

**July 30, 2025**  
**Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes**

10:00AM – 12:00PM

American Red Cross, 2700 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098

Next month's meeting location subject to change – Stay Tuned

**Welcome Business**

- Welcome & Introductions
- Chair & Vice Chair Reports
  - Katrina – 20 Years Later (Karen LaFleur) Panelist, Houston Galveston PIO Network Monthly meeting
- **TCEQ Grant Award** (effective June 1, 2025) status
  - **Complete:**
    - Submitted first report to TCEQ
    - Received funds from TCEQ
    - Kickoff meeting June 2025
    - Content and Design Meetings – June and July 2025
  - **In Progress:**
    - Video Scripts – August 2025
    - **Needed → Donations** of the following: Drawstring backpacks (1000), 1-gal. plastic baggies (2,000), disposable nitrile gloves (2000 pairs), N95 face masks (2000), and goggles (2000) to provide to attendees of “Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals” training).
- **Pipeline Emergency Response Grant** (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) status (*See last page*)
- TCEQ Enforcement activities (*See below*)
- Local Updates (*See below*)
  - **FIFA 2026 updates shared. Seek update from City of Houston Team**
- TCEQ Updates (*See below*)
- EPA Updates (*See below*)
- Member Reports
- Meeting Notes (*available at <https://ghlepc.org/information>*)
- New Business
  - **2025 tabletop exercise, December 3, 2025, planning in progress – Communications Failure.**

**Treasurer Report**

Grant funds received

**PIO Report**

Houston Fire Department Updates – New class of cadets – graduates. Morale is good.

**PRESENTATION:**

HazMat Annex **for small businesses template – comments on draft.**

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**

**Speaker: Rafael Navas**, Public Outreach Manager | OPE, Railroad Commission of Texas

**Tentative: Tiger Dam Demo**

**2025 Meeting Dates:** Jan 29, Mar 26, Jun 4, Jul 30, **Sep 24**, and Dec 3.

## LOCAL UPDATES

1. **Ambipar | Witt O'Brien's 10th Annual EPA Compliance Workshop.** Topic: Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) & Facility Response Plan (FRP) Compliance, September 9-10, 2025, Houston, TX and Virtual. Contact [jcarroll@wittobriens.com](mailto:jcarroll@wittobriens.com) for more information.
2. **HOTZONE 2025** will be held October 16-19, 2025, at the Wyndham Houston near NRG (previously the Crowne Plaza). \$250/attendees. Visit <https://hotzone.org/attendee-online-registration/> for details.

## STATE UPDATES

### Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

1. **Upcoming Grants:** <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/financial/funding>
2. New map available online to find regulated facilities and their permits across Texas. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/>
3. The next **Environmental Trade Fair and Conference (ETFC)** is May 19-20, 2026 at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX
4. **Rulemaking** (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/whatsnew.html>)
  - a. Proposal, [Updates to Public Participation Rules to Implement Sunset Legislation](#) (Rule Project No. 2024-003-039-LS)
  - b. Petitions for Rulemaking Received:
    - [Petition to Require All Potable Water Storage Tanks to Be Leak-Free](#)
    - [Petition to Require NSF/ANSI 61 and NSF/ANSI/CAN 600 Certification for All Potable Water Storage Tanks](#)
5. **TCEQ Pending Enforcement Action – TCEQ Cases**  
Below are new pending enforcement actions since June 1, 2025, within the GHLEPC jurisdiction. A complete list of all enforcement actions across Texas as well as file an open records request at <https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/oce/penenfac/>

Case #	RN	RE Name	Respondent	Enforcement Type	Order Type	Program	Status
67854	RN110635752	CHEVRON GT-2, 7107 FAIRBANKS N HOUSTON RD, HOUSTON, TX 77040	JAINEMANI HOLDINGS LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 05/09/2025
67857	RN107096224	NOW & FOREVER ELDRIDGE, 13629 ALIEF CLODINE RD HOUSTON, TX 77082	TEXAS CIRCLE FUEL MANAGEMENT LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 05/09/2025
67863	RN101283331	KINGMONT MOBILE HOME PARK, 10706 CORA ST, HOUSTON, TX 77088	SMITH, WILLIAM DONALD	Administrative Order	Findings	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 05/13/2025
67926	RN101205292	TRAVIS BODY AND TRAILER, 13955 FM 529 RD, HOUSTON, TX 77041	TRAVIS BODY AND TRAILER INC	Administrative Order	Findings	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 05/28/2025
67961	RN100707769	AMERICAN THERMOPLASTICS 1235 KRESS ST HOUSTON, TX 77020	KRESS STREET PROPERTIES LLC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Texas Register Publication 07/04/2025

Case #	RN	RE Name	Respondent	Enforcement Type	Order Type	Program	Status
67980	RN112140462	4625 FUQUA ST 4625 FUQUA ST HOUSTON, TX 77048	WILSON, RAYTON; JELKS-WILSON, THERESA	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 06/09/2025
68013	RN102400918	TELO MARKET 2 1006 ALDINE BENDER RD, HOUSTON, TX 77032	TEOLOAPAN PLAZA LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 06/17/2025
68014	RN103128930	HARRIS COUNTY MUD 23, 7314 SHADY MILL DR HOUSTON, TX 77040	HARRIS COUNTY MUD 23	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 06/17/2025
68079	RN106059066	GREENWOOD BUSINESS PARK 16711 HOLLISTER ST HOUSTON, TX 77066	KUNDAN GREENWOOD LP	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 07/01/2025
68111	RN101180461	FOUNTAINVIEW SUBDIVISION 5619 ALDINE BENDER RD HOUSTON, TX 77032	CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 07/02/2025
68151	RN101206183	HOUSTON EXPORT CRATING 12317 ALMEDA RD HOUSTON, TX 77045	HOUSTON EXPORT CRATING	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 07/11/2025
68153	RN101801991	HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY 800 MIDDLE ST HOUSTON, TX 77003	HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY	Administrative Order	1660	INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 07/14/2025

### Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)

1. **State insurance commissioner urges Texans to shop for home insurance.** Texans can start at HelpInsure.com. This website lets you compare sample rates and policies from insurance companies selling in your area. It also includes a company's financial rating and complaint index, two important factors to consider. Also Insurance tips for hurricane season. If you can't find coverage, the Texas FAIR Plan, the state's property insurer of last resort, might be an option. Review this video for tips <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pju2hQgZNWw> . Visit <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/news/2025/tdi02032025.html>
  - a. **Flood Insurance** (typically not included in home insurance and usually has a 30 day waiting period.) Visit <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/>
2. The **National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)** is an online tool that improves how fire incidents are reported and analyzed. NERIS will replace the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) in February 2026. NERIS will be the main source of information and detailed analysis on fire issues in the United States.

### Federal

#### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

1. **Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens UPRR Update.** The EPA website for the Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) site (Site). To find important updates on the Site. EPA and UPRR have provided soil sampling results to private property owners. (<https://fifth-ward-kashmere-gardens-uprr-epa.hub.arcgis.com/>)

2. EPA Releases Proposal to rescind the 2009 Endangerment Finding, Regulations that Paved the Way for Electric Vehicle Mandates repealing all resulting greenhouse gas emissions regulations for motor vehicles and engines.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **ChemLock: Secure Your Chemicals Security Planning Training Course, Virtual.** Email [ChemLock@cisa.dhs.gov](mailto:ChemLock@cisa.dhs.gov) for on-site training.
2. Visit [www.ghlepc.org/training](http://www.ghlepc.org/training) for listing of training.
3. **TCEQ, the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS), Tier II Reporting (TIERII)** visit <https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>
4. **ONLINE & IN-PERSON HazMat Training. TRANSCAER®** (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response). <https://www.transcaer.com/training>.
5. **Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC).** Visit <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/pipeline-safety/> for details.
6. **Other Training Opportunities:**
  - <https://preparingtexas.org>
  - [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
  - [www.harriscountycitizencorps.com](http://www.harriscountycitizencorps.com)
  - <https://houstonuasi.com/regional-training-registration-2021/>
  - Texas Department of Insurance

**Subject: TCEQ: GHLEPC Grant Project “Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals”**  
**TCEQ Grant Award:** \$16,758.80. (Training and Project Administration only)

GHLEPC is seeking the donation: drawstring bag containing goggles, N95 masks, gloves, flyers, brochures, and training materials

**Project Dates:** June 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026

This project will expand GHLEPC’s efforts to educate and protect Houston-area families from the dangers posed by household chemicals.

1. **Training:** The training will cover a range of important topics, including:
  - Safe storage and disposal of medications
  - Proper buying, using, storing, and disposing of household chemicals
  - Understanding labels on chemical products
  - Medicine and poison safety
  - Preventing poisoning in the home
  - Poisoning first aid
  - Regulation of poisons
  - Promotion of Harris County’s free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Disposal Services.

**Subject: Update on PHMSA Grant Payment Status**

**Date:** July 30, 2025

Dear GHLEPC Membership,

We are writing to provide an update on the outstanding payment of \$40,000.00 for the Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) related to the pipeline tabletop exercise and drill we conducted on September 25, 2024. As of today, July 30, 2025, despite our comprehensive efforts, the payment from Sanders Resources from the grant remains outstanding.

**Additional Actions Taken Since June 3, 2025:**

- **PHMSA:** PHMSA has confirmed that it fulfilled its funding obligation by disbursing the grant funds to the State of Utah. State of Utah states it dispersed funds to an authorized State of Utah third party vendor, on behalf of Buxus. According to the State of Utah, Buxus was not an authorized vendor, and therefore could not receive the funds directly. Utah has neither disclosed the vendor's name nor their contact information. We submitted a FOIA request (PHMS-2025-00121) in March 2025 and have followed up three times since. PHMSA has acknowledged delays in processing due to an increased volume of requests following the recent change in administration. We remain engaged in pursuing documentation and accountability through this process.
- **TDEM:** The After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) and the invoice were submitted to Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) for his review and awareness.
- **Legislative Outreach:** Formal requests for assistance were submitted via email to Senator Paul Bettencourt, District 7, and U.S. Representative Wesley Hunt to help resolve the outstanding payment issue. A copy of the AAR/IP and invoice was also submitted with the requests.

We understand the importance of these funds for our operations and assure you that we will continue to diligently pursue all avenues for a satisfactory resolution. We will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Denise Chatam Walker  
Chair  
GHLEPC