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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UPCOMING BOSTON LEPC MEETING

The next Boston LEPC Meeting will be held on December 17, 2009 at 9:00 AM at the new Boston Fire Department Special Operations Command Training Facility located at 108 Holton Street, Allston in the Harvard University/Western Avenue area. This meeting will feature several presenters and the theme will be a decontamination demonstration. We will also present a set-up display of our HAZMAT operations and the facility itself. This promises to be a most worthwhile and informative event. If any hospital representatives are interested in participating in the decontamination demonstration, please contact the LEPC Office.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact either LEPC Director Fire Captain James Bruynell or LEPC Coordinator Jennifer Ryan as listed below:

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NOTICE: MARCH 1, 2010 DEADLINE FOR FILING TIER II REPORTS FOR REPORTING (CALENDAR) YEAR 2009

What is Tier II reporting?

Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), facilities using, storing or manufacturing more than a certain amount of hazardous chemicals on-site at any time during the reporting year (2008) are required to submit reports on their chemical inventories to state and local authorities. You should determine whether the Tier II regulations are applicable to your facility. Please use the reference table below to assist in this determination.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino
and
Fire Commissioner
Roderick J. Fraser Jr.

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Tier II reporting thresholds

Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS)*	500 pounds (227 kg) or threshold planning quantity, whichever is less.
All other hazardous substances:	10,000 pounds (4,540 kg) for any material that has an MSDS
*You may obtain a list of EHS substances on the EPA website at www.mass.gov/mema and clicking on EPA Tier II information or by contacting the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)	

How do I file Tier II reports?

The Massachusetts State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), through the authority of EPCRA, **requires** facilities to submit Tier II reports by using the **TIER2Submit2009** software. You can download this application from the EPA Website by using the link found at www.mass.gov/mema and clicking on link "EPA Tier II information".

Please note that previous editions of Tier2Submit software are unacceptable for 2009 reporting and cannot be used.

Where do I submit Tier II reports?

Submit Tier II reports to the following:

1. The Massachusetts SERC. The 2009Tier2Submit file, should be saved in zip format, and then sent by e-mail to **Tier2@state.ma.us**. Please use **"CompanyName2009Tier2.zip"** as the naming convention. If you are unable to e-mail a zip file, you may e-mail an original .t2s file to the same email a .zip file, you may email an original .t2s file to the same email address. Please use the same naming convention e.g.: **"CompanyName2009Tier2.t2s"**.
2. Your local emergency planning committee (LEPC).
3. Your local fire department.

Note: For facilities reporting to the City of Boston, duplicate copies **DO NOT** have to be sent to the LEPC and the Boston Fire Department. This does not apply to Logan Airport MassPort Title III facilities, in this case one copy to City of Boston LEPC and one copy to MassPort Fire/Rescue. It is advised that you send your report via certified mail.

The City of Boston LEPC office can receive Tier II reports via email at lepc.bfd@cityofboston.gov by using the Tier 2 Submit program. Please use the same naming convention as your state submission.

The City of Boston's Local Emergency Planning Committee's records, reports and plans for chemical emergencies and facilities storing hazardous materials are available for viewing during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Please contact LEPC Coordinator Jennifer Ryan at (617) 343-2051 for further information.

**GENERAL BARRY R. McCAFFREY, USA (RET)
ADDRESSES GROUP AT BOSTON LEPC MEETING**

Last May 27, 2009, on the beautifully landscaped campus grounds of Boston College Law School in Newton, approximately 85 members and guests attended the Boston Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting held there. Boston Fire Commissioner Roderick Fraser welcomed all present and after some brief remarks introduced the feature presenter for the event, the well noted and distinguished General Barry R. McCaffrey USA (retired). General McCaffrey addressed an attentive audience with a presentation on *Leadership in Crisis*. He stressed the dimensions of leadership during times of crisis and some of the factors of effective leadership. After a short break Deputy Fire Chief Gerard Fontana, Emergency Planning and Preparedness Division of the Boston Fire Department and Don Boyce, Director of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), spoke on the issue of the importance of coordination between MEMA and the Local/Regional Emergency Planning Committees.

However none of this would have come about without the help of certain individuals. I would like to personally thank the staff at Boston College Law School for their gracious invitation to host the meeting at their facility and for the refreshments provided. A special thank you to General Barry R. McCaffrey USA for taking time out of his very busy schedule for his excellent presentation on a very contemporary and relevant issue of leadership. Last but not least to Jennifer Ryan, Coordinator of the Boston LEPC for all her behind the scene "legwork".



Left to right: Deputy Fire Chief Gerard Fontana BFD/EPPD, Captain James Bruynell BFD/LEPC, General Barry McCaffrey USA Jennifer Ryan BFD/LEPC, Fire Commissioner Roderick Fraser BFD, District Fire Chief Paul Burke BFD/EPPD

H1N1 FLU UPDATE

By now we have all heard about it, read about it, watched it on the news and perhaps even followed it in our own communities. This season's hot topic is the H1N1 virus more commonly referred to the Swine Flu. The main concerns seem to be: How do I avoid it? Do I need to be immunized? Who are most susceptible to it and finally what do *I* do if I should develop any symptoms. Governmental health agencies, most notably of which on the local level is the *Massachusetts Department of Public Health* and on the Federal level, is the *Center for Disease Control* have stepped up their effort to educate the public with the facts surrounding the H1N1 epidemic. Of course there are the common everyday prevention measures for controlling the spread of the disease namely good personal hygiene and frequent washing of your hands, preventing the spread of aerosol-like oral emissions or just simply staying home from school or work if you contract the disease.

If you would like further information on H1N1 you can log on to the following very informative sites:

Mass. Department of Public Health Website on Influenza:

<http://mass.gov/dph/flu>

Center for Disease Control Website on Swine Flu: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

or <http://www.flu.gov>

or contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at 617-983-6800

Have a safe and healthy holiday season.