

# Colorado Emergency Planning Commission

Annual Report  
2010



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The Colorado Emergency Planning Commission (CEPC) was created to carry out duties as required under SARA Title III and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know (EPCRA) provisions. This law was passed by Congress in 1986 to help ensure that state and local governments are prepared to respond to chemical accidents. *(for more information on the purpose and duties of the CEPC please visit our website: [coloradoepc.blogspot.com](http://coloradoepc.blogspot.com) )*

## Commission Members

**Greg Stasinios** - CEPC Co-Chair  
Department of Public Health  
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**Kevin Klein**  
Department of Public Safety  
Division of Fire Safety \*

**Kent Patton**  
Emergency Manager –MillerCoors

**Steven Boand**  
County Commissioner  
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**Jessica Schwarz**  
Emergency Management Specialist  
Adams County

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Department of Local Affairs  
Division of Emergency Management \*

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Division of Local Government \*

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Attorney  
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**Mary Canty Merrill, Ph.D.**  
President  
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\*Indicates a statutorily required member organization. The balance of the CEPC is made up of representatives appointed by the Governor each serving a two (2) year term.

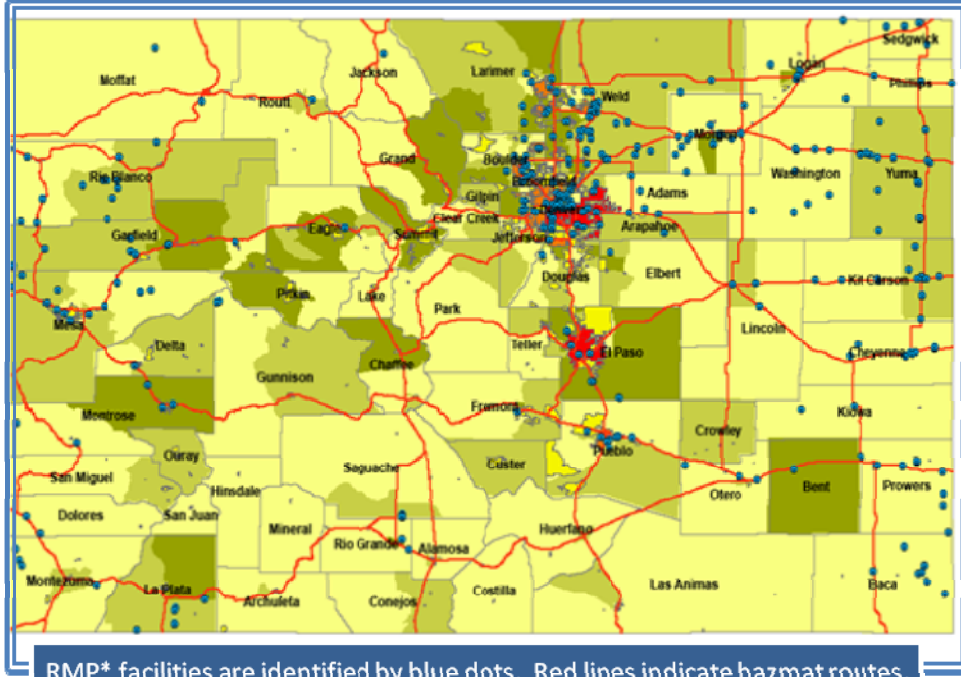
The commission has been meeting bi-monthly since January 2010 and has formed subcommittees to work on specific tasks. All meetings are posted and open to the public.

Meetings generally include standing reports regarding:

- Legislative issues
- HMEP grant status
- Homeland security working group
- Annual conference planning update

# Year in Review

## Hazard mapping



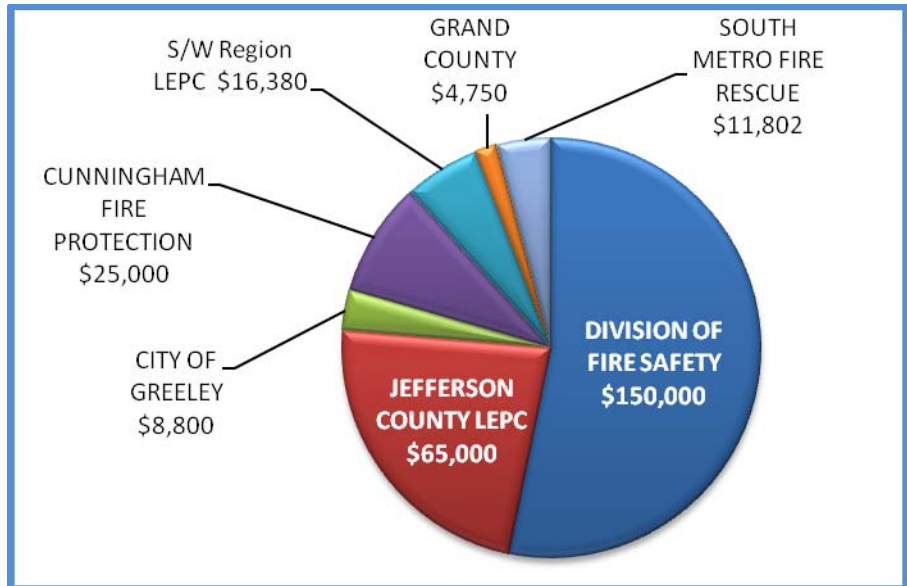
RMP\* facilities are identified by blue dots. Red lines indicate hazmat routes.  
*\*a facility required to have a risk management plan*

The Commission has undertaken the statewide mapping of hazardous materials sites and routes as they relate to populated areas. The map, when complete will assist in determining which Local Emergency Planning Committees could benefit from further planning.

## Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant

The Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program provides financial assistance to enhance hazardous materials emergency planning and training to emergency responders and Local Emergency Planning Committees.

In FY2009 \$281,732 in HMEP funds was allocated to Colorado agencies for emergency planning and training purposes. A total of \$961,223.93 has been allocated from 2005-2009



# Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Conference

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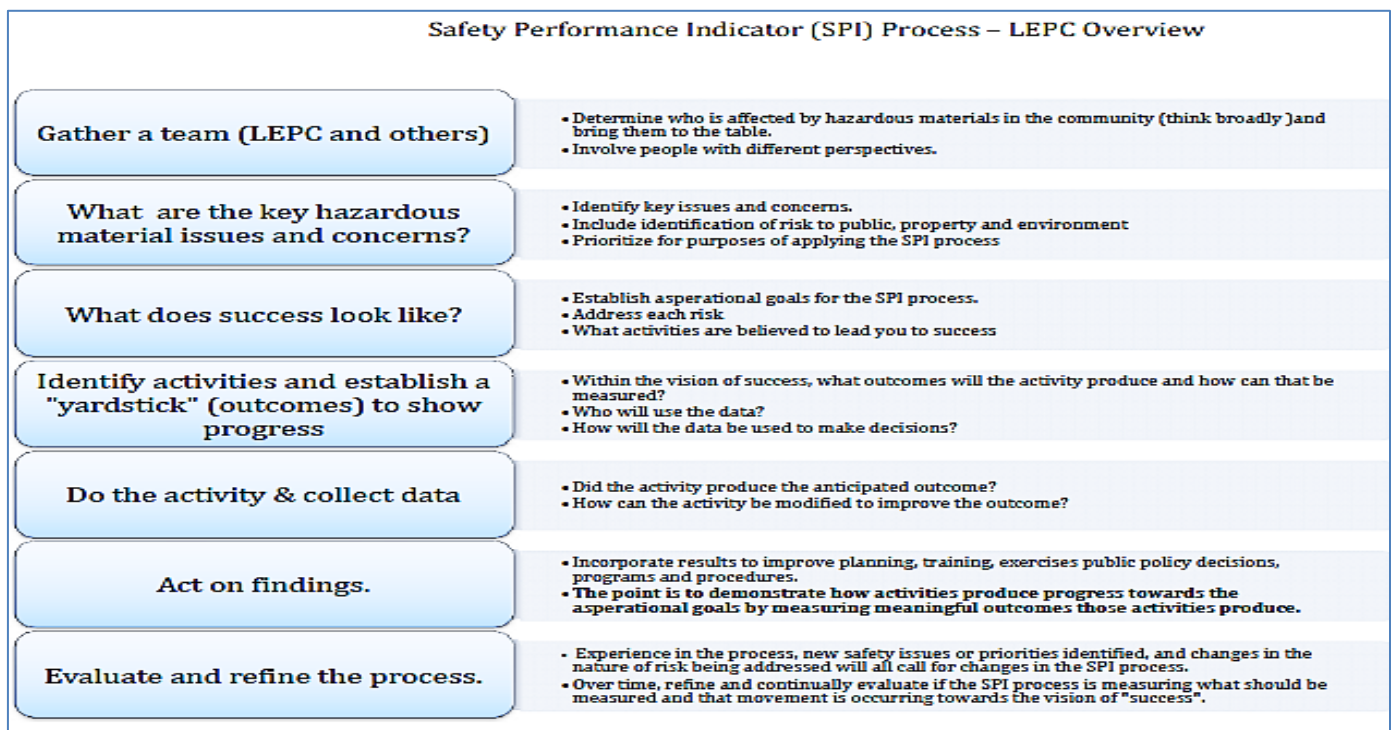
The CEPC conducts an annual conference for Local Emergency Planning Committees. This year's conference was held September 8, 9, and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Vail, Colorado and included an optional half day workshop entitled LEPC 101 which focused on educating new LEPC members.

Ninety six (96) participants attended the conference including 54 who attended the LEPC 101 session. Attendees included representation from local, state, private industry and 9 federal partners including DOT, FEMA, EPA, Chemical Safety Board and the military.

Topics included presentations on Chemical Safety Board investigations, EPA updates, Department of Homeland Security regulations, Civil Support Team capabilities, State Hazmat Working Group update, and hazmat commodity flow studies update.

## Safety Performance Indicators

The commission, through the Jeffco LEPC grant project is in the process of implementing a program using "Safety Performance Indicators" (SPI) following guidance from the EPA, PHMSA and the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials. Jefferson County worked with several counties around the state to develop emergency planning and preparedness project concepts utilizing the SPI principles and process. Several of the LEPCs involved in the SPI discussions are likely to apply for HMEP grants in the next cycle, utilizing the SPI process to delineate key issues of concern, establish actions/activities with measurable outcomes that can then be used to determine if the actions taken produced results leading towards the LEPC's established vision of success. The "easy to understand" version of the SPI process developed in this Jefferson County LEPC project is being utilized nationally by EPA and other regulatory agencies as they begin to incorporate the SPI principles into their operations.

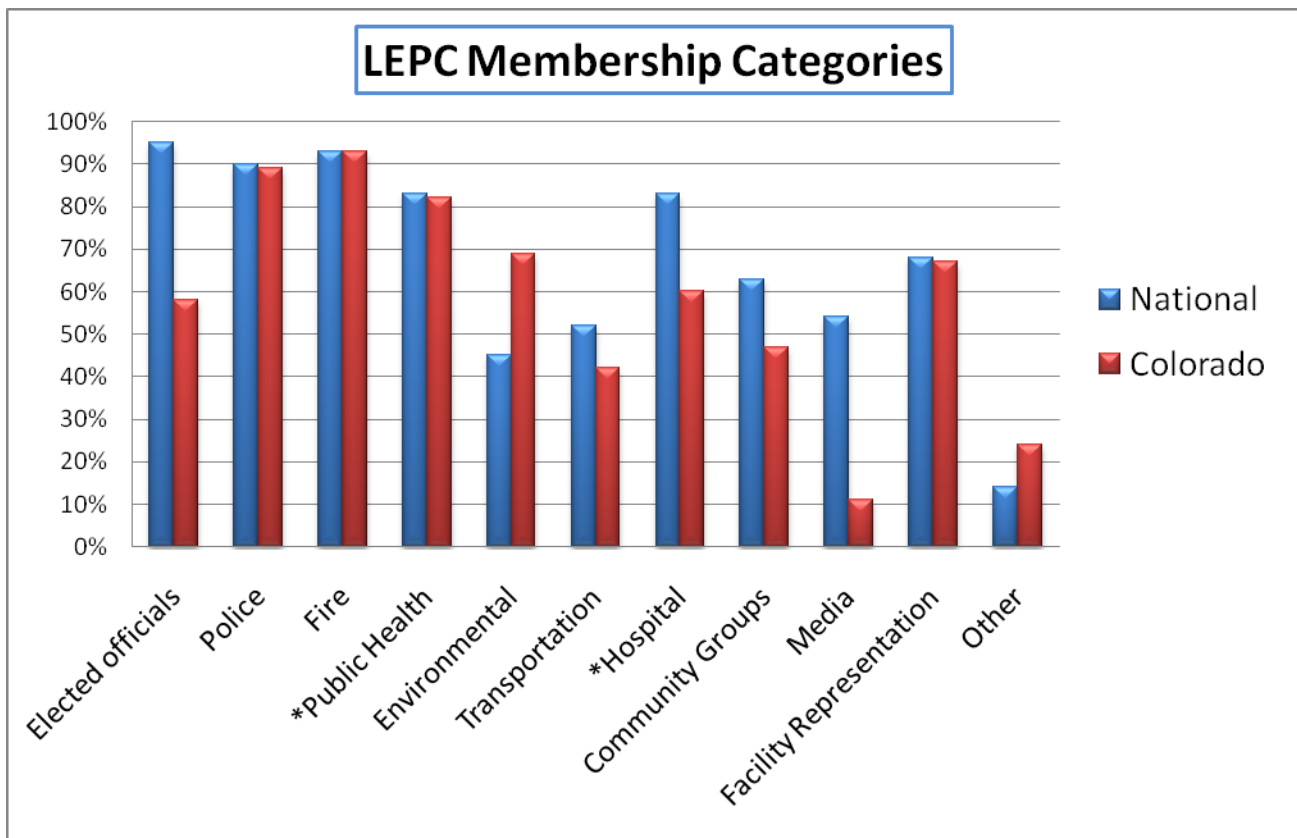


# Regulation Adopted

The commission proposed and adopted a new regulation to require the use of electronic reporting for the EPA required Tier II reports using free software available from the EPA. This will substantially reduce the burden for both reporting facilities as well as the LEPCs and fire departments that use the reports.

## Survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)

The commission has begun the task of surveying LEPC to determine their understanding of their responsibilities under EPCRA provisions. A second survey is currently being developed to assess the LEPCs capabilities and needs. Once complete, the CEPC hopes to have a better understanding of where local assistance is needed. Below is a snapshot of a portion of the survey which was then compared to national survey results. *Complete survey results can be found at [coloradoepc.blogspot.com](http://coloradoepc.blogspot.com)*





# The commission continues to work on the following additional initiatives:

- Collaborating with the State Homeland Security Hazardous Materials Working Group to ensure consistency in planning efforts
- Conducting a hazard analysis of Local Emergency Planning Committees in an effort to understand the threats that each faces



A website is in the development stages which will serve as a resource to LEPCs and businesses as well as to provide information to citizens.

*For more specific information on any of the items in this report, please visit our newly developed website at <http://coloradoepc.blogspot.com/>*