

**MODEL BYLAWS OF THE
_____ COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Article I

This organization shall be known as the _____ (County or Tribe) Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Article II
Purposes

The purposes of the LEPC are those set out in Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (NEPCRA) of 1997, and any other lawful purposes which are assigned to it or permitted by the _____ (County or Tribe) Commissioners and/or the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). In keeping with the intent of SARA, Title III, all activities of the Committee will be conducted in a manner encouraging input and participation from all segments of the community.

The Committee's responsibilities will include:

= development of the (County or Tribe's) hazardous materials emergency response plan, and regular review and updating of the plan in accordance with Section 303 of SARA, Title III and NEPCRA statute 81-15, 220;

= receipt of reports and other information from covered facilities and other agencies;

= community right to know activities, including providing public access to information in accordance with Section 324 of SARA, Title III and NEPCRA statute 81-15, 217;

= assessment of resources necessary to implement the plan, and making of recommendations to appropriate people, agencies, and organizations regarding additional resources needed to implement the plan in accordance with NEPCRA statute 81-15, 217(1)(d).

Article III
Membership

Section 1, Members. The Committee shall consist of as many members as shall be deemed necessary by the SERC. The members will be nominated by the _____ (County

or Tribe) Commissioners and will be appointed by the SERC. Membership will to the extent possible include at a minimum representatives from interest groups in accordance with NEPCRA statute 82-15, 215 and the application process set up by the SERC. A listing of current membership including officers, work and home address and phone numbers will be updated and provided to the SERC annually by April 30th.

Section 2, Terms of Membership. A membership term is two years from the SERC appointment date.

Section 3, Inactive Members. Appointed members shall be considered inactive when they have missed more than ___ (insert number) consecutive Committee meetings without notification to the Committee Chairperson or staff office of significant reasons why they were unable to attend meetings. An annual report listing members declared inactive will be provided to the ____ (County or Tribe) Commissioners and the SERC by April 30th.

Section 4, Removal of Members. The SERC, at the request of the ____ (County or Tribe) Commissioners, may remove a member.

Section 5, Vacancies. Vacancies in membership of the committee shall be filled using the process set out in Section 1 of this Article and in accordance with NEPCRA statute 81-15, 215.

Article IV Officers