

major programs under Title III. The Community Right-to Know Act requires the industry to report to the state on the amount and location of hazardous chemicals released into the environment on an annual basis. This information is accessible to the public. The Department of Environmental Control is carrying out this portion of the act. You have heard many times on this floor in the past several months other legislators have tried to explain to the rest of us, and from time to time I have touched upon it, that we do have a responsibility to the public to inform them relative to the amounts of other hazardous wastes and hazardous chemicals that might be at the present time available in the state and are, in fact, in some instances, being released into the environment. This is a portion of the act. The second portion of the act is entitled Emergency Planning. It requires the formation of a State Emergency Response Commission which is to establish a Local Emergency Planning Committees. The DEC was established as the State Emergency Response Commission in 1987 and established 10 Local Planning Districts and Committees with emergency responsibilities. The Local Emergency Planning Committees were required to develop emergency response plans and provide for hazardous materials training. It will be carried out under the auspices of the Civil Defense Program and it is, of course, an attempt to address some of the legitimate concerns which most of our citizens have relative to the possibility of hazardous chemicals and hazardous waste being inadvertently distributed into the environment. It is apparent the intent of Congress was to accomplish the program using primarily state and local resources. There were no provisions made for federal funding of the Title III program other than some funds for state level training programs. Because no funding was provided and because the Department of Environmental Control lacks the technical expertise, compliance was not attained by October 17, 1988. I have not had a chance, although I do plan to meet with General Heng to discuss with him the details of carrying out this proposal. He has attempted to contact me several times, but because of the haste with which this was brought to the Legislature, I have not had a chance to visit with him, and, again, I cannot answer a lot of the questions, but I can assure you that the Governor's Office and other individuals are working very diligently to give you any answers you might have. In the meantime, I would try to respond, if there are questions, and I would like to ask for comments from other members, particularly the Appropriations Committee. I understand that there will be a continuing need of \$140,000 per year, actually a 27 month period, that will be designated for a State Emergency Response