

**Department of State Police  
Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Division 95**

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**Emergency Planning District Designation**

**837-095-0010**

**Purpose and Scope**

These rules establish emergency planning districts as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 (42 U.S.C. Chapter 116, Section 11001 et seq.). The rules also establish a Local Emergency Planning Committee within each emergency planning district.

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**Definitions**

For purposes of ORS453.520 only, the following definitions apply:

- (1) “Emergency Planning District” means geographic boundaries designated by the State Emergency Response Commission to facilitate preparation and implementation of emergency plans related to hazardous materials incidents.
- (2) “Local Emergency Planning Committee” means a federally mandated, quasi-governmental entity representing local government, emergency response officials, environmental and citizen groups and other interested parties.
- (3) “State Emergency Response Commission” means the State Fire Marshal as designated by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. Chapter 11001 et seq.).

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**Emergency Planning Districts**

- (1) The State Emergency Response Commission designates each of the 36 counties of Oregon as an Emergency Planning District (EPD) for the purposes of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986. (42 USC Chapter 116).

- a. Two or more emergency planning districts may combine resources and function as a single EPD by providing documentation of such request to the State Emergency Response Commission from an authorized representative of each county.
- b. Should any county participating in a combined EPD desire to dissolve the combined EPD for any reason, an authorized representative of the county must notify the State Emergency Response Commission as well as the other county(ies) involved in the combined EPD of their desire to withdraw from the combined EPD.

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### **Local Emergency Planning Committees**

- (1) The State Emergency Response Commission shall appoint a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for each emergency planning district and appoint the membership of each LEPC pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986. [See 42 USC Chapter 116, Section 11001 (c)]
- (2) Each committee shall include, at a minimum, representatives from each of the following groups or organizations: elected State and local officials; law enforcement, civil defense, firefighting, first aid, health, local environmental, hospital, and transportation personnel; broadcast and print media; community groups; and owners and operators of facilities subject to the requirements of 42 USC Chapter 116.
- (3) Each committee shall appoint a chairperson and shall establish rules by which the committee shall function. Such rules shall include provisions for public notification of committee activities, public meetings to discuss the emergency plan, public comments, response by the committee, and distribution of their emergency plan. [See 42 USC Chapter 116, Section 11001 (c)].
- (4) Each committee shall submit changes to their appointed membership list to the State Emergency Response Commission for formal appointment to the LEPC by the SERC, providing members name and discipline they represent.
- (5) The State Emergency Response Commission shall maintain a listing of contact information for all emergency planning districts and Local Emergency Planning Committee membership.
- (6) Each LEPC shall complete preparation of an emergency plan in accordance with 42 USC Chapter 116, Section 11003 (c).
- (7) Each committee shall review their community emergency response plan annually and submit the reviewed plan to the State Emergency Response Commission for review [See 42 USC Chapter 116, Section 11003 (e)].