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FOREWORD

Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at Local Level (APELL) is a programme aimed at increasing prevention of technological accidents and improving emergency preparedness. It offers assistance to decision-makers in government, local authorities and industry, through providing relevant information and documents, training activities and technical support.

The APELL programme was launched in 1988 by the United Nations Environment Programme's Industry and Environment Programme Activity Centre (UNEP IE/PAC), in co-operation with governments and the chemical industry. This initiative followed various major technological accidents, in both industrialized and industrializing countries. As a first step the APELL Handbook was published. This describes a ten-stage process to guide local communities in strengthening their accident prevention and emergency response capability. APELL calls for leaders of industry, government and the community to co-operate, with the objective of identifying and evaluating hazards in the locality and of initiating plans to respond to the emergencies which could result from them.

This Technical Report on "Hazard Identification and Evaluation in a Local Community", prepared with the support of the Swedish Government and its National Rescue Services Board, will help all those concerned with the identification and evaluation of hazards in the community: particularly local government; police, fire and rescue services, and industry. The report consists of three parts. The introduction provides a general background to the handbook and gives some definitions. The second part describes the hazard analysis method and gives concrete examples of how to implement it. The third part consists of a series of Annexes, which provide more information to enable local communities to identify and evaluate hazards.

The UN Conference on Environment and Development's Agenda 21 calls for further implementation of and support for APELL. UNEP IE/PAC hopes that governments, communities and industries around the world which are putting APELL into practice will find the Guide useful and a source of continuing help.

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