

Why Are Hazmat-Adapted Communities Important and Necessary?

- The community is located in or in close proximity to Superfund sites, Risk Management Plan facilities, Tier II facilities, or transportation routes.
- The community has adequate local fire department and hazmat response capacity to meet most community protection needs.
- The community has local codes that require notification and reporting for hazardous chemical storage and emergency release notification.
- The community has, and uses, a Community Hazardous Material Protection Plan.
- The community has designated safe, evacuation routes, as well as safe zones in the community when



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**Adams County Local
Emergency Planning
Committee
(LEPC)**

**How can you contribute to a Hazmat
Adapted Community (HAC)?**

**A Community-wide
Approach to Preparedness**



What Is a Hazmat-Adapted Community (HAC)?

An HAC is a human community consisting of informed and prepared citizens collaboratively planning and taking action to safely coexist with hazardous materials. An HAC helps connect all those who have a role in hazardous material education, planning and acting with organizations and programs that provide comprehensive resources for their specific needs. The combination of efforts strengthens a community's resilience for any hazardous material threats. The focus addresses resident safety, homes, neighborhoods, businesses, infrastructure, parks, open spaces, and other community assets. The more actions that a community takes, the more Hazmat-Adapted it becomes.



Why have an HAC?

More people live in places where hazardous materials are a risk. Communities are also getting smarter at how to better adapt their community assets to potential hazardous material risks. Living in a Risk Area means you are prepared for the next incident or spill. Is your community Hazmat-Adapted?

The Adams County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) was formed to ensure implementation and compliance with federal laws addressing emergency planning and community information related to these laws.

The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act requires states to:

Organize, analyze and disseminate the resulting information on hazardous chemicals to local governments and the public

Receive reports from the regulated community

Promote outreach for developing local emergency preparedness programs to respond to chemical releases

The more effective way to reduce hazardous material impact is through a collaborative approach with all community members and leaders, Government and Industry.

HACs are important because of:

- Awareness for firefighter and public safety planning, training and response.
- Increase in public education and awareness
- Increase in community resilience and post-disaster economic recovery.

