

Broome County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
**LEPC MEETING MINUTES**  
**2/19/2026**

- Introduction of guests/new members  
Attendees: Cortnianne Williams, Archie Brace, Cait Cavanaugh, John McNulty, Linda Taylor, Katie Pierce, Sierra Kunig, Joshua Nytch, Michael Bender, Pamela Rexer, Cassidy Sullivan, Liam Prendergast, Joseph Bertolami, Francesco Maimone, Adam Soden  
Online: Mike Heide, Tina Survilla, Jennifer Vitagliano, Kim Saunders, Ron Patti, Kamaran Fisher, Kerby Sainclair, Steve Smith, Stephanie Brewer, David Tinklepaugh
- Approval of minutes 12/18/2025: Motion Josh Nytch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cortnianne Williams
- New Email Address to contact LEPC: [broomelepc@broomecountyny.gov](mailto:broomelepc@broomecountyny.gov)
- Correspondence /Announcements – Tier 2 Reports Received  
TruGreen Dickson Street Endicott  
Various Tier 2 Reports received via mail, email and E-Plan.

**Old Business**

**1) Drills and Training Schedule 2026 – Updates and New Events**

- *Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – May 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 AM*
- SUNY Broome Mock Disaster on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2) Committee Updates:**

- **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 1/15/26

Health Department:

- For this 2025-2026 flu season, we have had 1787 lab-confirmed influenza cases. For reference, last flu season we had 3932 total. Each week throughout flu season, the most recent data is posted on the Broome County Health Department Facebook page.

Long Term Care:

- Nursing homes have also been taking precautions during flu/respiratory disease season to prevent spread.
- There was a nursing home facility in Philadelphia that had an explosion right before Christmas. Explosion resulted in two fatalities (resident and worker), and 20 injuries. There was very little reporting, but those in the field are trying to get any information about incident (including cause; suspected gas leak). Haven't seen anything from state health department for safety related to incident. Discussed would be interested in AAR / lessons learned from this incident.

Emergency Medical Services / Mass Casualty Response:

- EMS continuing high-volume trends, mostly related to flu. Over the last month, both hospitals have been experiencing wall times, with the longest duration being 2.5 hours. Monitoring and working with partners to continue to move EMS back into the field.
- Garrick Henry from Guthrie Lourdes retired January 16<sup>th</sup>. This position has not been filled but for any Emergency Preparedness Needs Contact: Patrick Dewing ([PatrickE.Dewing@Guthrie.org](mailto:PatrickE.Dewing@Guthrie.org)). For any other needs at the hospital, Contact: Jennifer Richards ([jenniferc.richards@guthrie.org](mailto:jenniferc.richards@guthrie.org)).

Social Services / Housing – DSS

- Been busy, number of unhoused people has dramatically increased over the year. From Jan 2025, housing roughly 275 people. In December 2025, roughly 675 people. BCDSS works with 8/9 motels, compared to other counties that have 1 motel/shelter arrangements. Seeing an increase in unhoused families (including children). Back in Jan, housing 96 children. In Dec, housing 211 children. Need

more permanent housing in the area. Running out of places to put people, have had to send people out of the area due to reaching capacity in Broome (Owego, Norwich).

- 3) Legal Notice to appear in Press& Sun-Bulletin- Notice was in the paper on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025.
- 4) **2026 LEPC PLANS for Committees:**
  - Health, Human, and Animal Needs
  - Training/Exercises – Drills
  - **Infrastructure**
  - **Public Safety**
    - Pam, Mike and Cortni will meet to discuss other committees in March.

#### New Business

- 5) **Presentation: Regulatory Requirements Affecting LEPCs - Francesco Maimone**
  - **Common Sense Approach to Chemical Accident Prevention Proposed Rule** – Pre-Publication on February 13, 2026
    - Overview of EPA R2 Risk Management Program
      - To prevent chemical accidents from listed substances with thresholds at facilities subject to the risk management program
      - Implement the National Chemical Accident Prevention Program to ensure national consistency.
      - Service all programmatic, inspection, and enforcement needs in the Risk Management Program
      - Provide Chemical Accident Prevention Program Compliance Assistance
      - Partner with all federal, state and local counterparts
    - Agency Priorities
      - 1: Clean Air, Land and Water for Every American
      - 2: Restore American energy dominance
      - Permitting reform, cooperative federalism, and cross-agency partnership
      - Make the United State the Artificial Intelligence Capital of the World
      - Protecting and Bringing Back American Auto Jobs
    - National Chemical Accident Prevention Program: 8 Priority Areas
      - Regulatory Compliance Assistance
      - Inspection and Enforcement
      - Regulation and Policy Development and Technical Support
      - Data Management
      - Evaluation and Analysis
      - Communication and Outreach
      - Support to State and Local Agencies
      - Workforce Deployment, Training and Infrastructure Development
    - National Facilities by Industry
      - All 10 EPA Regions- 11,308 Facilities
      - Region 2 Facilities by Industry- 269 (NY, NJ, PR, VI)
      - Broome County- 2 (Amrex Chemical: 3 Facilities and Lineage: 1 Facility)
    - How LEPC can Help Identify Non-Filers
      - Local Knowledge of Facilities, Local News, etc.
      - EPCRA 302 Notifications (to SERC & LEPC) for an EHS
      - EPCRA 303 Community Emergency Plans
      - EPRA 311/312 Annual Chemical Inventory
- 6) Tier 2 Reports Due on March 1, 2026 for Year 2025

- Reports to be sent to State Emergency Management, LEPC and local Fire Departments
- NYS SERC and Broome County LEPC accept reports from E-Plan
- Local Fire Departments may require paper copies

**7) OSHA Hazard Communication Standard:**

**4 MONTH EXTENSION ANNOUNCED ON JANUARY 15, 2026**

- Final rule that updates the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align primarily with the seventh revision of the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). *Current version aligns with third version.*
- **The final rule was published on May 20, 2024 and took effect on July 19, 2024.**
- Phase-in dates of compliance:
  - For Manufacturers:**
    - For Substances: January 19, 2026 Updated SDS and container labeling **EXTENDED TO MAY 19, 2026**
    - For Mixtures: July 19, 2027 Updated SDS and container labeling **EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 19 2027**
  - For Employers** – container labeling, employee training, and updated Hazard Communication program
    - July 20, 2026 (for substances) **EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 20 2026**
    - January 19, 2028 (for mixtures) **EXTENDED TO MAY 19 2028**

Motion to Adjourn: Josh Nytech, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cortnianne Williams

*Next Meeting: April 16, 2026 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)*

*Committee Meetings: March 19, 2026 - Health, Human and Animal Needs*