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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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August 1, 2016

THE HONORABLE DARYL D. MELTON  
COUNTY JUDGE  
PO BOX 716  
HEMPHILL TX, 75948

Re: New TCEQ LEPC Grant Program

Dear Judge Melton:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is excited to announce the Texas Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Grant Program. This state funded grant program will assist LEPCs in establishing, maintaining, and/or improving their implementation of Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). Only LEPCs that are officially recognized by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) are eligible for this grant.

The first grant round will be approximately \$4,420,000 which includes an additional \$4,000,000 appropriated for the 2016/2017 biennium. Future grants will be approximately \$210,000 annually. Because of this, the TCEQ encourages LEPCs to use this grant round to establish large projects or plans that can be used in multiple years or shared with other LEPCs. There will be no match requirement for this grant and funding will be awarded upfront.

The TCEQ is now accepting grant applications. Grant applications must be received by the TCEQ no later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time, August 31, 2016. Applications can be submitted by mail or electronically. Applications received after this deadline will be awarded on a case-by-case basis as funds are available. Applicants are encouraged to submit an application as early as possible.

Please visit the following website for more information about the new Texas LEPC Grant Program, including application forms, award terms and conditions, and purchasing guidelines.  
Website: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/LEPCGrants>

For additional information, please contact Deanna Sivek, LEPC Grant Coordinator, at 512-239-1510 or [deanna.sivek@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:deanna.sivek@tceq.texas.gov) or [LEPCGRANTS@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:LEPCGRANTS@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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By: *Suraja Bailey*  
Deputy



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