

Durham County



January 14th, 2021

Chair Brenda Howerton
Durham County Board of Commissioners
Durham County Administrative Complex
200 East Main Street
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Chair Howerton,

Below is a synopsis of the 2020 LEPC activities.

The LEPC started the 2020 calendar year off attending the BEST (Business Environmental and Safety Training) Conference in Wake County on February 20, 2020. In lieu of the January quarterly meeting, it was decided that the February 20th BEST Conference would serve as the first quarter meeting. Member Leslie O'Connor, Chief Emergency Manager, presented on the April 20, 2019 gas explosion with best practices for industry. As our community was experiencing the effects of COVID-19, the LEPC did not meet for its second (April) or third (July) quarter meetings. As we began moving toward a mostly virtual environment, the LEPC met via Teams for its fourth quarter meeting on October 14, 2020. The following items were discussed:

- Hazardous materials preparedness fee
- Overview of the Hazardous Materials Planner responsibilities
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
- Overview of the roles and responsibilities of the LEPC
- Review of the Emergency Response Plan
- COVID-19 update by Public Health
- Motion to create two subcommittees:
 - Hazardous Materials Annex to the Durham City/County EOP Subcommittee
 - LEPC Exercise Subcommittee