



## LOUISIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Louisiana Emergency Response Commission (LERC) is to coordinate and supervise implementation of the federal hazardous materials Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) within Louisiana. The LERC is to develop, coordinate, and lead the state emergency management program, enabling effective preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters in order to save lives, reduce human suffering and minimize property loss. This includes federal programs to prevent, mitigate, and enhance responses to hazardous material emergencies; the supervision and coordination of local emergency planning committees (LEPC) in each of the emergency planning districts making sure that plans in each Parish are adequately developed, maintained and exercised to ensure an effective response to accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials; and ensure public availability of the emergency plans along with the appropriate chemical information as prescribed by law.