



## LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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### **FUNCTION STATEMENT**

Through the enactment of R.S. 30:2364, the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to:

- Establish emergency planning districts;
- Appoint local emergency planning committees;
- Supervise and coordinate the activities of local emergency planning committees;
- Provide the Environmental Protection Agency with information concerning notification received on certain releases of hazardous materials and substances;
- Designate, as necessary, facilities subject to hazardous material reporting procedures;
- Recommend a standardized inventory form for gathering required information and develop reporting procedures which reduce duplication of reporting;
- Recommend, as necessary, additional substances which should be defined as hazardous materials;
- Act as the central advisory body for coordinating state and federal Right-to-Know activities with regard to hazardous substances;
- Establish procedures for recalling and processing public requests for information;
- Review local emergency planning committee emergency response plans and recommend revisions as necessary.