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DEQ Offers Funding Opportunities for Local Emergency Planning Committees

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) expects to be able to help local emergency planning committees (LEPCs) with equipment reimbursement opportunities. The funding will be available during the current fiscal year, which began on July 1, 2016, and ends on June 30, 2017.

The Hazardous Waste Fund affords DEQ resources for the protection of public health and safety that includes providing basic emergency response training and protective equipment. Funding must be for projects that directly benefit the local population served by the LEPC and first responders. Equipment reimbursement agreements will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Each LEPC should limit their request to a maximum of \$6,000. Agreements are contingent on the availability of funds. The funds are derived from fines collected through the Hazardous Waste Program.

LEPCs interested in these opportunities or individuals interested in communicating with their local LEPC can contact DEQ's Clifton Hoyle at 405-702-5215 or via email at clifton.hoyle@deq.ok.gov.

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