

Annual Report

2025

LEPC

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR SAFETY

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

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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 Administrative Support: Antonia McLaren*

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 2025 calendar year, the City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee 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.

The LEPC held scheduled meetings throughout the year in their different subcommittees. The following pages will go into detail as to what topics were discussed, what presentations were given, and how many people were in attendance. In addition, it will highlight the contributions made to the community by the LEPC regarding education and support.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Through scheduled meetings, the LEPC provides information to the public on topics regarding chemical safety. In 2025, the average meeting attendance for LEPC General Meetings was approximately 36; an increase from last year.

General Committee Meeting Attendance 2025					
7 January	4 March	6 May	1 July	2 September	4 November
46	34	32	37	36	34
		Total:	219		
		Average:	36.5		

Presentations given during the LEPC General Meetings:

- Jace Johnson – Emergency Management Coordinator, City of Corpus Christi
- Randy Condra Jr – Enbridge Safety and Environment Manager, YaREN Project
- RJ Alvarado – Executive Director of Safety, Security, and Student Services, West Oso ISD
- Cory Mottice – Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service Corpus Christi, TX
- Buck Russell – Senior Supervisor Public Safety, Union Pacific System
- Randy Paige – Retired Assistant Chief- Fire Marshall CCFD

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

The Finance Committee oversees the annual operating budget and grant programs. The annual LEPC budget of \$136,409.99 for fiscal year 2024-25 was approved by the Corpus Christi City Council. These funds were provided through donations with entities within Corpus Christi and Nueces County. By year end, 85.73% of that budget was expended.

Donations were requested from Tier II reporting facilities, as well as facilities not subject to Tier II reporting requirements but subject to federal contingency planning requirements. Total contributions added up to \$146,282.87 which included a \$20,332.87 grant from TCEQ.

RISK AWARENESS COMMITTEE

- *Chairperson: Sharon Bailey Murphy – Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Philip Woods – Citizen Representative*

Risk Awareness Committee Meeting Attendance 2025			
27 February	22 May	28 August	23 October
12	16	14	12
	Total:	54	
	Average:	13.5	

The Risk Awareness Committee continues to work in cooperation with local business and industry to improve awareness regarding chemical emergencies and safety.

The LEPC continues to be involved in ReverseAlert: an emergency notification system. This year, ReverseAlert became a regional alert system to include Nueces County, San Patricio County, Refugio County, and Aransas County. A press conference was held in September at the Texas State Aquarium to announce the new regional system.



The LEPC provided 200,000 new ReverseAlert cards for distribution among the participating counties. The opt-in participants increased from 28,586 in 2024 to 29,425 in 2025; an increase of 839 participants. The participation in the app increased from 6,293 to 7,176; an increase of 883 participants. The LEPC continues to promote ReverseAlert throughout the year and will continue to do so to increase community awareness and preparedness. During the year, industry alerts were also sent out through the ReverseAlert system.

In 2025, 92 industry alerts were sent out:

- January- 9
- February- 7
- March- 7
- April- 8
- May- 12
- June- 11
- July- 6
- August- 6
- September- 2
- October- 4
- November- 8
- December- 12

The LEPC partnered with KLUX 89.5 to record Public Service Announcements to be broadcast throughout the area. The messages highlighted ways to become involved in the community as well as information on how to sign up for ReverseAlert.



The LEPC Facebook page was active this year. Highlights included explaining what Shelter-In-Place means, and the steps to take in the event that this is ever needed.



Shelter-In-Place

<p>What does Shelter-In-Place mean?</p> <p>Take immediate shelter in a secure location and remain there until authorities say that it is safe to leave.</p>	<p>Why would you Shelter-In-Place?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weather Related Incidents • Chemical Containment • Biological Containment • Radiological Containment
<p>For more info, visit our website:</p> 	
<p>What You Should Do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go inside a building • Shelter in a room with few windows and doors • Turn off heating and cooling systems • Seal gaps or cracks around doors and windows • Turn your TV to local stations • Turn your radio to KLUX 89.5 for emergency info • Do not evacuate or travel 	<p>What You Need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towels • First aid kit • Plastic trash bags • Local or area maps • Non-perishable snacks • Containers of water • Duct tape and masking tape • Flashlights • Small radio • Eyeglasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs • Emergency contact info

**Take action today!
Be prepared for tomorrow!**

They also provided information on how to become involved in the community.

Be Part of the Team!

City of Corpus Christi - Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Your role in Community Preparedness:



Who? Everyone!

Have an Emergency Plan ready!

What Can You Do?

Sign up for Reverse Alerts here →





Call 811 Before You Dig

Know what's below!

Tell Your Friends/ Family/ Neighbors!

Spread the Word!



Together, We Are Ready!

Join us on our Facebook page:
LEPC of Corpus Christi and Nueces County

Visit our website here:



The LEPC also continued to promote ReverseAlert on their Facebook page. This was provided in both English and Spanish.

TWO OPTIONS TO SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

SCAN TO REGISTER

SIGN UP ONLINE AT **REVERSEALERT.ORG**

08:11
Sunday, May 15

REVERSE ALERT
A HURRICANE WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA.

Regional REVERSEALERT

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

CPL-PC COASTAL PLAINS LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The English version of the graphic features a red background with white text. A central smartphone displays a ReverseAlert notification for a hurricane warning. To the left is a QR code with the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER', and to the right is a call to action 'SIGN UP ONLINE AT REVERSEALERT.ORG'. The bottom section contains logos for 'Regional REVERSEALERT', 'LEPC' (Local Emergency Planning Committee for Corpus Christi and Nueces County), and 'CPL-PC' (Coastal Plains Local Emergency Planning Committee).

The community can stay in touch with the LEPC by searching for “LEPC of Corpus Christi and Nueces County” on Facebook or by clicking [HERE](#).

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The Spanish version of the graphic is identical in layout to the English version, with the main text and call to action translated into Spanish: 'DOS OPCIONES PARA REGISTRARSE Y RECIBIR NOTIFICACIONES POR EMERGENCIAS', 'ESCANEE PARA REGISTRARSE', and 'REGISTRESE EN LINEA EN REVERSEALERT.ORG'. The smartphone notification and logos remain the same.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Emergency Response & Communications Committee Meetings 2025			
26 February	23 April	23 July	22 October
43	24	37	35
	Total:	136	
	Average:	34	

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



Events for the year:

DRILLS:

The City of Corpus Christi's ON Stevens Water Treatment Plant hosted their Annual Preparedness Exercise with the Corpus Christi Fire Department, Annaville Fire Department, and the LEPC. Other drills included: Flint Hills Resources Level 3 Functional Exercise and Valero Worst Case Discharge Full-Scale Exercise, CITGO CC Refinery WCD Tabletop Exercise, Valero West Plant Fire Drill, and Magellan ONE/OK Drill.



SITE VISITS:

This year the LEPC continued to deepen our connectivity with our industry partners by participating in site visits. These visits allow us to discuss risks and hazards, and to become familiar with each other in the event of an incident in the future. Completed site visits this year included:

- Lyondell
- Tesla
- EPIC/P66
- STX Beef
- Air Liquide
- FHR (Former Rangeland) Facility
- VLS (Texas Molecular)
- ON Stevens Water Treatment Plant
- Buckeye Partners



PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- *Chairperson: Randy Brock – Corpus Christi Gas Department*
- *Vice-Chairperson: Vincent M. Harris – Enbridge*

Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee Meeting Attendance 2025					
7 January	4 March	6 May	1 July	2 September	4 November
15	7	8	12	10	12
Total:			64		
Average:			10.7		

The Pipeline Damage Prevention Committee oversees the Corpus Christi Pipeline Ordinance, provides educational outreach, and safety training. Several area pipeline companies and organizations are active on this committee.

April was recognized as Safe Digging Month at the Nueces County Commissioners Court meeting. This was also recognized with a Mayoral Proclamation at the Corpus Christi City Council meeting.



The LEPC hosted the 2025 Annual Safe Digging Workshop at the Del Mar College FEMA Dome. Presentations were provided by Ruben Mendez with Texas 811, Cory Mottice with the National Weather Service, Rafael Navas and Angel Hernandez with the Railroad Commission of Texas, and Roosevelt Shavers with OSHA. There were approximately 170 participants from the industry, City, and County.

2025 Safe Digging Workshop



SAVE THE DATE

9-25-2025

SAFE DIGGING WORKSHOP

**FREE EVENT!
FREE DOOR PRIZES!
FREE LUNCH!**

LOCATION
Del Mar West Campus
FEMA Dome
4101 Old Brownsville Rd.

WORKSHOP TIME
8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

REGISTER NOW!
By Email: Joannes@cctexas.com
By Phone: 361-826-3960





SAFE DIGGING WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

LOCATION:
Del Mar West Campus
FEMA Dome
4101 Old Brownsville Rd.

HOW TO REGISTER:
By Email: Joannes@cctexas.com
By Phone: 361-826-3960

PRESENTATIONS:

- Excavator Best Practices
- OSHA Discussions
- 811 One Call Process
- National Weather Services
- Reporting Processes

WORKSHOP TIME:
8:00 AM TO 12:30 PM

REGISTRATION:
8:00 AM

FREE EVENT * FREE DOOR PRIZES * FREE LUNCH





In October at the annual Texas Damage Prevention Summit, Joanne Salge received an award for her dedicated service to the Damage Prevention Council of Texas. This award was presented to her for efforts in the Southeast region of Texas.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Executive Committee Meeting Attendance 2025			
6 January	7 April	7 July	6 October
10	9	10	15
	Total:	44	
	Average:	11	

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

- Setting goals and a working budget for each LEPC Committee.
- Measuring LEPC Committee goal attainment – some Committee’s goals are ongoing from year to year while other items are at 100% attainment.
- Ensuring financial stability through grants and donations – the Committee’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 Committees.



<https://cclepc.org/wpbuild/>

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

- AEP Texas Central Company
- Air Liquide USA Inc
- Air Products LLC
- American Chrome and Chemical
- Arnold Oil
- BASF Bishop Plant
- Bay Ltd
- Buckeye Texas Partners, LP
- Calallen Independent School District
- CC Battery
- Cheniere Foundation
- Christus Spohn Health Systems
- Citgo Refining and Chemicals
- City of Corpus Christi- Allison Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi- Animal Care Services
- 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- O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant
- City of Corpus Christi- Oso Wastewater Plant
- City of Corpus Christi- Whitecap Wastewater Plant
- Coastal Transport Company, Inc
- Coastal Welding Supply (American Welding and Gas)
- Corpus Christi Asphalt Terminal- Valero
- Corpus Christi Independent School District
- Corpus Christi Polymers LLC
- Del Mar College
- DPC Industries Inc (PVS DX)
- Enbridge
- Energy Transfer
- Enterprise Products
- EPIC
- Equistar Chemicals LP- A Lyondell Company
- Howard Energy Partners- Maverick Terminals
- Howard Javelina Gas Processing LLC
- John Bludworth Shipyard LLC
- Kirby Inland Marine, LP
- Koch Pipeline Company
- Koch Sulfur Products Company
- MacroSource LLC
- Magellan Terminals Holdings LP- ONEOK
- Martin Energy Services LLC
- Matheson- Corpus Christi
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- Nueces County Water Control District #4
- NuCo2 Supply, Inc
- Nueces County
- Nueces Electric Cooperative, Inc
- OSHA
- OQ Chemicals Bishop, LLC
- Phillips 66
- Pin Oak (POTAC LLC)
- Plains Marketing, LP
- Port of Corpus Christi Authority
- Railroad Commission of Texas
- Refinery Terminal Fire Company (RTFC)
- Republic National Distribution Co, LLC
- Ryder Transportation Services
- SCP Distributors LLC
- South Texas Water Authority
- Sunbelt Rentals
- Sunoco
- Target Stores
- Texas 811- Damage Prevention Council of Texas
- Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Texas Molecular- VLS Environmental Solutions Inc
- Texas Petroleum Investment Company

- FEDEX Freight
- Flint Hills Resources, LP
- Flour Bluff Independent School District
- General Land Office (GLO)
- Great Western Drilling Company
- Groendyke Transport, Inc
- Harbor Bridge Project- Flatiron Dragados
- H.E.Butt Grocery Company
- Helena Agri- Enterprises, LLC
- Holt Texas, LTD

- Ticona Polymers Inc- Celanese
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Univar USA Inc
- Urban Oil and Gas Group, LLC
- US Ecology Texas
- Valero Refining- Texas LP
- Valley Solvents and Chemicals- Univar USA
- Waste Connections
- White Marlin (Talco Petroleum, LLC)