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Mr. Bill Finan
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Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Finan:

Today the North Central Florida LEPC voted to begin the process of providing local access to Offsite Consequence Analysis (OCA) data. The LEPC believes it is important to safely provide information to local people who learn from the EPA's Vulnerable Zone Indicator System (VZIS) that their home, work or school could be impacted by an OCA release scenario.

The LEPC requests a printed copy of Risk Management Plans (RMPs) for facilities that are either in or could impact Florida LEPC District 3. The LEPC initially wants to make this information available to other covered agencies for use in hazardous materials emergency response planning. The binder will be stored in a locked fire file. The LEPC would also like this same information in RMP*Review when available.

The LEPC Public Information Subcommittee will meet before the end of the year to discuss procedures to be used for providing local public access to OCA data. The Florida SERC will discuss this topic on January 5, 2001, in St. Pete Beach. Our next LEPC meeting is in February 2001, where a policy on providing public access can be discussed and possibly adopted. The LEPC will also discuss publicizing the new VZIS as part of our annual Hazardous Materials Spill Prevention Week.

Thank you for your assistance with helping to increase chemical safety in our communities. If you have any questions regarding this request, do not hesitate to contact Dwayne Mundy at (352) 955-2200 x108 or email mundy@ncfrpc.org.

Sincerely,
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John Hudson,
Chairman

xc: Florida SERC and LEPCs