

## Chapter 24. NIMS Compliance Requirements for LEPCs and TEPCs

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector in how to work together to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from incidents.

Since October 1, 2005, all states were required to meet NIMS implementation requirements to be eligible to receive federal preparedness assistance in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, and direct contracts. LEPCs and TEPCs participate in the communities within the states by assisting in the preparation of response plans to prepare for and respond to chemical emergencies.

The emergency response plan developed by LEPCs or TEPCs under EPCRA Section 303 are local EOPs. Incorporation of NIMS into **all** EOPs within the state is a requirement for states to be NIMS compliant. Therefore, LEPC or TEPC response plans must be NIMS compliant.

For more information on NIMS plan development, LEPCs and TEPCs should reference the NIMS guide: *Local and Tribal NIMS Integration: Integrating the NIMS into Local and Tribal Emergency Operations Plans and SOPs, Version 1.0*. This guide can be downloaded at [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/eop-sop\\_local\\_online.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nims/eop-sop_local_online.pdf).