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Industries Learn About Local Emergency Planning Committee

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee hosted an information session for area industries Dec. 4 to discuss the responsibilities of the committee in coordinating local hazmat preparedness.

David Powell, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act program manager for N.C. Emergency Management, presented information on local emergency planning committees and Tier II reporting, which is required under the Community Right-to-Know Act. He explained how the collected fees are used to enhance local programs.

Of the \$963,420 collected through Tier II reporting in North Carolina during fiscal year 2015, more than \$740,000 helped support the Regional Response Team program and \$98,000 was distributed through grants to LEPCs across the state for hazmat training and planning.

Local Emergency Planning Committees form partnerships between local governments and industries to enhance all-hazards preparedness. The local government is responsible for hazmat planning and response within its jurisdiction. Members of the LEPC represent a large number of government and private organizations, industries, and occupations in order to provide their expertise on plan development.

The following companies attended the information session: Canvas Air, Cargill, Chemours, Ellery Homestyles, Fayetteville Public Works Commission, Goodyear, Kuraray America, Nitta Gelatin, Walmart Distribution Center and Valley Proteins.

Any industry that would like more information about the Cumberland County LEPC should contact Emergency Management Coordinator Gene Booth at 910-678-7641 or visit co.cumberland.nc.us/emergency_mgmt/lepc/lepc.aspx.

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