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IERC Membership,

I am reaching out as the Chair for the Madison County LEPC, regarding our 2023 LEPC Exercise Proposal. I am formally requesting an extension to the May  $1^{st}$  deadline by three weeks to accommodate our submission of our proposal. Our reasoning for this request is below:

In September of 2022, at our regular meeting, we initiated discussions with Mike White regarding EPA's assistance in performing our 2023 exercise. Discussions were begun at this time to use the EPA's assistance for this exercise; at this time, we were advised contact would be made with EPA, and they would be in contact to begin planning. On January 17, 2023, I reached back out to Mike via email as we hadn't heard anything from the EPA and requested an update. Mike advised that we were still good for the EPA to put this exercise on and that our EPA rep was out on Maternity leave, and planning would take place within the next month. On April 5<sup>th</sup>, I reached back out to Mike as we had not heard anything regarding planning this and requested an update as we were approaching the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mike advised they had the initial planning meeting with the facility and requested our individuals to be on the planning committee. This was provided via email that day. The first scheduled meeting with the EPA for the planning of this exercise was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, based on their schedule. This was the first time we were involved in the planning to obtain the needed information to submit our proposal via Tier II Manager to the IERC. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, I finalized and submitted our proposal.

I am requesting the IERC take into consideration the contact made to initiate this exercise in September 2022 and the multiple attempts to obtain needed information prior to the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, understanding that we are working on the EPA representative schedule to put this together and grant the extension to allow acceptance of our 5/18 submitted proposal as an on-time submission.

At this time, we have the exercise proposal submitted, the dates of the next two planning meetings, and the exercise set.

Please let me know if you need anything further on this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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