

September 23, 2025
Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee
Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes

10:00AM – 12:00PM

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

Welcome Business

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Chair & Vice Chair Reports**
 - Spill reports – no significant reports; a few minor incidents reported.
 - Completed and submitted 2024-25 IRS Fiscal year tax report
 - July Meeting Notes (*available at <https://ghlepc.org/information>*) – approved
 - 2025 tabletop exercise, December 3, 2025, Communications: Disabled cellphone network
 - **Election of Officers** – to occur during the December 3rd, 2025, Meeting
 - Selection Committee formed to gather nominations for (Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer positions) as required in the bylaws.
 - Selection Committee members are David White, Michael Dunham, and Clyde “Bubba” Coxie
 - Officer qualifications are: (a) any member is eligible for nomination (attend three or more meetings including the day of elections), (b) staff of a jurisdictional Fire/EMS Department, Office of Emergency Management or City Manager/Mayoral office (Houston, Bellaire, West University, The Villages, Southside Place, or Humble), or (c) others as approved by the Harris County Judge.
 - Officer positions are volunteer leadership roles; no compensation provided (EPCRA Sections 301 and 303 and bylaws)
 - Self-nominations (incumbents): Karen LaFluer (Vice Chair) and Cathy Johnson (Treasurer)
 - Nominations to be submitted and voting will occur during December’s meeting
- **TCEQ Grant (“Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals”) status**
 - Completed:
 - Submitted second FSR to TCEQ - approved
 - Release of initial draft documents and videos
 - Paid time sheets and invoices
 - In Progress:
 - All Training Materials – membership feedback to be submitted to consultant
 - Donations Needed: 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 training).
- **Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) Executive Committee Statement.** *The Executive Committee has recorded that Sanders Resources (owners of Buxus) failed to remit any portion of the grant funds owed to the GHLEPC as a grant subawardee. Attempts to resolve the matter have been met with silence. After further review, the Committee has determined that no additional action will be taken at this time. The Committee reserves the right to revisit and reassess this position in the future.*
- **Member Reports**
 - Tier II reports – STEER system requires accurate information for its submissions, i.e., the correct spelling of chemicals, location coordinates must be entered in decimal degrees, not degrees-minutes-seconds, etc.

- US Flood Control, Tiger Dams product overview
- Upcoming BBQ Fundraiser at Pasadena Convention Center, November
- Seer & Serve 2nd Annual BBQ Cookoff, Pasadena Convention Center, 7601 Red Bluff Rd, Pasadena, TX 77507, November 8th. Gates open at 5:00 p.m.
- Underground Storage – undergoing a Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment related to hydrocarbons.
- Invista Houston Plant turnaround scheduled January-March 2026
- Achieving Community Tasks Successfully (ACTS) was awarded \$498,813 by EPA in November 2023 to conduct a citizen-science project monitoring hazardous air pollutants in Houston communities such as Pleasantville, Sunnyside, Fifth Ward, and Galena Park. Air sampling is in progress.
- HFD and Rice University partnership is seeking funding for new and existing projects
 - Rice's D2K Lab (Data to Knowledge) sponsored student capstone projects in collaboration with HFD such as the project titled "Derailed — Evaluating the Effects of Train-Related Delays on Houston Fire Department Operations." Visit engineering.rice.edu for details. The partnership focuses on data-driven approaches to improvement of HFD Operations.
- **PIO Report**
 - HFD updates - FIFA 2026: efforts remain in the planning stage
 - HFD EMS on duty death – service Friday, 9/26
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Hardcopy provided to attendees
- **Presentations**
 - TCEQ Grant Training Materials, brochure, flyer, and workbooks (children and adult)
 - US Flood Control, Tiger Dams product overview
 - HazMat Annex for small businesses template – approved.
- Local, TCEQ, TDI, and EPA Updates (*See below*)

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

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

LOCAL UPDATES

1. **HOTZONE 2025** will be held October 16-19, 2025, Wyndham Houston near NRG. \$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. **SBs 763 and 2351: Update to Protectiveness Review and Amendment Requirements for Concrete Batch Plants (Rule Project Number 2025-032-116-AI).** Rulemaking requires a protectiveness review to be conducted on the CBP SP at least once every 8 years and outlines requirements for updated authorizations when the CBP SP or CBPEC SP are amended. (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/rules/current/25032116_pex.pdf). Approved 10/08/25
 - b. **Memo to Amend Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations (2025-027-030-WS).** On September 25, 2024, TCEQ received petitions from the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association

(TAWWA) (petitioners). The petitioners requested that the commission revise 30 TAC Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations, particularly Sections 30.392 and 30.342 to require continuing education (CE) ethics training for renewal of all levels of public water system and wastewater operator licenses. The proposed ethics training would count towards the 30 CE credits already required to renew a license.

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/rules/current/25027030_conceptmemo.pdf

c. **Tax Relief (Prop 2) and Voter-Approval Tax Rate Relief Requirements Updates**

The rulemaking would make updates to Chapters 17 and 18 for Triennial review; Tier I table updates; electronic application, document, and payment updates; and other clarifying and correction updates. Comments Due 10/06/25,

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/rules/current/23123017_pex.pdf

5. **TCEQ Pending Enforcement Action – TCEQ Cases.** Below are new pending enforcement actions since July 15, 2025, within the GHLEPC jurisdiction.

<https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/oce/penenfac/>

Case #	RN	RE Name	Respondent	Enforcement Type	Order Type	Program	Status
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
68170	RN102333861	FALLBROOK UD 811 WEST RD HOUSTON, TX 77038	FALLBROOK UTILITY DISTRICT	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 07/15/2025
68219	RN105194625	TEXAS CONCRETE ENTERPRISE BATCH PLANT 3508 CHERRY ST HOUSTON, TX 77026	TEXCON CONCRETE LLC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 06/10/2025
68271	RN100209790	QUALITY ELECTRIC STEEL CASTINGS 252 MCCARTY ST HOUSTON, TX 77029	QESC LLC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 07/30/2025
68300	RN106406879	LOCATED ON N SIDE OF GARRETT RD APPROX 0.262 MI W OF INTX OF BELTWAY 8 AND GARRETT RD	CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE OF HOUSTON INC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 07/31/2025
68301	RN102278595	JACKS FOOD MART1115 HAMBLER RD KINGWOOD, TX 77339	HOUSTON MHA INC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/04/2025
68320	RN103124319	NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD 91200 TRAVIS ST STE 1800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD 9	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed 09/08/2025
68343	RN100870898	GOODYEAR HOUSTON CHEMICAL PLANT 2000 GOODYEAR DR HOUSTON, TX 77017	THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/13/2025
68347	RN100212828	TRANSCO RAILWAY PRODUCTS 16923 OLD BEAUMONT HWY 90	UNION TANK CAR COMPANY	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/13/2025

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		HOUSTON, TX 77049					
68359	RN101263424	WOODGATE MOBILE HOME VILLAGE 2331 FRICK RD HOUSTON, TX 77038	STONETOWN WOODGATE LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 08/19/2025
68360	RN100210475	STOLTHAVEN HOUSTON TERMINAL 15602 JACINTOPORT BLVD # A HOUSTON, TX 77015	STOLTHAVEN HOUSTON INC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/18/2025
68453	RN100210475			Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/27/2025
68553	RN100210475			Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 09/18/2025
68365	RN101258077	WEST HOUSTON MOBILE HOME COMM 14115 FM 529, Houston, Tx 77041 KM 408Q	SASSON, ELI	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 08/19/2025
68388	RN101231975	MEADOWLAKE ESTATES MEADOW LAKE COURT OFF BELTWAY 8 KEY MAP 417X	UNDINE TEXAS LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 09/26/2025
68408	RN112167556	LUCKY HOMES RV PARK 8608 CONGO LN HOUSTON, TX 77040	ICON INVESTMENTS LLC	Court Order	Final Judgment	MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 09/02/2025
68442	RN102540812	HOBAS PIPE USA 1413 E RICHEY RD HOUSTON, TX 77073	HOBAS PIPE USA INC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/27/2025
68460	RN101610608	NORTHEAST WWTP 625 MAXEY RD HOUSTON, TX 77013	CITY OF HOUSTON	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 09/03/2025
68462	RN103218996	TIDWELL WASTEWATER UTILITY 8911 E SAM HOUSTON PKWY N HOUSTON, TX 77044	TIDWELL WASTEWATER UTILITY LLC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 09/03/2025
68488	RN108242983	FIVE STAR READY MIX CBP1 SN 150421 & CBP2 SN 181220 8001 LEY RD HOUSTON, TX 77028	FIVE STAR READY MIX LLC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 08/27/2025
68524	RN100219526	HOUSTON PLANT 8600 PARK PLACE BLVD HOUSTON, TX 77017	TPC GROUP LLC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date 09/05/2025
68540	RN101388668	CITY OF HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS DEPT 8002 AIRLINE DR HOUSTON, TX 77037	CITY OF HOUSTON	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 09/17/2025

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68558	RN102671443	SELLERS ESTATES MOBILE HOME COMM 15003 SELLERS RD HOUSTON, TX 77060	JOHNSON, ANDREAS	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date 09/16/2025

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)

1. **State insurance commissioner urges Texans to shop for home insurance.** Texans can start at [HelpInsure.com](https://www.helpline.com).
2. **New Century Insurance Company ordered to end operations.** On September 3, 2025, it was placed in receivership and ordered into liquidation by the Travis County District Court in Austin, Texas (Case #D-1-GN-25-07344).
3. Key insurance legislation enacted during the 89th Legislature. A complete list is available at <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/bulletins/2025/b-0012-25.html>
 - a. [SB 1238](#) – Prohibiting rate increases for widowed spouses
 - b. [SB 213](#) – Prohibiting mandatory tying (bundling) of home and auto policies
 - c. [HB 2067](#) – Disclosure of declination, cancellation, and nonrenewal reasons
 - d. [SB 458](#) – Right to home and auto appraisal to resolve disputes about the loss amount.
 - e. [SB 455](#) – In-state arbitration for surplus lines policies
 - f. [SB 1644](#) – Use of credit scores in underwriting or rating. Requires insurers to review and update all insured's credit reports every three years, reassess the insured's policy rating, and adjust premiums based on the insured's updated credit score.
 - g. [SB 815](#) – Use of artificial intelligence in utilization review
Restricts use of "automated decision systems" for utilization review authority (URA)
 - h. [HB 3824](#) – Adopting and maintaining safety standards, testing and enforcement requirements for battery energy storage systems

FEDERAL

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

1. **Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens UPRR Update.** EPA and UPRR have provided soil sampling results to private property owners. (<https://fifth-ward-kashmere-gardens-uprr-epa.hub.arcgis.com/>)
2. EPA Launches **'Feed It Onward'** Initiative, a new national initiative designed to reduce food waste and strengthen food security across America. (<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-feed-it-onward-initiative>)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

Subject: Statement from the Chair

Date: September 24, 2025

Dear GHLEPC Membership,

After more than 12 years of service as Chair of the GHLEPC, I have decided that it is time to step aside and allow a new generation of leadership to guide the next chapter of our organization. Serving in this role has been an honor, and I am deeply grateful for the trust and collaboration we have shared over the years.

My current term will conclude on December 31, 2025. As part of this transition, the new leadership will be determined according to our bylaws and membership process. Today please begin the nominations of a new leader. Requirements are simple, you must have attended three or more sessions, or staff of a jurisdictional Fire/EMS Department, Office of Emergency Management or City Manager/Mayoral Office (Houston, Bellaire, West University, The Villages, Southside Place, or Humble). Any other exceptions, the Harris County Judge must approve. I encourage each of you to remain engaged in the process and support the person(s) elected to carry our mission forward.

One important responsibility I remain committed to is the completion and closure of our current TCEQ grant project. While this work may extend beyond the end of my formal term, I will do my part to ensure the grant is finalized properly to protect the integrity and credibility of our organization. We are currently scheduled to complete it by the end of my term.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve. I look forward to continuing to support the work of the GHLEPC in new ways and watching the next generation of leadership build upon our shared foundation.

With gratitude,

Dr. Denise Chatam Walker

Chair, GHLEPC