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RE: 2011 Annual Report

This year, the Kent County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) completed 12 new offsite response plans and 225 existing plans were revised. A total of 237 offsite response plans were approved in 2011, 1 plan was not revised this year due to circumstances beyond our control. We will complete this plan in January 2012. Since the inception of the program, more than 317 plans have been completed. This year, 14 plans were removed from our list as they no longer have extremely hazardous substances over the threshold planning quantity at their site or because the facilities have gone out of business. The LEPC appreciates the fine cooperation it continues to have with local industrial and agricultural facilities in creating these comprehensive plans.

The following table shows our performance over the last nine years:

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
New Plans Completed:	12	10	7	4	11	8	12	8	8
Plans Revised:	225	223	234	237	231	227	241	231	223

CAMEO (Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations) continues to be an integral part of each plan. All railroad information has been updated so that it is accurate. We continue to use the web-based program Tier II Manager. This program allows facilities with hazardous materials to report their chemical information online. The program allows us access to this database as well. We attach all of our offsite response plans to this website. This year we identified a problem with the program, the State of Michigan does not support the program except from 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday. We have provided a work around by allowing Kent County dispatch personnel to have access to our most current plans on our share drive 24/7.

Our members continue to work on projects using the subcommittee structure. On May 10, 2011, the Exercise Design Subcommittee held their annual exercise. The exercise location was Reisters Grower Service in Tyrone Township where we simulated a release of several pesticides. Kent City/Tyrone Fire Department was the first responder with assistance from the MI RRT (Regional Response Team) 61 HazMat Team which provided hazardous materials response. Kent County Volunteer CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), Kent County RACES

(Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services), Kent County Emergency Management, Life EMS and Kent County Sheriff Dept. also participated in this exercise. Spectrum Health Hospital held a burn surge exercise which built on our exercise event. They had “patients” at HDVCH (Helen Devos Children’s Hospital), Butterworth and in the Burn Center. Chief Austin from Wyoming Fire Dept led the training. The Kent County LEPC translated two of our outreach brochures into Spanish due to a large population of Spanish speaking residents in the area, an American Red Cross volunteer helped with the translation. These brochures were then distributed door to door by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers.

The Industry Outreach Subcommittee put on their annual workshop on November 3 at Amway World Headquarters. Once again the space for the workshop was donated and Univar USA covered the cost of the refreshments. The workshop was entitled “Workplace Violence: Understanding and Defusing the Violent Mind” and was aimed at businesses and industry as well as schools and other special needs facilities in Kent County. We had approximately 130 persons register to attend. Evaluations from the workshop were glowing and numerous suggestions were made regarding future topics they would like for similar events. Everyone loved the workshop location.

The Public Information Subcommittee completely updated our website this year. Each brochure was revised and reprinted. The Kent County Health Department began distributing our updated brochures to childcare centers and adult foster care homes that they inspect on a regular basis. Through the use of Homeland Security grant funds we were able to purchase a new display banner which was in place during the May 2011 exercise. The Kent County LEPC would like to have a presence on Facebook and is working with the Kent County Sheriff’s Department to complete this task. We distributed three newsletters this year: one on National Preparedness Month in August/September, in October/November we had a newsletter on workplace violence and our annual conference and then the December/January newsletter was an abbreviated annual report and 2012 work plan review.

The Plan Review Subcommittee reads each and every plan or plan revision each month to ensure that the plan is current and accurate. We would like to thank Captain Dewitt for his help updating all of the access control maps in every offsite response plan.

The Kent County LEPC continues to serve as the Kent County Citizen Corp Council. This Council oversees the activities of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC), Neighborhood Watch (NW), Volunteers In Policing (VIP) and the Fire Corp programs in Kent County. The Council meets quarterly and each program is asked to give an update at these meetings. Sue Barthels, LEPC Coordinator, sits on the Regional Citizen Corp subcommittee and is asked to provide information regarding grant activities. Kent County had 42 program coordinators/volunteers participate in a Statewide Citizen Corp conference in December which was paid for using Federal grant funds. The Citizen Corps Council also began hosting quarterly program coordinator meetings this year to encourage all of our local citizen corps programs to work more closely together.

County and City Officials continue to look into combining both Grand Rapids and Kent County LEPCs into one; the Kent County LEPC.

Information regarding SARA Title III, Kent County LEPC activities, and copies of all of our educational materials are on our web at www.accesskent.com/lepc.

\$19,445.54 was received by the Kent County LEPC under the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant for 2010-2011; these funds are used to pay for a portion of the program expenses.