



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

## Administrative Services Emergency Management

Bennett J. Schliesman  
Director

1000 - 55th Street  
Kenosha, WI 53140  
Telephone: (262) 605-7900  
Fax: (262) 605-7905  
E-mail: BSchliesman@co.kenosha.wi.us

May, 11, 2010

### **PRESS RELEASE**

For More Information, Contact:  
Ben Schliesman at 262-605-7900

### **FACILITIES REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW TO REPORT CHEMICALS**

The federal government requires that, “Any facility (business, municipality, school, farm, etc.) that utilizes any of the 364 Extremely Hazardous Substances as listed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) above certain quantities or any Hazardous Chemicals as defined by the EPA above a certain quantity are required to report this information. In Kenosha County facilities should report this information to the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)/Kenosha County Emergency Management (KCEM) and to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM),” stated Ben Schliesman, Kenosha County Emergency Management Director.

“The information that is obtained from facilities is not only required under federal law but is critical information that is utilized by the local fire departments, the countywide Hazardous Materials’ Response Team, the Regional HazMat Team and Kenosha County Emergency Management for planning and incident response,” said Schliesman. “Organizations found in non-compliance with the above laws as stated in the Superfund Amendment & Reauthorization Act may be subject to federal fines of up to \$75,000 per chemical, per day and the possibility of civil and criminal fines if an accident or intentional act occurs at their facility.”

“Kenosha County Emergency Management is proactive in identifying all of the Extremely Hazardous Substances and Hazardous Chemicals that may be found within Kenosha County so that facilities and first responders can mitigate any potential problems before they occur and so first responders can better respond to chemical related emergencies that may arise,” stated Schliesman. “Currently Kenosha County Emergency Management has a listing of 62 Facilities that utilize Extremely Hazardous Substances and 119 Facilities that utilize Hazardous Chemicals.”

For further information contact Kenosha County Emergency Management at (262) 605-7900. Additional information may also be obtained at EPA’s or Wisconsin Emergency Management’s websites [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) or <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov>.