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LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO HOLD SEMINAR REGARDING SAFE HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Tucson, Arizona - November 25, 2009 - On Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Desert Diamond Casino on Old Nogales Highway, the Pima County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will hold an educational seminar for members of the business community to address the safe handling of hazardous materials. The focus of this committee is to reduce incidence of hazardous materials releases within Pima County in addition to the development of procedures and processes should a release occur.

With a goal of educating business owners who have, use, manufacture, or ship hazardous materials, to be safe in what they do, the LEPC has invited representatives from several local, state and federal agencies to present information on a variety of topics. “When the business community operates safely, the citizens of our communities are safe,” says Dan Johnston, Chairman of the LEPC.

Invited presenters include:

- U.S. EPA discussing the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) as well as responsibilities of the business as identified in this law, and what to expect from an audit.
- The U.S. Dept. of Transportation regarding transportation rules pertaining to hazardous materials.
- The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality addressing the requirements of the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) or hazardous waste.
- The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security with information regarding the elements of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards.
- The Arizona State Emergency Response Commission will provide information surrounding the proper reporting of on-site chemicals and facility plans.
- LEPC business members and first responders will present information regarding “What should happen when a hazardous material release occurs.”

Information and reservations for the seminar can be found on the LEPC web site:
www.pimahealth.org/emergency/lepc.asp. or by calling 520.798.0600.

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