

LEPC Minutes  
May 28, 2013

Present:

Dean Marcum, Oregon Health; Sean Basford, City of Hermiston; Brad Knight, Hermiston Generating; Heather Blagg, Umatilla County Health; Terry Wolfe, OSFM; Jack Remillard, UCEM; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods LLC; Dan Turley, Morrow County LEPC; Scott Stanton, HFES; Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston; James Pittam, Simplot Growers Solutions; Pat Hart, HFES; Gary Woodson, Pendleton Fire; Gary Betts, EURFD / KBLU-FM; Doug Paine, GSMC; Jodi Florence, UCEM; Kym Peterman, American Red Cross; Dave Stewart, UMCDF

**Approval/corrections of Minutes**

Minutes approved.

**Recap of LEPC conference**

The new LEPC Emergency Response Plan Template was introduced at the conference. This will be our committee's plan in the event of a hazardous materials incident. This plan will incorporate private and governmental agencies plans. Our focus will no longer be on the Phase One Questionnaire (although, they are still a valuable tool), but on getting emergency plans from each facility/agency and getting that information into one local plan.

Terry Wolfe will make corrections and additions to the template and will have it available on the OSFM website. We will focus on getting plans from the EHS facilities and incorporating their information into the plan.

Dan Turley, Morrow County LEPC, suggested the facility plans can be gathered and added to the back of the LEPC plan. The information needs to include emergency contact information and a LEPC coordinator who receives notification calls. Facilities are required to notify all LEPC's that could be affected when a hazardous materials incident happens.

Terry suggested the finalized plan could be reviewed at the annual meeting (with any confidential information removed).

Jack Remillard, UCEM, would like to see a letter go to all EHS facilities that reminds them of the requirement to participate in LEPC. Scott Stanton will get a list of the EHS facilities in Umatilla County.

Some LEPC's have hired a contractor, through grant applications, and will have the contractor gather the information to put into the plan. Another possibility is working with college students who are looking for credit/volunteer hours. Pat Hart will check with BMCC to see if anyone there is interested.

The HMEP grant will be available next spring. We will figure out an amount needed and possibly apply for the grant to work on the Plan.

**Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant**

See above

**E-Plan SARA Title III Tier II**

A letter was received concerning the E-Plan Users Group. DHS has elected not to continue funding for this program. The letter was requesting letters of support for the program.

### **GSMC/Simplot Growers Solutions Exercise – May 30**

Dean Marcum reported the exercise will be a hazardous materials incident with multi-casualties. The scenario involves a disgruntled employee driving a forklift into a truck. The HVAC system at the office will be downwind and effect workers.

Doug Paine suggested those who would like to observe or learn more about the Incident Command System, contact Dean to attend.

### **West, Texas Fertilizer Plant Video**

We watched a quick video of the explosion at the fertilizer plant. In Oregon, we have a similar plant in St. Helens, Oregon. If you are interested in other videos, search YouTube for “hazmat, tanker truck explosions or spills”.

### **HazMat Spills / Team responses**

White powder incident at Two Rivers Correctional Institution, it was a benign powder.

Tanker truck filled with jet fuel was hit by a train. It happened at about 6 a.m. on Hwy 730.

HazMat teams go on about 70 significant calls per year.

Terry reminded us that the lack of notification of a chemical release (phone calls to OERS, 911, LEPC, NRC, and written Form 304) is the problem and fines can occur when not reported. He handed out the “Oregon Emergency Release Notification Guidance Document” which gives the reporting requirements for facilities. The List of Lists (available on the EPA’s website) gives reporting information.

### **Sub Committees**

**Planning** – will focus on the LEPC Emergency Response Plan Template

**Resource Development** – Ben Weinke has made contact with many of the fire departments/districts and received resource information.

**Public Outreach** – Was formed for the Annual Meeting. Dan stated that Morrow County had their annual meeting with the Chamber of Commerce as part of their agenda.

### **Training and Exercise**

Jack Remillard stated that Mark Swanson (PGG) wants to do an exercise at McKennon Station in Pendleton.

### **Next meeting:**

Tuesday, July 16 @ 1:30 at Pendleton Grain Growers, Upstairs Boardroom (1000 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton)