

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
(LEPC) OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the development, manufacture and sale of products to enhance the quality of life have increased over the past several years; and,

WHEREAS, hazardous materials and chemicals are used in the production of most of these products; and,

WHEREAS, it has been established that over 45,000 different chemicals are in use today and that approximately 3,000 new chemicals come into existence each year; and,

WHEREAS, hazardous materials, chemicals, and wastes are present at several fixed facilities within Rockdale County and are transported by highway and railway through Rockdale County; and,

WHEREAS, there is a concern at all levels of government and industry to protect public health and safety when a hazardous material, chemical, or waste is spilled; and,

WHEREAS, Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) established requirements for reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency's Risk Management Program (RMP) rule under Section 112r of the Clean Air Act, as amended, established requirements for 66,000 chemical industries nationwide to develop Risk Management Plans by June 21, 1999 outlining hazard assessments, accident prevention programs, accident histories, and emergency response capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SARA Title III LEPC structure requirements, the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners desires to establish a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) of Rockdale County, which shall be composed of members of the requisite County departments, agencies, facilities, and community stakeholders with the Rockdale County Emergency Management Agency serving as the Coordinator to the LEPC and providing all administrative support necessary for LEPC activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Rockdale County LEPC shall be responsible for preparing and implementing emergency response plans, managing the flow of document submissions from industry and their disclosure response to all requests, conducting hazardous material training exercises, pursuing the development of an awareness program involving industry, the community, local government, and the media, and evaluating available resources for preparation of and response to all potential incidents; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners that the Rockdale County Local Emergency Planning Committee be hereby established and shall meet all requirements and fulfill all responsibilities as described in the instant resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

SO RESOLVED this 11 day of September, 2018.

Rockdale County, Georgia
Board of Commissioners

By: 
Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman

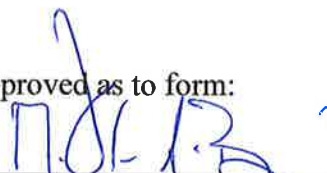
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