
24	35	34	43	32	35
Total:	203				
Total Average:	33.8				



LEPC General Meetings from 2024

During LEPC General Meetings, presentations were given by:

- January: John Bray, Port Security Specialist, USCG Sector CC
- March: Jesse Torres, TX 811, Damage Prevention Manager
- May: Sharon Bailey Murphy, Executive Director, Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership
- July: Dee Hawkins (Nueces County EMC) and Jace Johnson (City of Corpus Christi EMC) 2024 Hurricane Preparedness
- September: Lynn Allison, Public Information Officer, Harbor Bridge Project Construction Update
- November: Mike Griffin, Emergency Management Specialist, Texas State Aquarium, Wildlife Rescue Center

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

- *Chairperson: Amanda Wolf, City of Corpus Christi Fire Department*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Danielle Hale, Port of Corpus Christi Authority*

The Finance Subcommittee oversees the annual operating budget and grant programs. The annual LEPC budget of 141,589.42 for fiscal year 2023-2024 was approved by the Corpus Christi City Council. These funds were provided through donations from entities within Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

A revised LEPC contribution schedule, created by an Ad Hoc Finance Committee in 2019 and implemented the same year, was again followed in 2024. Donations are being requested from Tier II reporting facilities, as well as facilities not subject to Tier II reporting requirements but subject to federal contingency planning requirements. Since the new contribution schedule was adopted, donations to the LEPC have been maintained and/or increased.



Thanks to the LEPC's industrial partner, Plains All American Pipeline, the Corpus Christi Fire Department received a donation of **\$4,000** through the Plains First Responder Grant Program. The funds were used to purchase equipment for CCFD's Hazmat Team

Grant Donations- Hazmat

Additional Gifts/Grants:

- Helping Heroes- FHR \$3,500
- Cheniere Donations- \$8,743.59
- Howard Energy Partners- \$5,000

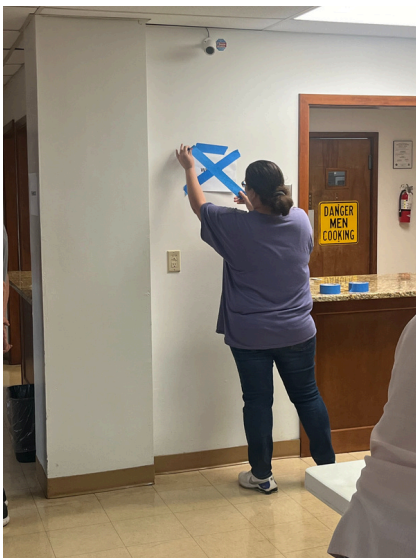


RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Chairperson: Sharon Bailey Murphy, Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership
- Vice-Chairperson: Phillip Woods, Citizen Representative

The Subcommittee continues to work in cooperation with local business and industry to improve awareness regarding chemical emergencies and safety, as follows:

- The LEPC presented to the Corpus Christi Community Advisory Council (CCCAC) in February, as well as provided a hands-on activity for the group and informational materials to the CCCAC in October. Joanne Salge shared information on what precautions to take during a chemical emergency. The audience was then able to demonstrate what to do in a chemical release scenario.



RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

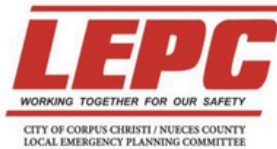
- The LEPC web page, www.cclepc.org



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Welcome to the website for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee!

The Primary Mission of the LEPC: To reduce risk and provide emergency response planning for chemical and hazardous material releases. The LEPC is dedicated to public education and awareness, especially in local schools.



A Local Emergency Planning Committee or LEPC, is a partnership between citizens, local government and industry to enhance hazardous materials preparedness. LEPCs are mandated organizations that consist of emergency responders, industry, government, education, media and community groups.

LEPCs were established to carry out the requirements of the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (or EPCRA, also known as the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), Title III) and related regulations for emergency response planning. EPCRA helps to provide notification and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses and releases into the environment.



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Local Emergency Planning Committees provide for joint emergency planning, training and public outreach within the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County, Texas. As a result, communities working with industry are better able to protect public health and the environment.

Explore this website for information on preparing an emergency kit, sheltering-in-place, evacuation and signing up for ReverseAlert, along with tools for educators, industry tools and useful links.

Get In Touch!

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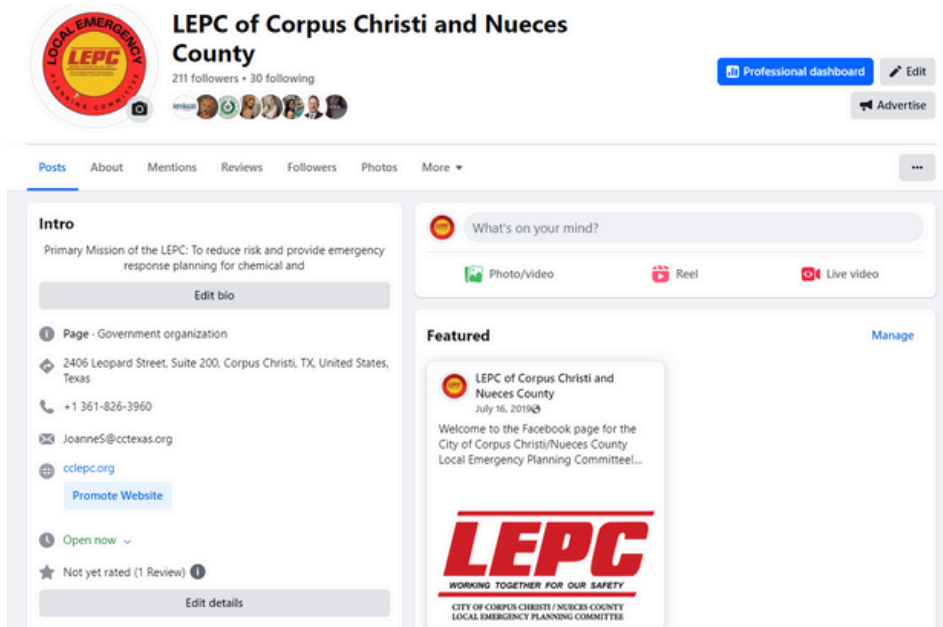


Our Mission

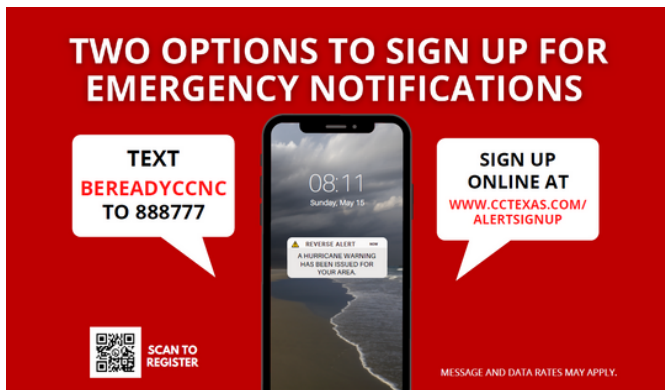
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RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The LEPC Facebook page - LEPC of Corpus Christi and Nueces County -
<https://www.facebook.com/LEPCCCNC>



Reverse Alert



REVERSEALERT



REVERSEALERT



ReverseAlert Information Card

Participation in ReverseAlert, an emergency notification system, increased 27,896 opt-in participants in 2023 to 28,586 opt-in participants in 2024, an increase of 690 participants. The participation in the Nixle App increased from 2,384 to 6,293, an increase of 3,909 users. During the year, industry alerts were sent out through the ReverseAlert system. The LEPC provided ReverseAlert cards for distribution throughout the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County.

In 2024, 79 industry alerts were sent out.

- Cheniere: 31
- CITGO: 16
- Flint Hills Resources: 10
- Lyondellbasell/Equistar Pipeline: 8
- HEP Javelina: 7
- EPIC: 4
- Magellan/ONEOK: 2
- Valero: 1

RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The LEPC reached out to several area school districts to include a brief survey in the back-to-school parent packet with 5 questions. We collaborated with the Education Service Center. The districts contacted: Agua Dulce ISD, Banquette ISD, Bishop ISD, Calallen ISD, Corpus Christi ISD, Driscoll ISD, London ISD, Port Aransas ISD, Robstown ISD, School of Science and Technology, Tulosso-Midway ISD, and West Oso ISD. The survey was sent via OSHA's distribution list (Marianne McGee), Education Service Center (Chief Rocha) and the 2-1-1 distribution list (Janna Shoe). The Survey was also available on Facebook for our followers to complete. A QR code was created to be able to get responses directly back to us. The survey results were not significant.



**2024
COMMUNITY
SURVEY**

**IT ONLY TAKES
TWO MINUTES OF
YOUR TIME!**

THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI -
NUECES COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING
COMMITTEE IS WORKING HARD TO
SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.

YOUR INPUT AND CONCERNS ARE
IMPORTANT TO US. PLEASE USE THE QR
CODE BELOW TO ACCESS THE SURVEY.


Check out our website to learn
more about your Local Emergency
Planning Committee
CCLEPC.ORG



The flyer features a red and dark blue background. At the top, the text '2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY' is written in large white letters. Below this, it says 'IT ONLY TAKES TWO MINUTES OF YOUR TIME!' next to a clock icon. The middle section contains text about the City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee. A QR code is shown with a red dashed arrow pointing to it. To the right, there is a photo of a group of people standing in a circle outdoors. At the bottom, there is a red rounded rectangle with text and the LEPC logo.

Facebook Survey Flyer with QR Code

RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE




BACK TO SCHOOL
2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY

THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE IS WORKING HARD TO SERVE AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN FILL OUT OUR QUICK SURVEY.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY



WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR SAFETY
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The mission of the City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County LEPC is to reduce risk and provide emergency response planning for chemical and hazardous materials releases. The LEPC is dedicated to public education and awareness, especially in our schools.

Are you aware of a local organization known as the Local Emergency Planning Committee?

Yes No

Are you familiar with the Reverse Alert Notification System?

Yes No

Do you have Reverse Alert?

Yes No

What types of incidents involving hazardous materials are you concerned with?


(Please specify) _____

Do you think the community is prepared for a hazardous materials incident?

Yes No

Do you know how to shelter in place in a chemical emergency?

Yes No



Thank you for taking the time to complete our community survey.
City of Corpus Christi - Local Emergency Planning Committee
www.cclepc.org

Survey sent out to our local school districts

RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The LEPC delivered a total of **194** shelter in place kits for 2024. In 2024, the LEPC delivered **17** shelter-in-place kits to Smith Elementary in September. During the month of August, we delivered **35** kits to Kaffie Middle School, and **90** kits to Cullen Place Elementary. **3** kits were provided to O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant. Each kit includes duct tape, masking tape, a bottle of water, towel, first aid kit, combination radio/flashlight and emergency contact information in a large poly bag. All hazard radios were provided to schools and public facilities for early warning of chemical incidents or hazardous weather conditions.



Shelter-in-place kits delivered to West Oso ISD and Cullen Place Elementary - CCISD

Other LEPC activities completed in 2024 include:

- Presentation to the CCCAC Monthly Meeting
- The LEPC participated in the Mireles Elementary School Science Day in March
- Attending numerous meetings including Coastal Plains LEPC meetings and Bee County LEPC meetings
- Participation at the City of Corpus Christi Safety Re-set Fair
- Gulf Coast Growth Ventures Communication Drill (JIC)
- Texas Oil and Gas Association Lecture Series
- Worked with Goliad County LEPC/ Office of Emergency Management
- Advised the Calhoun County LEPC
- Donated items to support at the Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference that took place on May 1-2, 2024.
- Attended the Republic Services 2024 Annual Emergency Responders meeting
- The Port of Corpus Christi Preparedness Consortium
- Damage Prevention Council of Texas meeting in Port Aransas

The LEPC submitted a grant request to Flint Hills Resources Helping Heroes in the amount of \$4,000.00 to purchase (125) shelter in place kit items. The TDEM-HMEP Commodity Flow Study is complete. The Risk Awareness meetings will be held quarterly in 2025. Meetings can be called at any time, as necessary.

RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEPC - Joanne Salge assisted with KLUX's annual pledge drive in August and September.



LEPC member Joanne Salge answers phones during KLUX pledge drive



LEPC team attends Gulf Coast Growth Ventures Communication Drill (JIC)

RISK AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE

The LEPC was honored to be a part of the Port of Corpus Christi Preparedness Consortium. The LEPC was able to collaborate with other committees, share information and discuss accomplishments.



Port of Corpus Christi Preparedness Consortium

The LEPC participated in the City of Corpus Christi Safety Re-Set Fair for the City of Corpus Christi Legal and Risk Management Department.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Chairperson: Juan (Tony) Perez, Corpus Christi Fire Department
- Vice-Chairperson: John Perez, Flint Hills Resources

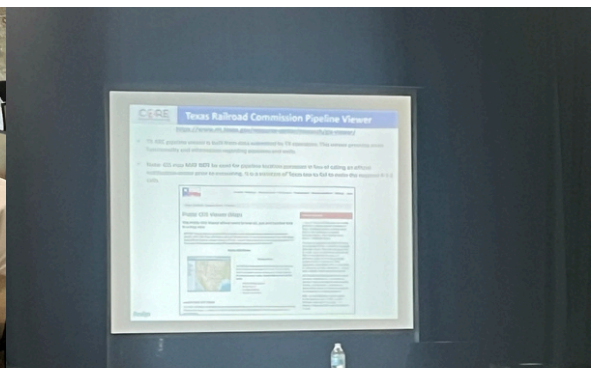
The Emergency Response and Communications Subcommittee (ERC) membership is a combination of first responders, industry representatives and regulatory agencies which promote preparedness for a wide variety of potential hazards.

Visits and events for the year:

- Valley Solvents and Chemicals Site Visits
- Flint Hills Site Visits
- American Chrome and Chemical Site Visits
- STX Beef Site Visits
- Lyondell Site Visits
- Plains All American Pipeline Safety Presentation at Station 12
- Valero Alky Drill
- CCFD toured the POCCA Port Police 44' metal craft
- 6 CCFD members attended Hotzone Conference
- Port of Corpus Christi Hurricane Seminar
- Paradigm Conference



ERC Subcommittee meeting at The Port of Corpus Christi



Paradigm Conference

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

- o ERC met on July 24th -Heat Accident Presentation by Marianne McGee and tour of AMBUS for the committee



EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

A three-day rail car safety training and drill with Union Pacific Railroad, O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant, Corpus Christi Fire Department, Corpus Christi Police Department, City of Corpus Christi Emergency Operations Center and area fire departments and agencies took place on May 21-23, 2024. There was a full-scale drill on May 24, 2024. Flint Hills Resources provided training each day on Benzene, 150 attendees received TEEX credit, 50 first responders participated.



2024 Union Pacific Railroad, O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant



CCFD American Chrome Site Visits

PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

- *Chairperson: Randy Brock, Gas Department*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Vincent M. Harris, Enbridge*

Several area pipeline companies and organizations are active in the Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee. This Subcommittee oversees the Corpus Christi Pipeline Ordinance, provides educational outreach and safety training.

- A safe digging utility insert was mailed out in April to more than **112,000** Corpus Christi and Nueces County homes, reminding residents to practice safe digging by calling 811 before starting any projects.



- During 2024, the LEPC Pipeline Damage Prevention Subcommittee was recognized with Proclamations from the Corpus Christi City Council and Mayor on March 26th, as well as the Nueces County Judge and Commissioner's Court on April 10th during Safe Digging Month for efforts to increase digging safety and awareness in the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County.
- The Committee continues efforts to decrease the number of hits or line strikes to pipelines. To date, the number of strikes in Corpus Christi has decreased from the previous year.



City of Corpus Christi Proclamation



Nueces County Proclamation

PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

2024 Safe Digging Workshop



The LEPC hosted the 2024 Annual Safe Digging Workshop at the Del Mar College FEMA Dome. Presentations provided by Jesse Torres with 811 Damage Prevention Council of Texas, Cory Mottice with the National Weather Service, Marianne McGee with OSHA, Willam Wittliff with Development Services, and United Rentals. We had approximately 150 participants from industry, City, County, and utility employees.

PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

2024 Safe Digging Workshop



January 18, 2024



SAFE DIGGING WORKSHOP



FREE EVENT * FREE DOOR PRIZES * FREE LUNCH

LOCATION:

Del Mar West Campus
FEMA Dome
4101 Old Brownsville Rd.

HOW TO REGISTER:

By Email: Victoriah@cctexas.com
By Phone: 361-826-3912 or 361-826-3960



PRESENTATIONS

- Excavator Best Practices
- OSHA Discussions
 - Trench Safety
 - Heat Stress
- 8-1-1 One Call Process
- National Weather Service
- Development Services
 - Permit Process

WORKSHOP TIME

8:00AM to 12:30PM

REGISTRATION

8:00AM



PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

On September 11th, the LEPC hosted the Damage Prevention Council of Texas and Texas 811 for a workshop at Del Mar College FEMA Dome. There were 149 in attendance. Many of the attendees were City or County utility employees. There were static displays and equipment displays by Badger, United Rental, and Vermeer.



Photo from the DPC and Texas 811 Excavation Safety Day at Del Mar College, posted to the LEPC Facebook page - The LEPC participated as a guest speaker and sponsor.



EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

- *Chairperson: Chief Brandon Wade, Corpus Christi Fire Department*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Joseph Cantu, Valero Refining Texas LP*

The LEPC Executive Subcommittee meets quarterly to provide support and guidance to all LEPC Subcommittees. The Executive Committee is comprised of the LEPC Chairperson, LEPC Vice-Chairperson, the Mayor of the City of Corpus Christi, the County Judge of Nueces County and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each LEPC Subcommittees. The Executive Subcommittee provides guidance with:

- *Setting goals and a working budget for each LEPC Subcommittee.*
- *Measuring LEPC Subcommittee goal attainment - some Subcommittee goals are ongoing from year to year while other items are at 100% attainment.*
- *Ensuring financial stability through grants and donations - the Subcommittee's direct contact with facilities and establishing priorities on funding opportunities have led to increased donations and continued success in securing grants.*
- *Identification and implementation of new projects.*
- *Identification of new industrial partners has increased participation and support. Outreach to existing companies has increased participation in the LEPC Subcommittees.*

The logo for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) features the letters "LEPC" in a large, bold, red, italicized sans-serif font. The letters are set against a white background and are framed by two thick red horizontal bars, one above and one below the text.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR SAFETY

**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI / NUECES COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

2024 DONORS

The LEPC does not receive federal, state or local tax dollars. The LEPC is funded through donations, grants, sponsorships and interlocal agreements. The LEPC thanks the following entities for their generous donations and support:

- AEP Texas
- Air Liquide USA LLC
- Air Products, LLC
- American Chrome and Chemicals
- Arnold Oil Company, Inc.
- Atlantic Aviation
- BASF Corporation - Bishop
- Bay LTD.
- Buckeye Texas Partners, LLC
- Calallen Independent School District
- Celanese, Bishop
- Christus Spohn Health Systems
- CITGO Refining and Chemicals
- City of Corpus Christi - Allison Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - Animal Care
- City of Corpus Christi - Broadway Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - Cefe Valenzuela Landfill
- City of Corpus Christi - Gas Department
- City of Corpus Christi - General Services
- City of Corpus Christi - Greenwood Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - International Airport
- City of Corpus Christi - Laguna Madre Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - ON Stevens Water Treatment Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - Oso Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi - Whitecap Wastewater Plant
- Coastal Transport Company, Inc.
- Corpus Christi Asphalt Terminal – Valero
- Corpus Christi Independent School District
- Corpus Christi Polymers LLC
- Corpus Christi State Supported Living Center
- County of Nueces, Texas
- DPC Industries, Inc.
- Energy Transfer
- Enterprise Products
- EPIC
- Equistar Chemicals LP
- Ferguson Enterprises – Encamp, Inc.
- Flatiron Dragados LLC
- Flint Hills Resources, LP
- Flour Bluff Independent School District
- Great Western Drilling Company
- HEB Grocery Company
- Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC
- HEP Javelina Company, LLC
- John Bludworth Shipyard, LLC
- Koch Minerals, LLC
- Koch Pipeline Company
- Kirby Inland Marine, LP
- MacroSource, LLC
- Magellan Terminal Holdings, LP – ONEOK
- Martin Energy Services LLC
- Matheson – Corpus Christi
- Maverick Terminal Corpus, LLC
- NuCO2 Supply, LLC
- Nueces County Water Control District #4
- NuStar Logistics, LP
- O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant
- OQ Chemicals Bishop, LLC
- Penske Truck Leasing
- Plains Marketing, LP
- Port of Corpus Christi
- POTAC, LLC
- Pull A Part
- Republic National Distribution Company, LLC
- SCP Distributors LLC
- South Texas Water Authority
- STX Beef Company
- Sun Coast Resources
- Talen Energy Supply, LLC
- Talco Petroleum LLC
- Target Corporation
- Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
- Texas Enterprises Inc.
- Texas Petroleum Investment Company
- Urban Oil and Gas Group, LLC
- Valero Refining –Texas, LP
- Valley Crossing Pipeline, LLC -Enbridge
- Valley Solvents and Chemicals
- Vertex Energy, Inc.
- Vincent Harris

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