

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Local Emergency Planning Committee Grants
Component

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Component Mission

Provide funding assistance to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) established by the State Emergency Response Commission for preparing Local Emergency Response Plans for oil and hazardous substance releases and managing community right to know responsibilities.

Component Services Provided

DES provides funding and technical assistance to LEPCs who are responsible for planning, training and exercising for oil and hazardous substance releases and managing community right to know activities regarding oil and hazardous materials within their jurisdictions.

LEPCs accomplish these services through the use of volunteers from specified professions who meet regularly to achieve their mission.

LEPCs that are active for SFY02 are:

1. Matanuska Susitna Borough
2. Kenai Peninsula Borough
3. Anchorage
4. Aleutians East Borough
5. Greater Ketchikan
6. Sitka
7. Petersburg
8. Northern Southeast
9. Bristol Bay Borough
10. Kodiak Island Borough
11. Aleutians Pribilofs
12. Fairbanks
13. Copper River
14. Denali
15. Nome
16. Northwest Arctic
17. Delta
18. Nenana
19. Northslope Borough
20. Capital City/City and Borough of Juneau

Component Goals and Strategies

COMPONENT GOALS:

1. Plan for oil and hazardous substance releases
2. Train to respond to oil and hazardous substance releases
3. Exercise the hazardous substance annex for local plan
4. Update and maintain the plan
5. Manage the community right to know activities outlined in the 1986 EPCRA Act and in AS 26.23.071-077.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

Performance review:

Division of Emergency Services (DES) will continue to work with Oil and Hazardous Response Fund Manager to identify the desired outcomes for Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) which will support the duties assigned to LEPCs by AS 26.23.0073. LEPCs will report quarterly on their activities that support the identified outcomes to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Process review:

DES will work with the SERC Finance Committee and the Oil and Hazardous Response Fund Manager to review the LEPC grant application, reward application and reporting process. Changes in the process will be made as necessary to achieve the identified outcomes for all LEPCs and improve the coordination between all parties.

Funding Issues:

Funding for this component is based upon 3% of the level of the Oil and Hazardous Response Fund. The Oil and Hazardous Response Fund Manager has indicated there will be a reduction in the level of funds available to this component. This reduction will be offset by general funds to maintain last year's funding level.

THE ALL HAZARDS ISSUE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

South Region LEPC Accomplishments SFY2000

ANCHORAGE LEPC

The Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) worked with several other state, federal and local agencies during this year. Municipality of Anchorage, Alaskan Command, US Coast Guard, National Defense Transportation Advisory Committee, Military Traffic Management Command and Military Sealift Command have begun initial planning for a port readiness exercise. Planning for an off-base military exercise was initiated. Discussions were held with Alaskan Command, Alaska National Army Guard and Municipality of Anchorage. Members of the LEPC attended several meetings, training and exercises. LEPC members attended training focused on hazardous-materials releases and mapping; held Emergency Operations Plan orientation & training session; planning meeting for Weapons of Mass Destruction drill; attended LEPC/SERC meetings; activated Emergency Operations Center for Y2K and 2000 winter storm event. The LEPC also conducted Weapons of Mass Destruction and mass casualty exercise; participated in state fair; and held post exercise briefings.

ALEUTIANS EAST LEPC

The chairperson for the Aleutians East Borough LEPC has resigned along with the vice-chair. The LEPC is advertising for new membership and expect to hold elections for new officers this year. LEPC meetings were held June 28, 1999, January 4, 2000, and March 6, 2000. Ogden Environmental and Energy Services (contractor) completed and presented the training & exercise plan development for the LEPC.

ALEUTIANS PRIBILOF LEPC

The LEPC reported that several meetings were held with the US Coast Guard, Local Vessel Agents, Alaska Marine Pilots Association, City of Unalaska, regarding the formation of a Severe Weather Anchoring Guidelines for ships in the Dutch Harbor/Unalaska Bay area. The LEPC will be hiring a local planner to update the Hazards Analysis.

Aleutian Pribilofs reported working with the following agencies; United States Coast Guard, City of Unalaska, Vessel Shipping Companies, and Vessel agents to finalize work with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation on completing the near shore response package. Goals for next period; Planning with Coast Guard, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, City of Unalaska, on April hazardous materials spill drill. Work with Unalaska facilities in holding public meetings for questions on facilities risk management plans.

The LEPC reported working with several federal, local and state agencies on planning for Ammonia and Chlorine training to be held in Unalaska. The LEPC also sponsored a public meeting with local facilities to discuss risk management plans and held various teleconferences planning chlorine and ammonia response plan and continued work on finalizing local hazardous mat and updates to hazardous mat analyses for Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. April 22 - 27, 2000 held ammonia & chlorine training in Unalaska; June 20, 2000 met with US Coast Guard, Fire Department

and local processors in Dutch Harbor to plan exercise and gather information and hazardous material response equipment.

BRISTOL BAY LEPC

Accomplishments of the Bristol Bay LEPC are unclear. Division of Emergency Services met with Ken Blackmon during the July meeting to discuss a work plan for the LEPC and State and Local Assistance for SY 2001. Because of personnel changes the LEPC was at a stand still during most of SY 2000

CAPITAL CITY LEPC

Did not receive a grant award at the beginning of the fiscal year. Instead, they received \$10,000.00 in reappropriated grant funds in the last quarter of FY 2000 to write an Emergency Operations Plan for the City and Borough of Juneau. The grant funds were unused by other LEPCs and therefore reappropriated to other unfunded priorities such as plans writing. Capital City LEPC's contractor completed the Emergency Operations Plan in September 2000.

KENAI PENINSULA LEPC

The LEPC worked with multiple private and government agencies resulting from the Unocal explosion August 20, 1999 and Seldovia ammonia release September 16, 1999. The community alert network was successfully utilized during this event. A 30-second message was sent to approximately 2300 residents. General meeting in the community was held concerning Project impact activities. Topics of discussion earthquake, tsunami, volcano, flooding and general mitigation. Public education booths were open at the Ninilchik State Fair and the Alaska State Fair. The LEPC Co-Chair attended several meetings focusing on public education and awareness. LEPC members attended oil spill drills throughout the year and the LEPC held all required meetings.

Workshops held or attended: wildfire; Earthquake/Tsunami/Volcano; Mitigation; Japanese Creek Levy; Flood; Pet annex; American Red Cross; Federal Emergency Management Agency. Meetings held or attended: American Red Cross; United Way; Seldovia Save Our Seas; Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Prevention and Response Operations Committee; Evacuation annex; Communication Alert Network; ASME; Kenai Peninsula Borough medical Services; Spruce Bark Beetle; LEPC General membership.

KODIAK ISLAND LEPC

The Kodiak Island Borough, on behalf of the Emergency Service Organization/LEPC, worked primarily with federal and local agencies on oil and hazardous substances planning projects and natural hazards emergency planning during this reporting period. Specifically the Kodiak Island Borough initiated the review process for the locally, developed geographic response plans which will be integrated into the Kodiak Subarea Contingency Plan. The formal review process was kicked off at the Alaska Regional Response Team meeting held in Kodiak in September. In addition, Emergency Service Organization/LEPC quarterly meetings are a coordinated effort between the City of Kodiak, the Kodiak Island Borough, and other local response agencies. During year, policy discussions were held to discuss the results of the Kodiak road system unified fire emergency response study.

The Kodiak Island Borough, on behalf of the Emergency Services Organization/LEPC, worked primarily with federal and local agencies on oil and hazardous substances planning projects and natural hazards emergency planning during this reporting period. The Kodiak Island Borough continued efforts to establish a comprehensive review process for the locally, developed geographic response plans which will be integrated into the Kodiak Subarea Contingency Plan. The formal review process will continue with agency meetings scheduled for January. In addition, Emergency Services Organization/LEPC quarterly meetings are a coordinated effort between the City of Kodiak, the Kodiak Island Borough, and other local response agencies. During this reporting quarter, discussions were held to develop an after-action report of agency actions resulting from the December 6, 1999 earthquake. Also several significant training and exercise opportunities were provided in Kodiak. A jointly- sponsored weeklong hazardous materials training and exercise program was held the first week of November, and a two-day, post-disaster structural assessment-training program was held in mid - November.

LEPC reviewed draft of resource agency and technical work group on Geographic Response Strategies. Regional planning team meeting to review regional Geographic Response Strategies. LEPC support staff met with US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment in response to threatened oil spill events.

LEPC representative planned and prepared for village emergency siren assessment project; held planning meetings for public emergency information brochure revision project; held June quarterly LEPC meeting; held pre-application meeting to initiate review process for Kodiak Launch Complex; met with Kodiak Island Village Environmental Council

and discussed emergency, siren, assessment project, and village oil spill response equipment packages; and participated in local meetings with borough staff and US Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment in response to both threat and actual oil spill events.

NORTHERN SOUTHEAST LEPC

The Haines Response vessel committee held a meeting. Meetings were also held with Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization to discuss Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation proposal for response vessel. Continued work on the disaster publication with Chilkat Valley news. The LEPC met on December 7 via teleconference. The LEPC also met with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to discuss the 300-ton rule. The LEPC also met with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Southeast Alaska Petroleum Response Organization, US Coast Guard, Stevedores; held disaster publication meeting; attended SERC/LEPC meetings plus training. LEPC met with Mayor Otis to plan Emergency Operations Guide exercise; held Haines Emergency Operations Guide command exercise; held LEPC meeting and election of officers. Tier II letters were sent out; final draft of hazardous publication approved and mailed out to all residents of Northern Southeast LEPC; and held LEPC regional meetings.

PETERSBURG-WRANGELL LEPC

A contractor was selected to begin the re-write of both the Petersburg and Wrangell plans. The LEPC met on November 3, 1999 with five members attending. The contractor completed writing Emergency Operations Plans for each Wrangell and Petersburg; and meetings were held to form census on the plans.

SITKA LEPC

LEPC continued work on the All Hazards Plan and implementation of the Tsunami Sign Project. Sitka continues to work on public education. SITKA LEPC completed its tsunami sign project and tsunami preparedness brochure. The LEPC had meetings April 13, May 11, and June 8, 2000.

North Region LEPC Accomplishments SFY2000

Delta/Greely:

LEPC continues work on their flood, fire, wind and evacuation annexes of Emergency Operations Plan. Participated in the State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise. Ten people attended training and were certified at Incident Command System 200 level. Applied for and received disaster assistance caused by the 2000 Gulf Storm. Public Assistance was granted by Federal Emergency Management Agency. LEPC coordinator attended an Integrated Emergency Management Course HAZMAT training class at Emergency Management Institute, in January. Completed scope of work for HAZMAT analysis contract. Worked on changing municipal codes for emergency services.

Denali:

Finished final draft of the Emergency operations plan. Worked directly with the Borough on completion of Borough School District Crisis Response Plan. Finalized Tier II reporting for local facilities. Participated in State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise.

Farthest North:

Completed 501(c)3 non-profit status. LEPC coordinator attended Grants Writing course. Conducted and participated in school evacuation drills. Completed Memorandum of Agreement on emergency sheltering with Red Cross, School District & North Slope Borough. Worked on Haul Road Hazardous Material annex of Emergency Operations Plan. Participated in State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise. Prepared Tier II reporting requirements. Planned exercise for July 2000 involving a gas line break. Worked on update of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Worked with Environmental Systems Research Institute contractor on update of the North Slope Borough plan. Participated in British Petroleum simulated medevac exercise. Completed North Slope Borough comprehensive emergency management plan revision.

Fairbanks:

Participated in State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise. LEPC Chairman attended Communities Right To Know conference in Denver. LEPC Chairman attended American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference. Updated CAMEO database. Provided CAMEO training to Fairbanks Airport Safety personnel. Made presentation on LEPC/Emergency Operations Plan to UAF March 2000. Attended Governor's safety conference. Maintained Tier II reports.

Nenana:

Participated with the US Coast Guard and the Alaska Railroad on designing a spill drill scheduled for spring 2000.

Built web page for LEPC expansion to outlying villages.

Recruited new membership. Completed Sheltering and Evacuation annex to plan.

Conducted workshop session to finalize flood plan. Continued work on flooding and evacuation annex's of Emergency Operations Plan. Completed an agreement with the Nenana Native Council to sponsor LEPC for 2001. Participated in State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise.

Northwest Arctic Borough:

Completed an interim plan until Borough Emergency Operations Plan can be written. Worked with US Coast Guard on sub-area plan for the Borough. Participated in State Y2K planning and preparedness operations and exercise.

Incident Command System 100 training module attended by three LEPC members. Incident Command System 200 training module attended by seven LEPC members. Reviewed a draft version of SB125 for the Kotzebue Schools.

District Crisis Response Plan. Assisted Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation with sub-regional plan for Borough.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 26.23.071

AS 46.080.

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Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	51.0	0.0	0.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	492.4	380.7	401.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	543.4	380.7	401.7
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	90.8
1055 Inter-agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	543.4	380.7	310.9
Funding Totals	543.4	380.7	401.7

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Interagency Recs./Oil & Hazardous Waste	51395	543.4	380.7	401.7	310.9	310.9
Restricted Total		543.4	380.7	401.7	310.9	310.9
Total Estimated Revenues		543.4	380.7	401.7	310.9	310.9

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

A reduction of \$69.8 to the Local Emergency Response Committees (LEPC) from the Oil & Hazardous Response Fund is replaced by general funds. An additional \$21.0 in GF increment is provided to the LEPCs to specifically address all hazards planning. This maintains the level of funding of the current year while providing an appropriate funding source for hazards other than oil and other substances (for example, earthquake and floods).

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	0.0	0.0	380.7	380.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-LEPC Grants Fund Source Change from IA/Oil Haz to General Fund	69.8	0.0	-69.8	0.0
Proposed budget increases:				
-LEPC Grants Program Increased General Fund Support	21.0	0.0	0.0	21.0
FY2002 Governor	90.8	0.0	310.9	401.7