

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 92 - 17

WHEREAS, the protection and overall well-being of the citizens of this state is of primary importance to this administration and the future of the state is dependent on the same; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections has been designated as the lead agency for the State of Louisiana in the area of Hazardous Materials/Right to Know/Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has passed and the President of the United States has signed into law the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act which requires the Governor of each state to appoint an Emergency Response Commission;

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Emergency Response Commission is created within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services.

SECTION 2: The Commission shall be composed of fourteen (14) members who are designated representatives from the following organizations:

1. One member representing the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
2. One member representing the the Department of Environmental Quality.
3. One member representing the Office of Emergency Preparedness.
4. One member representing the Department of Agriculture.
5. One member representing the Right-to-Know Unit.
6. Two (2) environmental representatives.
7. One member representing the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.
8. One member representing the Louisiana State University Firemen Training.
9. One member representing the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association.
10. Two (2) members representing business and industry.
11. One member representing the media.
12. One member representing law enforcement.

SECTION 3: Each member appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

SECTION 4: The duties of the Commission are to:

- a. Designate emergency planning district to facilitate implementation of emergency plans;
- b. Appoint local emergency planning committees;
- c. Approve the local committees' emergency response plans.

SECTION 5: The Commission may receive grants, donations, or gifts of money, equipment, supplies, and services from any public or private source to carry out its duties hereunder.

SECTION 6: The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Commission and the Commission may elect such other officers as it deems necessary.

SECTION 7: The Commission shall meet bimonthly and at other times on call of the chairman. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 8: Members shall serve without compensation, and no member shall receive a per diem or reimbursement of personal expenses from public funds.

SECTION 9: This order shall remain in effect until amended or modified by the Governor or until terminated by operation of law.



ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

Joseph S. Keilhen

SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 29th day of February, 1992.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA