

Local Emergency Planning Committee

MINUTES

July 16, 2013

Pendleton Grain Growers

Pendleton

Present: Dave Stewart, URS; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods LLC; Mark Swanson, PGG; Jack Remillard, UCEM; Kym Peterman, ARC; Henry Baker, Calpine; Doug Paine, GSMC; Scott Stanton, Hermiston Fire; Ben Weinke, City of Hermiston; Gary Woodson, Pendleton Fire; Heather Blagg, UCHD; Jason Gefre, Hermiston Generating; Jacob Beach, Smith Frozen Foods; Dennis Hull, NOAA; Jodi Florence, UCEM

Additions to agenda - none

Approval/Correction of Minutes - Approved

State Fire Marshal's Office – Terry Wolfe

Unable to attend

National Weather Service – Dennis Hull

Dennis explained how weather can impact how we operate during and after an emergency. The Weather Service offers site specific forecasts for hazardous spills, wildfires, search and rescue operations and any other event. They have two meteorologists available for onsite events and can give specific forecasts wherever they are.

On Site Meteorologists are part of the Planning section and can give briefings for each operational period during an emergency or exercises.

The Weather Service has recently participated in local exercises in Milton Freewater and Umatilla.

NOAA Website offers a variety of weather information. The link to the NOAA site is:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pdt/>

You can sign up for weather alerts by going to <http://www.weather.gov/subscribe>

Drills/Exercises

Industry Responsibility for Decon – Doug Paine

Good Shepherd Medical Center and Simplot Grower Solutions had an exercise on May 30th. The exercise tested Simplot's Emergency Operation Plan. The scenario included a hazardous chemical and decontamination. One lesson learned from this exercise was there are no longer people trained in decontamination nor does the trailer have the appropriate supplies needed to contain decontaminated clothing and personal property, all of which was present with the CSEP Program.

The term "deconned" can mean different things to different agencies. Gross decontamination, including water, soap, removal of clothing, may not be considered

“deconned” at the hospital. The hospital has to consider protecting the facility from further contamination from victim who may not have all chemical removed.

Decontamination also depends on the chemical. Industry should have information (MSDS) on how to decon based on the chemicals they have on site. Most industrial facilities have showers and eye wash stations, some are mandated by OSHA.

Good Shepherd is leaning towards getting rid of their decon trailer. They have some supplies, but don't have the personnel to run it.

The HazMat team (Hermiston) is able to activate, although most of the team is also part of emergency services, so the other closest HazMat team is in Ontario or Gresham.

Industries should exercise to work through their Emergency Operations Plan and practice what to do in the event of a chemical release.

The next drill for the hospital may include a table top exercise dealing with decon issues. PGG would like to have an exercise at McKennon Station, possible next spring.

BMCC Fire Science Degree program and FF certificate program – Scott Stanton

BMCC start a Fire Science Program. There will be a one year Fire Fighter Certification program and a second year Fire Science Degree program. Classes will be good for industry to train people in a variety of rescue scenarios. Hermiston is planning to build a training tower at Station 3 in 2014.

HAZMAT Spills/Reports

No HazMat team responses. There were some small, non-reportable spills.

Sub-Committees

Planning – no report

Resource Development – gathering resource list (equipment, etc.). It will be put into a spreadsheet and made available as needed.

Training and Exercise – no report

Public Outreach – no report

Next Meeting Date: September 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Hermiston Fire Station #3