

Morrow County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Port of Morrow Building, Riverfront Room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman, Oregon
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2012

Attendees 25

Good Standing Facilities: 12

Cindy Burrignt, **Boardman Foods**; Marc Rogelstad, Zack Barresse, **Boardman Rural Fire Protection District**; Dave DeMayo, **City of Heppner**; Mindy Binder, **Columbia River Community Health Services**; Mike Sowa, David Hodges, **Columbia River Processing**; Dave Nevins, John Neal, Joe Chamberlin, Tina Livingston, **ConAgra Foods – Lamb Weston or Line 5**; Roy Brown, **Morrow Cold Storage – ConAgra Foods**; Renee Yocom, **Morrow County Fair**; Dan Turley, Mike Garrett, Curtis Cutsforth; **PGE**; Kevin Gilbertson; **Port of Morrow**; Elizabeth Morris, **RDO-Calbee Foods**; Connie McElrath, **Simmons Financial**; Don Kennedy, Travis Hyder, **Watts Brothers – ConAgra Foods**; Don Drayton, **Boardman Chamber of Commerce & Hermiston Radio Club**

Bill Langley Jr., **Reclaim**—Returned to GOOD STANDING status

Not in Good Standing Facilities represented:

Rick Stokoe, **Boardman Police Department**; Steve Myren, **Morrow Co Sheriff's Office**

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.

A. **Don Kennedy** made motion to approve minutes from January 24, 2012 LEPC meeting. Travis Hyder seconded the motion. All were in favor; none were opposed.

B. New members introduced:

- David Hodges, Columbia River Processing
- Rick Stokoe, Chief of Boardman Police Department
- Steve Myren, Undersheriff with Morrow County Sheriff Office.
- Roy Brown, General Manager, Morrow Cold Storage – ConAgra Foods

Membership applications are available as the last page of the Bylaws & Constitution of this group at the following link.

http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/docs/LEPC/Morrow_Co_LEPC_Bylaw_Constitution_11_18_10_rev2.pdf

Please complete the form 1) send it electronically to the Information Coordinator or 2) bring a print out to the next LEPC meeting. The Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal website has several resources for this committee including contact information for current officers of local committees. http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/Local_Emergency_Planning_Committees.shtml

C. Chair Report: Don Kennedy

a. **Hazmat Conference February 22-24, 2012**

- i. Simulated meth lab exercise to review hazards associated with the process.
- ii. Simulated bomb situations.

1. Young people are making homemade explosives at alarming rate.
2. Google search results reveal "how to make bombs"; FBI doesn't track web sites on bomb making.

b. **HMEP Grant process** – Chair Kennedy plans to attend in Salem on April 13, 2012.

c. **Mitigation Committee Update** – Carla McLane, Morrow County Planning Department is not in attendance. Tabled until next meeting.

d. **ConAgra Foods – Ammonia release from Lamb Weston East Plant (Line 5) on March 12, 2012** – report by Dave Nevin

- i. Followed normal procedure
 1. Called 911, term "ongoing release", evacuated the facility
 2. All maintenance staff are properly trained on incident command & 24-hour training. The facility was in the process of preparing emergency response carts. During this incident, the actual cart was at the West Plant being assembled.
 3. 138 pounds of ammonia was released. The situation was under control by 8 pm. Boardman Police and Fire were on the scene immediately and were extremely helpful during the incident.
 4. March 13, 2012 representatives from both Boardman Fire and Police returned to the facility for debriefing. Root Cause Analysis determined O-ring defective.
- ii. Lessons learned:
 1. Incident command center recently moved and emergency responders weren't aware of the change.
 2. Two employees sheltered in place
 3. Fork Lift Operator stayed in the office. When ammonia smelled, decided to evacuate through the plant. The operator was sent to the hospital as a precaution. The operator did have redness in eyes and they were flushed. The operator was released to return to work without restrictions.
 4. National Response System no longer has ability to put in follow up details after the fact, only what is reported at the time.
- iii. Notification to LEPC members of a release didn't flow smoothly.

1. **Dan Turley** suggested that as soon as possible an email needs to be sent to Morrow County LEPC members to avoid any rumors/hearsay in the community especially for family members of those working at the time of the incident.
2. **Dave Nevin** also suggested that if there is a release, that part of the notification process should include

E. OTHER – Open Forum

- a. **Steve Myren** proposed a class presented by Oregon State Police, Bomb Squad. Agreement from those in attendance.
- b. Bomb Recognition/Response Training will be conducted by Dennis Wagner, OSP during the May 15, 2012 Morrow Co. LEPC meeting. Classroom instruction begins at 9:00 am at the Port of Morrow building in the Riverfront Room. The field portion will be held at the range immediately following. Directions to the range will be provided on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 prior to departing the Port of Morrow office building.

Meeting adjourned 11:33am

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 9:00am (NOTE different start time).

Facilities Not in Good Standing: 23

AT & T Mobility, City of Boardman, Collins Company, Dept. Homeland Security, Ione School District, Irrigon Rual Fire Proteciton District, Michael Runyon AIA, Morrow Co Grain Grower, Morrow Co Health Dept, Morrow Co. Planning Dept., Morrow Co. Schools, Morrow Co Sheriff's Office, Neighborhood Watch, North Morrow Vector Control District, Oregon DHS Public Health Division, Oregon Potato, Pacific Ethanol Columbia, Pacific NW Motor Park, Park & Recreation, River Point Farms, Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Umatilla Co LEPC