



MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2015

PGG Little Club Room
1000 SW Dorion, Pendleton OR

Present:

Thane Jennings - Calpine
Ben Weinke - City of Hermiston WWTP
Klaus Hoehna - City of Pendleton
Doug Paine - Good Shepherd Medical Center
Craig Williams, Carol Vorce - Norpac
Jason Gefre - Hermiston Generating
Gary Betts - KBLU-FM
Dennis Hull, Vincent Papol - NOAA
Dean Marcum - Oregon Public Health
Terry Wolfe - Oregon Fire Marshal's Office
Tim Byan - Pendleton Flour Mills
Jacob Divine, Ryan Bagley - Smith Frozen Foods
Deb Fritts - PGG
Riann Roggiero - Umatilla County Public Health
Jodi Florence - Umatilla County Emergency Management
Ray Denny - CTUIR
Robert Akers - Shearers Foods
Scott Spendlove - City of Weston

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written.

State Fire Marshal's Office

Terry Wolfe – The current HMEP Grant has closed. OSFM received many applications for the grant; some of the applications include great planning projects. There are several Counties starting up their LEPCs, for a total of 14 for Oregon. The office is getting prepared for fire season.

LEPC Emergency Plan Update

Scott Stanton and Pat Hart were absent for the meeting. No official report for update. Terry has worked with Pat on the facilities list. Some of the facilities on the list don't actually have EHS. They have updated the list and Pat should have an accurate list now. OSFM has an online site to see which facilities have EHS.

Drills / Exercises

Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake/Tsunami will be in June 2016. Oregon Emergency Management will be having several drills to prepare for the exercise.
Other Exercises:

Hermiston – May 28th, Scenario - mass casualty exercise
Ontario – April, Scenario - active shooter exercise
Good Shepherd Medical Center – Fall, Scenario - active shooter

HazMat Spills/Reports – There was a railroad derailment near Meacham on March 2nd. Ten cars derailed. One car was carrying hazardous material, but no substance appeared to have spilled.

Klaus Hoehna stated that there was a 100 gallon diesel spill. The City of Pendleton made contact to ensure the water treatment facility would not be affected.

There was a discussion about notifying OERS when a facility has an incident. Terry stated that a facility is required to notify the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) by calling OERS. They also need to notify all LEPCs impacted by a release, and may need to notify the National Response Center (NRC).

The facility also will need to file a 304 report to the State. (OSFM guidance document link - <http://1.usa.gov/1HxHeE7>)

Post meeting note: Captain Kathy Lieuallen, Umatilla County Communications Manager (911), stated that any facility/agency can contact OERS with an incident. OERS will assign an incident number to the event and any further calls or notifications will be added to that incident.

LEPC Conference

The Conference is May 12-14 in Seaside. OSFM will pay for lodging for the first 100 registered.

Link to Register - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-oregon-2015-serclepc-conference-tickets-15579621066>

Other Business -

Klaus Hoehna – The City of Pendleton and Umatilla County had a presentation from the company “Alert Sense”. They provide a mass notification system to alert residents of emergencies or other notifications. The system can be customized for a variety of notifications, from group meetings, public works information, and emergency notifications.

The presentation included a demonstration of IPAWS for weather notifications. Pendleton currently uses Code Red as a notification system and is considering switching to Alert Sense. Other counties, such as Union, Lane and Malheur County, use Alert Sense.

Vincent Papol, NOAA – They provided weather services to Benton County in their February exercise with Hanford.

Dennis Hull, NOAA – There will be Spotter training on April 30, from 8:00 – 12:00, at the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office in Pendleton. Anyone interested in attending the training, contact Dennis at 541-276-4493 or dennis.hull@noaa.gov.

Deb Fritts said that the morning weather briefings have been valuable information and the PGG employees appreciate the information.

Next Meeting – May 19, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m. Location: Hermiston Fire Station #3, 78760 Westland Rd, Hermiston