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The Future of LEPCs



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THE FUTURE OF LEPCs – The Problem

- **Evaluated in 20/20 hindsight**
 - Following a disaster can't help but fail
- **Response instead of preparedness & planning**
- **No sense of responsibility for preparedness**
 - Public and small business get a “pass”
- **Regulatory compliance can be considered meaningless**
 - Chemical lists and thresholds don't correlate to risk



THE FUTURE OF LEPCs – Path Forward



- **Demonstrate and measure success**
- **The success of the planning process is the point:**
 - **The Planning Process is the only thing LEPCs control**
 - **Not response**
 - **Not regulatory compliance**

THE PROCESS



- **What are the risks?**
 - Different than hazards
- **What are the current community capabilities**
 - Response is not the point – broad view of preparedness
- **Match risks with capabilities – (public and private).**
- **Leads to identification of gaps in current preparedness**

WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES ?



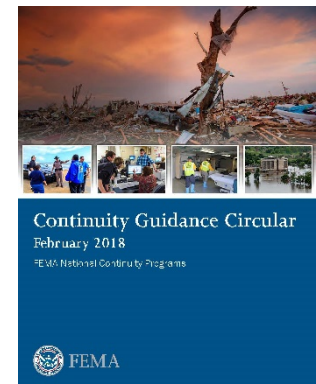
- **Not just commodity flow studies, but whole community hazard analysis**
- **Know not just what and where the chemicals are, but what are the hazards**

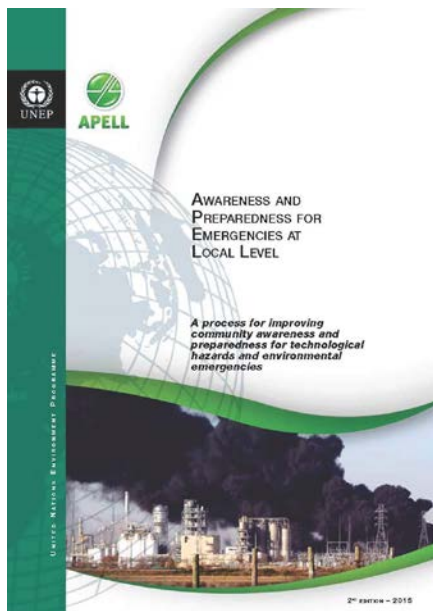
Continuity Guidance Circular

“Planning across the full range of continuity operations is an inherent responsibility of every level of government.”

“[E]nsure that essential functions continue to be performed...”

“Essential functions ... cannot be deferred during an emergency; ... legally mandated functions will be essential ...”





<http://apell.eecentre.org/>

EPA's Measuring Success Document

http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-08/documents/measuring_progress_lepc.pdf

Conclusion



**“To bite off more
than you can chew”**

To attempt to take on
a something that is
too much for you to
handle.

- **Focus on preparedness, based on community**
- **Don't bite off more than you can chew**