

July 31, 2024
Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee
Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda (Detailed)

Logistics

10:00AM – 12:00PM

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

Welcome

Business

Welcome & Introductions

- Chair & Vice Chair Reports
- Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) Approved
 - Awaiting agreement from State of Utah & Buxus
- Upcoming Tabletop Exercise
 - Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Houston Emergency Center, 5320 N. Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77091
 - **RSVP Required** to attend. Email chair@ghlepc.org or a Planning Team Member
 - **Scenario:** a Combined Radiation Incident and Pipeline Rupture in an Urban environment
 - Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center – modeling with NWS
 - Planning Sessions in progress

PRESENTATION: Captain Dana Brown, Houston Fire Department - Hazmat

Business

Local Updates

TCEQ Updates

EPA Updates

Member Reports

Potential Fund Raisers

Meeting Notes (available at <https://ghlepc.org/information>)

New Business

Treasurer Report

PIO Report

Houston Fire Department Updates

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 25, 2024**
Tabletop Exercise

LOCAL UPDATES

1. **Harris County Industrial Liaison OEM**, Clyde (Bubba) Coxie. He may be reached at clyde.coxie@oem.hctx.net, 713.294.8453.
2. **2024 HOTZONE HazMat Conference**, October 24-27, 2024, held at Wyndham Houston near NRG. The Greater Harris County LEPC meeting will be held during the conference on Friday, October 25, 2024.

STATE UPDATES

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

1. **There are no pending proposals at this time.**
2. **Upcoming Grants:**
3. **Rulemaking (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/whatsnew.html>)**
 - a. **Rulemaking and State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision Draft Concept and Initiation Memo Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) SIP Revision.** A rulemaking and SIP revision are necessary to implement two bills passed during the 88th Texas Legislature, 2023, Regular Session: **House Bill (HB) 32971** eliminates the mandatory annual vehicle safety inspection program for noncommercial vehicles, effective January 1, 2025; and **Senate Bill (SB) 21022** extends the initial registration and inspection period for rental vehicles to three years. Pending the results of a 2024 I/M fee study in progress, this rulemaking and SIP revision would also be necessary to adjust the maximum fee inspection stations are allowed to charge for an emissions inspection. Seventeen counties in Texas are subject to 30 TAC Chapter 114 I/M rules and the I/M SIP which includes Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery Counties.
https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/rules/current/24013114_conceptmemo.pdf)
4. **TCEQ Pending Enforcement Action – TCEQ Cases**
 Below are new pending enforcement actions since January 1, 2024, 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/oc/penenfac/>

Case #	RN	RE Name	Respondent	Enforcement Type	Order Type	Program	Status
65258	RN103015178	LANGHAM CREEK UD 17350 PATTIGLEN DR HOUSTON, TX 77084	LANGHAM CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT CN601361793	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 01/08/2024
65285	RN102390242	JAES ALL SEASON 2 3230 CAMPBELL RD HOUSTON, TX 77080	JAES ALL SEASONS MARKET INC CN602250383	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 01/19/2024
65317	RN111856290	JAGUAR FUELING SERVICES HUMBLE 77396	JAGUAR FUELING SERVICES LLC CN605186287	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 01/05/2024
65319	RN102966249	MONTGOMERY FOOD MART 7701 W MONTGOMERY RD HOUSTON, TX 77088	MONTGOMERY TRADING INC CN605430529 and SHAMIZ REAL ESTATE INC CN605430503	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 01/26/2024
65342	RN109224832	FIVE STAR READY MIX 8001 LEY RD HOUSTON, TX 77028	FIVE STAR READY MIX LLC CN604791087	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 01/16/2024
65347	RN109666016	HOMESTEAD PROJECT 6001 HOMESTEAD RD HOUSTON, TX 77028	TEXAN CONCRETE ENTERPRISE READY MIX INC CN604045617	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 02/16/2024
65447	RN100210475	STOLTHAVEN HOUSTON TERMINAL 15602 JACINTOPORT BLVD # A HOUSTON, TX 77015	STOLTHAVEN HOUSTON INC CN600124820	Administrative Order	Findings	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 02/13/2024

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65498	RN111835740	SAMUEL WAIMUN SHUM 10226 ALTONBURY LN HOUSTON, TX 77031	LEUNG, ADA WING CN606196095 And SHUM, SAMUEL WAIMUN CN606196087	COURT ORDER	FINAL JUDGME NT	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 02/13/2024
65537	RN102075686	AMERI-FORGE HOUSTON 13770 INDUSTRIAL RD HOUSTON, TX 77015	AMERIFORGE CORPORATION CN603201906	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 02/15/2024
65699	RN102180569	COLONIAL HILLS PLANT 14910 SELLERS RD HOUSTON, TX 77060	AQUA TEXAS INC CN604062463	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 03/13/2024
65735	RN102739455	TRAIL OF LAKES MUD 2300 FIRST CITY TOWER 1001 FANNIN STREET HOUSTON TX 77002 - 6760	TRAIL OF LAKES MUD CN601356553	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 03/19/2024
65763	RN101223634	HOUSTON SUBURBAN HEIGHTS MHP 11426 SUBURBAN RD HOUSTON, TX 77016	WEATHERFORD, EARNEST WAYNE CN600664650	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPP LY	Initial Screening - 03/26/2024
65827	RN102165255	GCH MELENDY 11913 FM 529 RD HOUSTON, TX 77041	INGRAM READYMIX NO 101 LLC	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Texas Register Publication 07/26/2024
65888	RN111942330	FRN INVESTMENTS LLC 10311 ALTONBURY LN HOUSTON, TX 77031	FRN INVESTMENTS LLC CN606243905	Court Order	Final Judgment	MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 02/07/2024
65892	RN102285269	SUN & STAR BUSINESS INC 426 E LITTLE YORK RD HOUSTON, TX 77076	FAST MART & FUEL CN603775891	Administrative Order	1660 6 6 0	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 04/24/2024
65894	RN101775104	ANTOINE CH INVESTMENTS LLC 8003 ANTOINE DR HOUSTON, TX 77088	HANDI PLUS 333 CN604696989	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 04/22/2024
65897				Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening - 04/22/2024

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)

Texas Department of Insurance Updates (effective 9/1/2023) (Visit

<https://www.tdi.texas.gov/fire/rules/index.html> for details):

1. The **Fraud Unit at TDI** has fraud prevention resources to help you to protect residents from scams after Hurricane Beryl. Visit <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/storms/fraud-toolkit.html> for details.
2. **Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program (OSHCON)**. Free on-site safety consultations are confidential and offered in person at your jobsite. OSHCON can help you find, reduce, and remove safety and health hazards, and learn OSHA standards. OSHCON also provides (a) training, (b) help with safety and health programs, and (c) free safety training materials and publications. (<https://www.tdi.texas.gov/oshcon/index.html>)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

1. States until 2044. Totality will occur through the areas of Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Fort Worth. TxDOT is also preparing highway signs to share messages saying, “NO STOPPING ON HIGHWAY TO VIEW ECLIPSE” and “NO PARKING ON SHOULDER, KEEP MOVING.” (<https://www.txdot.gov/about/newsroom/stories/total-guide-to-texas-eclipse-travel.html>)

FEDERAL & BEYOND

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Prevention and Safety Grants. Focus on providing training and resources for firefighters in our jurisdiction. A discretionary grant.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

1. **AirNow.** AirNow is a one-stop source for air quality data. The site highlights air quality in your local area and provides air quality information at state, national, and world views via an interactive map. AirNow reports use the official U.S. Air Quality Index (AQI). (<https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Houston&state=TX&country=USA>)

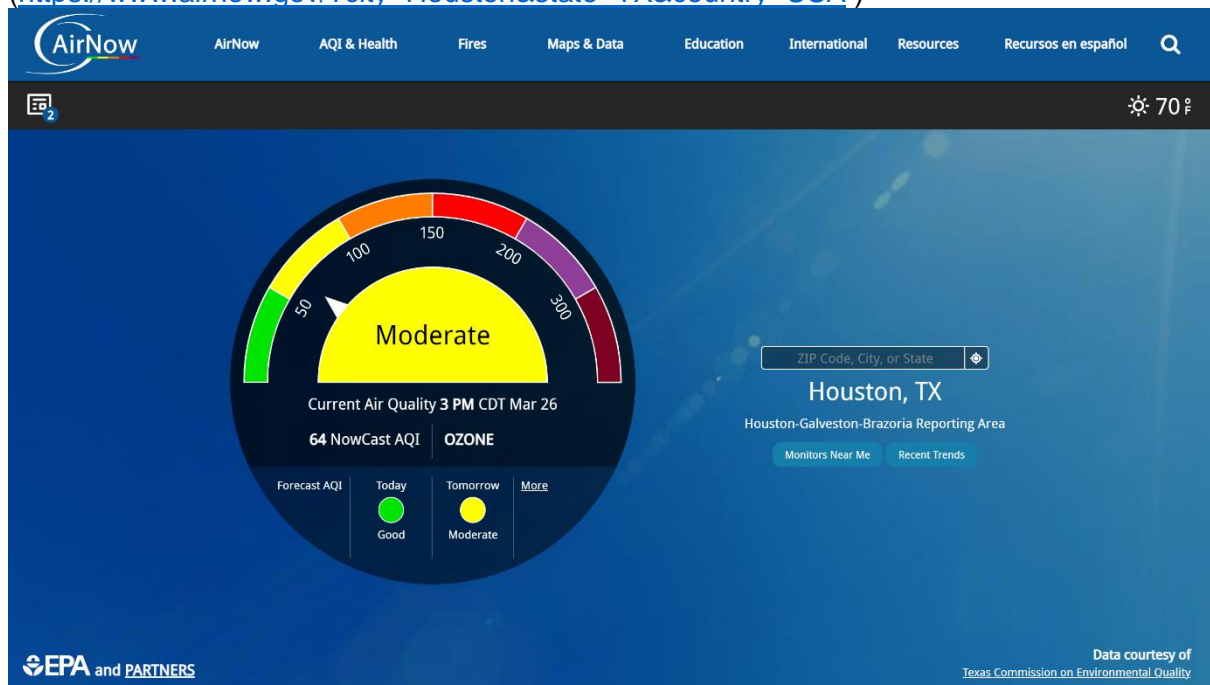


Figure 1. EPA AirNow Webpage

2. **EPA Grant Opportunity**
Austin FY 2021 – FY 2023 EDA Planning and Local Technical Assistance Grant focus on disaster resiliency plan for the GHLEPC jurisdiction. A discretionary grant.
3. **Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens UPRR Update**
On February 27, 2023, EPA announced an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent with UPRR. The consent order compels UPRR to investigate and evaluate potential contamination in and around the former wood preserving facility in the Greater Fifth Ward area of Houston, Texas. UPRR will conduct the investigation and evaluation and EPA will oversee their work. The field work is expected to begin in early Spring 2023. (<https://www.epa.gov/up-houston-fifth-ward>)
4. **Tier2 Submit and CAMEO Data Manager Software** Updates were released in early 2024. The official versions of Tier2 Submit 2023 and CAMEO Data Manager 4.3.0 for report year 2023 are now available on the EPA website.

Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL seeks to expand and establish protections for Emergency Response Workers. **OSHA** will publish a proposal in January 2024 to update an existing standard and expand safety and health protections for emergency responders, including firefighters, emergency medical service providers and technical search and rescue workers. OSHA will issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to modernize the agency's "Fire Brigades" standard as its protections for a narrow set of industrial and private firefighters have become outdated. (<https://www.osha.gov/emergency-response/rulemaking>)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1. Visit www.ghlepc.org/training for listing of training.
2. **TCEQ**, the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (**STEERS**), Tier II Reporting (TIERII) visit <https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>
3. **ONLINE & IN-PERSON HazMat Training. TRANSCAER®**
(Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response).
<https://www.transcaer.com/training> .
4. **Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC)**. Visit <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/pipeline-safety/> for details.
5. **FEMA Virtual Instructor Led Courses**
Register on the OBP/CDP Schedule & Registration Page at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/obp> to receive updates. Note: FEMA Student Identification (SID) number and password are required to apply. To obtain a FEMA SID, go to: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register>.
6. **Other Training Opportunities:**
 - <https://preparingtexas.org>
 - www.fema.gov
 - www.harriscountycitizencorps.com
 - <https://houstonuasi.com/regional-training-registration-2021/>
 - Texas Department of Insurance