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It has come to our attention that at least one news outlet is inaccurately portraying the facts regarding McLennan County and the Local Emergency Planning Committee for McLennan County. It is unfortunate that my office is being put in the position of having to divert its attention from serving the citizens of West affected by the tragic fire and explosion to assure that correct information is disseminated. Contrary to news reports McLennan County does, in fact, have a Local Emergency Planning Committee or LEPC. A LEPC is an organization that is established in an Emergency Planning District designated by the State Emergency Response Commission. Businesses provide their Tier Two (chemical inventory) reports to the State, the LEPC and the local fire department. The McLennan County LEPC does receive the Tier Two reports and makes them available to the public upon request. The Tier Two reports are also available for review by the public by request to the Texas Department of Health Services.