

## **Umatilla County LEPC Minutes**

February 16, 2010

### **Present:**

Pat Hart, Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services  
Jeff Dukes, Union Pacific Railroad  
Richard Winter, UMCD Support / Echo  
Doug Paine, Good Shepherd Medical Center  
Becky Schwartz, Good Shepherd Medical Center  
Bill Brauer, Oregon State Fire Marshal  
Mike Boise, Walmart DC  
Whitney Brunson, Smith Frozen Foods  
Ric Tunstead, Oregon Health  
Justin Schumacher, Oregon Health  
John Fowler, Pendleton Fire  
Tyler Nokes, Pendleton Fire  
Sean Basford, City of Hermiston  
Maria Duron, Umatilla-Morrow ESD  
Jodi Florence, Umatilla County Emergency Management

### **By-Laws**

A new draft has been sent out. Comments were received from three members.

#### **Suggestions / Questions:**

- We don't need an executive committee, just a Board. The Board should be made up of one representative from each class of member (example: emergency services, industry, health)
- Officers will be a Chair, Co-Chair, and Information Officer
- Terms for Chair and Co-Chair will alternate years.
- Information Coordinator and Treasurer can be appointed positions
- Voting members are those who have filled out an LEPC application
- Notification of a vote should be two weeks prior to a meeting. Final vote should be the majority of members present, rather than majority of all members
- There will be no membership fees
- May need a treasurer if we are planning on fundraising and to keep track of grants
- Sub-Committees will include a chairperson who will keep all members informed of activities, plans, etc. This can go through Information Officer

By-Law Committee will continue to work on draft and will present at the next meeting.

Grants – We need to develop a business plan that includes projects and training. Grants provided by the state will be reimbursed after the project is finished. An organization would need to fund the project, and then be reimbursed.

Umatilla County LEPC is not a function or part of the Umatilla County government. "Umatilla County" is simply a geographical name.

## **Subcommittees**

### Planning Subcommittee

This committee works with industry to review their emergency plans and check compliance. The members will work with industries that have extremely hazardous materials on site.

Bill Brauer will work with this committee to get them started. There is a 1 ½ hour training that will help members learn the process.

Volunteers include:

Mike Boise

Tyler Nokes

Doug Paine

### Resource Development Subcommittee

This committee will evaluate the resources in our area.

Volunteers include:

Mike Duffy

John Fowler will assist if needed

Public Outreach Committee is needed to generate interest in LEPC.

## **Confined Spaces Training Report**

Mike Duffy, Production Safety Coordinator, for Pioneer Hi-Bred, International Presentation included a description of Pioneer Hi-Bred in Hermiston.

There are 19 plants in the system. They have 43 safety programs and have introduced, implemented and are reviewing their plans. Pioneer works with local fire departments, consult with health and environmental officer and area stake holders. They have cataloged the confined spaces in the plant, listed the hazards and requirements for entering those spaces.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> about 20 people met to discuss Confined Spaces Rescue Teams and training. Included were representatives from fire, industry and the Depot. The agenda included characterizing the need, inventorying resources and discussing options.

Interest was high and all agreed that a rescue team is needed. The costs are about \$6000 for equipment and \$1000 per person for training.

Other comments:

- There are five federally funded rescue teams in the area that will not leave their facility.
- Jefferson County may be an example for confined space rescue agreement.
- Pioneer is planning on buying rescue equipment prior to harvest in August
- HMEP grant through the state is available for confined spaces training.
- OSHA is an agency designed to help industry
- Wal-mart may offer some funding

We will leave this topic on the agenda for updates.

## **LEPC Chair**

The next meeting will be John Fowler's last meeting. He will be retiring. The committee will need to be ready to nominate a new chair person for his position.

**Next meeting: April 13, 10:00 am, Fire Station #3, Hermiston**