



EMERGENCY PLANNING: McDONALD BOROUGH, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Your Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

If you are concerned about emergency planning and response in your community, contact members of your LEPC. The LEPC is responsible for coordinating with local first responders and gas companies, and should have access to emergency plans that are used in the event of an emergency at any site.

Why is this important? LEPC responsibilities:¹

- Coordinate trainings for first responders, eg. Well-pad emergency response
- Hold public meetings where residents can raise concerns about emergency planning
- Provide information about hazardous chemicals being used in a community (although many chemicals used in fracking are protected as private information)

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**Please ask your LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS if they have attended
a natural gas emergency training.**

¹ Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association (PEMA) guidelines
(http://www.projectmanagement.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_1203296_0_0_18/)

QUESTIONS FOR L.E.P.C.

What does the county have in place for natural gas emergency training?

Are there active table top exercises for emergency situations? How often?

Have the first responders from McDonald Borough attended a training?

Have the first responders visited a well site, compressor station, processing plant?

Do all first responders know where pipelines are located and at what PSI they operate?

Are trainings paid for by the natural gas companies or by tax dollars? Do tax dollars pay for the LEPC?

Are Hazardous Material Emergency Response Preparedness Reports public information? Where can one access them?

Do LEPCs have access to proprietary chemical information at *every* site? Is this information communicated to local first responders?

Section 324 of SARA Title III states that “each emergency plan shall be made available to the general public during normal working hours.” What can you tell us about the emergency plans for Washington County and Mount Pleasant Township?

What hospitals/schools/daycares, are within a 1 mile radius each drill pad, compressor station, processing plant? Do you have contact information for all?

How would you conduct an evacuation at a school or hospital in our community? Is there sufficient transportation to conduct an evacuation?

What is your method for disseminating information should an evacuation be necessary?
