

# SC EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION NEWSLETTER August/September 2025



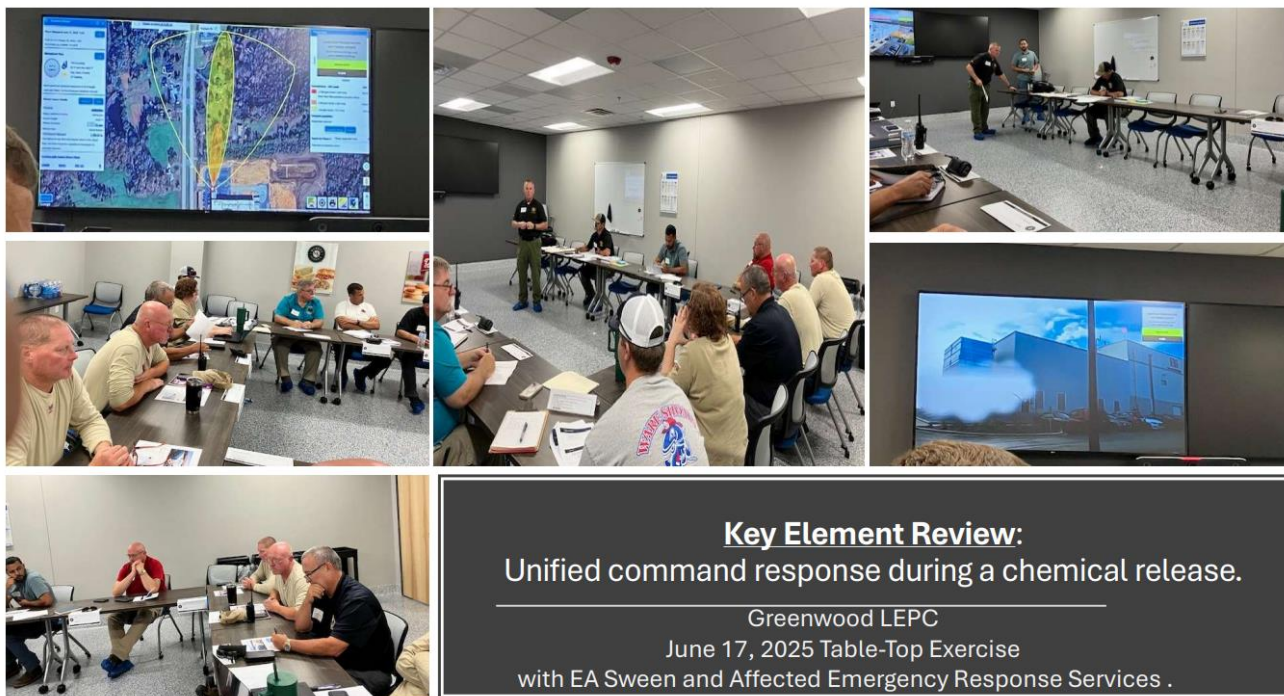
## **SERC Update:**

This newsletter provides meeting and project information from around the state and news from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This month's newsletter includes links to interesting and relevant information from the following agencies: the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), the Forestry Commission, and the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

## **County Spotlight:**

### **Strengthening Preparedness Through Partnership: Greenwood LEPC Table-Top Exercise at EA Sween Company**

On June 17, 2025, members of the Greenwood County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), emergency responders, and private industry partners gathered at EA Sween Company's manufacturing facility located at 5730 Hwy 25 in Hodges, SC, to conduct a comprehensive tabletop exercise. The scenario used was an ammonia leak at the loading dock during transfer of product. The incident required a coordinated local response involving fire service, law enforcement, EMS, and emergency management officials. The simulation prompted an evacuation of the plant and collaboration with the local responders to secure and clear the scene. The event highlighted the importance of the LEPC which brought together the private sector and first responders.



#### **Key Element Review:**

Unified command response during a chemical release.

Greenwood LEPC

June 17, 2025 Table-Top Exercise

with EA Sween and Affected Emergency Response Services .

## **2025 LEPC Meetings**

Upcoming LEPC meetings are listed below. Members of the SERC should plan to attend LEPC meetings when possible.

- August 12, Tri-County LEPC, Berkeley – Jon Rothman (843-718-8141), Dorchester – Vince Martin (843-462-7651), Charleston – Heather Howell (843-607-3819)
- August 15, York County LEPC, William Polino (803-326-2305)
- August 19, Chesterfield County LEPC, Chad Arant (843-623-3362)
- August 19, Horry County LEPC, Jason Lehman (843-742-0054)
- August 20, McCormick/Edgefield County LEPC, Sherry Domas (706-339-6477)
- August 20, Oconee County LEPC, Cindy Bibb (864-638-4200)
- August 21, Calhoun County LEPC, Dave Chojnacki (803-874-3042)
- August 27, Colleton County LEPC, David Greene (843-539-1960)
- August 27, Hampton/Jasper County LEPC, Susanne Peeples (803-942-0010)
- September 3, Central Midlands LEPC, Tommy Long (803-405-7766)
- September 3, Spartanburg County LEPC, Doug Bryson (864-384-0826)
- September 10, Beaufort County LEPC, LaShawn Jefferson (843-255-4030)
- September 17, Lexington County LEPC, Jennifer Neal (803-785-8343)
- September 25, Dillon County LEPC, Cliff Arnette (843-495-0974)
- October 7, Anderson County LEPC, Cade Treffeisen (864-332-5736)
- October 16, Chester County LEPC, Ed Darby (803-899-0338)

The latest information on SERC meetings, LEPC meetings, and training events sponsored by the Emergency Management Division is on the SCEMD calendar located at:

<https://scemd.org/emprofessionals/training/calendar/>

## **Useful Links**

- County Emergency Manager Directory: <https://scemd.org/who-we-are/county-emergency-managers/>.
- SCEMD website for information to include plans and products: <https://scemd.org/>.
- ESF-4 (Firefighting): SC Forestry Commission Current Burn Information can be found [here](#).
- ESF-10 (Hazardous Materials): South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (DES) Preventing Accidental Releases: <https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/accidental-release/preventing-accidental-releases>.
- DES website discusses the Environmental Justice (EJ Strong) project in depth on their new website: <https://des.sc.gov/community/environmental-justice>. For additional information or to schedule a guest speaker contact the DES point of contact Keisha Long, [Keisha.Long@des.sc.gov](mailto:Keisha.Long@des.sc.gov).
- Tier II Overview: <https://des.sc.gov/programs/bureau-air-quality/tier-ii>.
- ESF-12 (Energy): Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), Pipeline Safety: <https://ors.sc.gov/safety/pipeline-safety> and Railroad Safety: <https://ors.sc.gov/safety/railroad-safety>.
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA): <https://www.epa.gov/epcra>.

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