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Who's On Your LEPC?

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Required Membership

By federal and most state laws, each LEPC must include, at a minimum, representatives from each of the following groups or organizations:

- 1. Elected state and local officials**
- 2. Law enforcement**
- 3. Civil defense**
- 4. Fire fighting**
- 5. First aid**
- 6. Health**
- 7. Local environmental**
- 8. Hospital**
- 9. Transportation personnel**
- 10. Broadcast and print media**
- 11. Community Groups**
- 12. Owners and operators of facilities handling extremely hazardous substances**

So Where Do You Go?



- One member can represent more than one membership group
- One group may be represented by more than one member

" Momma, we elected you as honorable member of our club. You're in charge of eats and drinks. "

Example of What Members Can Bring to the Table

- **Broadcast and print media.**
 - Help get the word out about releases, or for providing public education about LEPCs and their goals.
- **Community groups.**
 - Raise issues and represent public concerns about chemical risks and hazards



But...

**Recognized not all LEPCs
(especially in smaller areas)
can have representative in
each group**

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So Let's Focus On:

3 partners must be involved to succeed:

- **Government authorities:** Responsible for safety, public health and environmental protection
- **Industry:** Fixed facilities or transportation entities responsible for safety and accident prevention
- **Public and interest groups:** Represent concerns and views of constituents in community



Remember...

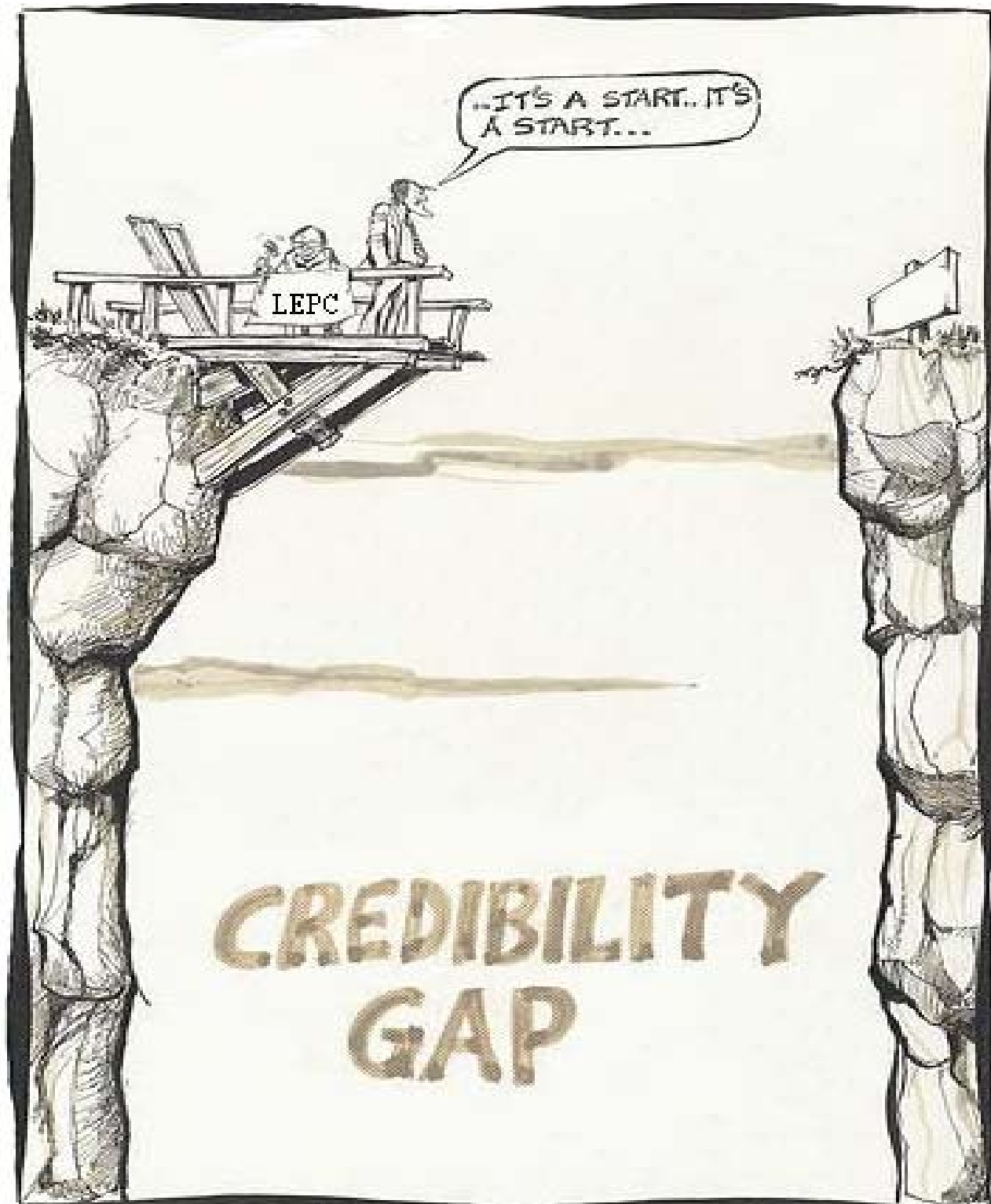


Every person or entity impacted by preparedness or emergency plans has stake in choices to be made to address capability gaps faced in community.

Everyone in community has interest in process and outcomes

So ...

**Credibility of LEPC
depends on inclusion of
all those impacted by
preparedness plans and
planning regardless of
whether they are LEPC
members**



Just Remember What LEPCs are Here For:



Business relationships are tricky. While a handshake may not always seem enough, a hug is always too much.

Serve as focal point in community for information and discussion about hazardous substance emergency planning and health and environmental risks.

Increase public's knowledge and access to information on hazardous and toxic chemicals

Encourage working relationships to improve emergency response to chemical incidents