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OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE

Subject: The 2008 National Survey of Local Emergency Planning Committees

Dear LEPC Member:

I am writing to invite you to participate in a national survey of LEPCs. The survey is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and will be conducted by a third party, SRA International.

In a few days you will receive an email from SRA inviting you to do the survey on an Internet site identified in the invitation. We are inviting one member from each LEPC for which we have an email address. The invitation email will provide a password giving you access to the survey. There are about 55 questions and we anticipate that it will take you about 15 minutes to complete the survey.

The survey is totally confidential. SRA will analyze the survey results and develop a report, but they will not provide EPA with anyone's specific responses. We will share the final report with you by email and post it on our OEM website.

We expect that the 2008 LEPC survey results will provide a snapshot of current LEPC activity including information about LEPC practices, proactive chemical accident prevention efforts, and the extent to which local plans address potential terrorist activities.

I want to thank you for the vital role you continue to perform in preparing for accidental (and deliberate) releases of hazardous chemicals. I hope that you consult our recently remodeled website (<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/>) where you can find background information on EPCRA and LEPCs, updates and the opportunity to sign up for our Listserv which will alert you to updates.

Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Y. Dietrich".

Deborah Y. Dietrich, Director
Office of Emergency Management