

# Graham and Greenlee County Merger

Presented to AZSERC for Approval  
March 22, 2022

- The Governor of each state designated a SERC that is responsible for implementing the Emergency Planning and Community Right to know act (EPCRA) provisions within its state. ADEQ was tasked with overseeing the SERC in 2015.

- The purpose of the LEPC is to
  - Comply with section 303 of Title III
  - LEPC authorities are:
    - USC Title 42 Section 11001 through 11005 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA),
    - Code of Federal Regulations 40 CFR §§ 300 through 316,
    - Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 49-121 through 49-133 Community Right to Know Act & Hazardous Materials Emergency Response, and
    - Arizona Administrative Code Title 18 Environmental Quality, Chapter 18 Department of Environmental Quality- Emergency Planning and Hazardous Materials Training.
  - Develop an emergency plan for its community to prepare for and respond to hazardous chemical emergencies/incidents.
  - Review annually and exercise the emergency response plan biennially .
  - Provide public access to reports collected under EPCRA, as well as the local emergency plan.

## ■ IT IS PROPOSED TO:

- Merge Graham and Greenlee County LEPCs into one LEPC.

- Recommended name: Graham-Greenlee LEPC

  - \*Merger would provide a larger population to participate on the LEPC.

  - \*Allow coordinators to work together on compliance as a team.

  - \*LEPC compliance with requirements under EPCRA, Arizona Revised Statute and Arizona Administrative Code.

## New LEPC appointments:

**Group I: Elected State and Local Officials (A.R.S. 49 §124 B.)**

**John Howard**, Graham County Board of Supervisors

**Group II: Law Enforcement, Civil Defense, Firefighting, First Aid, Health, Local Environmental, Hospital and Transportation Personnel (A.R.S. 49 §124 B.)**

**Collin Fanning**, Graham County Emergency Management, (Chairperson)

**Steve Rutherford**, Greenlee County Emergency Management, (Vice-Chairperson)

**Brian Douglas**, Graham County Health Department

**Hayden Boyd**, Duncan Fire Department

**Group IV: Community Groups (HOAs, Faith Based Groups, Community Based Groups, etc.) (A.R.S. 49 §124 B.)**

**Brook Curley**, Graham County Chamber of Commerce

**Group V: Owners and Operators of facilities subject to the requirements of EPCRA (A.R.S. 49 §124 B.)**

**Chris West**, Freeport McMoran Morenci

- If approved - Collin Fanning and Steve Rutherford will provide public notice of the merger by April 1, 2022.
- Meet with AZSERC staff
  - To review bylaws NLT 4/11/2022
  - To review ERP NLT 5/2/2022
  - To review Open Meeting Law NLT 5/16/2022
  - To plan biennial exercise NLT 5/30/2022
  - To discuss recruitment of Group III member NLT 4/11/22
- Provide AZSERC staff with an agenda of their first LEPC scheduled meeting by 6/30/2022.
- Provide AZSERC staff with meeting minutes NLT three days after scheduled meeting.
- LEPC Coordinator agrees to continue to work with AZSERC staff and continue the communication to ensure the LEPC is successful and remains compliant with statute.