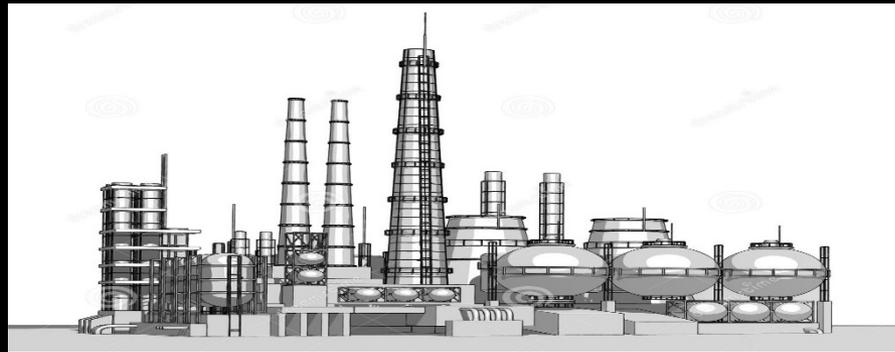




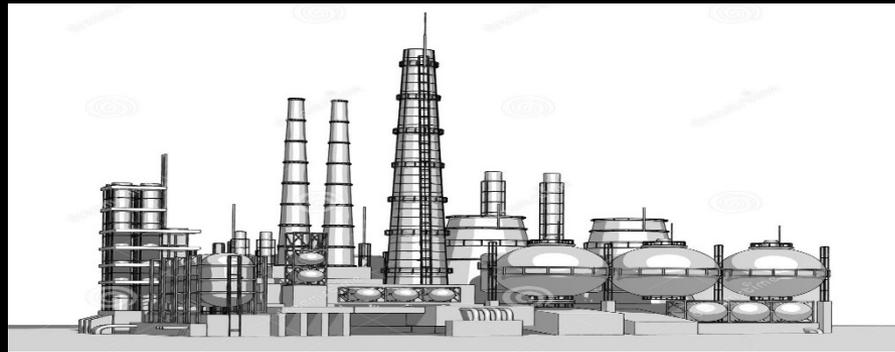
**Why it is Important to Get Smaller Facilities
Involved with Your LEPC**

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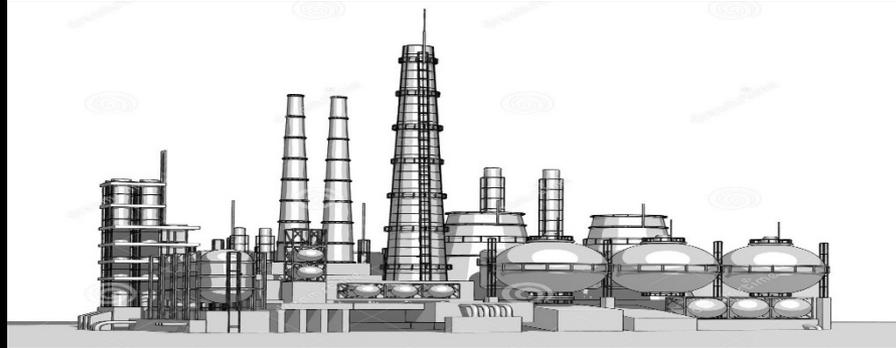
Review of over 100,000 Tier II forms shows average facility filing Tier II form has approximately 16 employees

For years, assumed by many only largest chemical companies and refineries participate on LEPCs, especially those with EHSs or filed RMP



In our Region, over 156,000 Tier II facilities. Less than 5% have EHSs or RMP chemicals

In emergency situation, if you have not coordinated in advance:



Panic?

Fear of the unknown?

Lack of communication?

Someone else takes control of the response?

Who can find and use the information needed?

- To be successful, LEPCs needs to encourage participation by facilities, both large and small, in LEPC planning and overall process

If Plan A fails,
remember
that you have
25 letters left.



- Relationships and familiarity builds confidence and trust
- Partnership is a two way street - partners are each others advocates and supporters
- The old Adage: The worst time to meet someone for the first time is in the middle of the emergency

Collaboration between groups can improve overall emergency plan

- Planning and Response officials will know better what resources are available
- Facility Representatives will have technical understanding of real risk
- Community Members can help develop public messages and help educate the public





- Industry partners usually have efficient and affordable access to specialized training valuable to your community responders
- This can lead to sharing of resources and expertise

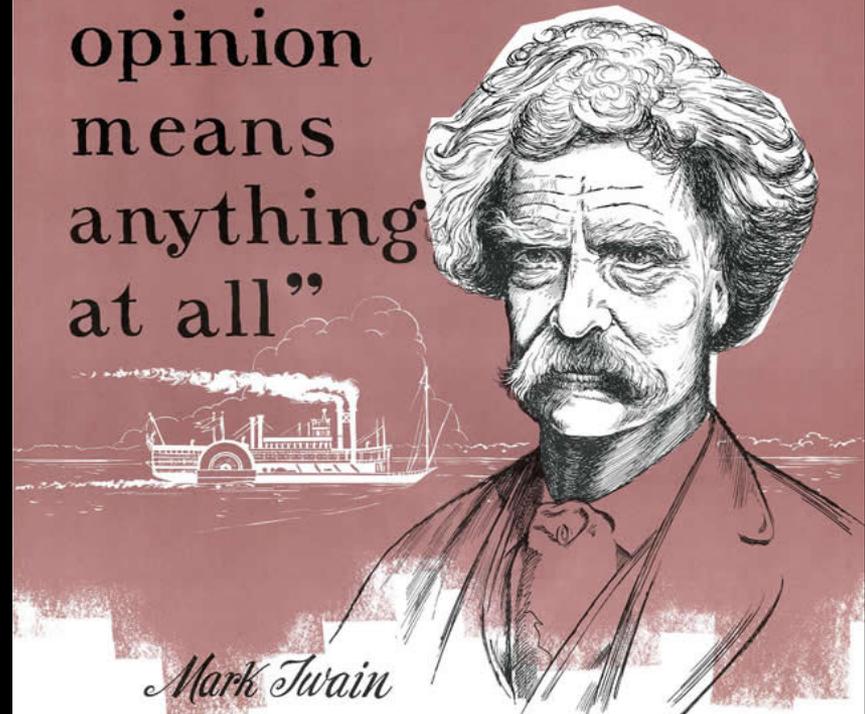


Duplication

- Coordination between local and industry officials can help resolve unnecessary duplication of resources
- Can focus on most critical resource gaps

- Working together will provide public with better feeling of cooperation between groups, not conflict

“the public is the only critic whose opinion means anything at all”



**A little positive,
pre-planning
can turn a
nightmare
into a holiday.**

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- Pre-Planning between groups will lead to faster and more efficient response – THIS WILL save money and lives

- As part of Regulated Community, you should have a voice in the planning process
- Interact with emergency responders
- Learn to talk the same language
- Get to know the “system”



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