



Washtenaw County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes

Thursday, December 9, 2010

MSU Extension Classroom, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI

3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Vic Chevrette, Leon Moore, Daniel Onyskin, Pat Ivey, Samantha Brandfon, Bryan Schultz, Pierre Gonyon, John Ichesco, Joseph Jurasek, Donald Dettling, Commissioner Wesley Prater & Mark Wesley on behalf of Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Steven Arrieta, Rebecca Benedict, Ashley Cielinski, David R. Halteman, Cindra James, Michael Perry, Lucy Teets, Sandra Lopez, Marc Breckenridge & Scott Robinson

Staff Present: Kenneth Kelly & Stephanie Wolff

Guests Present: Gary Bowen

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by D. Onyskin.

II. Introductions / Welcome City of Ann Arbor LEPC

All attendees introduced themselves.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

W. Prater moved to approve the agenda as presented. J. Ichesco seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of the Minutes

J. Ichesco moved to approve the minutes dated September 9, 2010. D. Dettling seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

None

VI. Announcements

(S. Brandfon) If anyone is interested in joining the Washtenaw County Community Emergency Response Team, they are always looking for applicants. There will be 2 more trainings and they are free to community members who apply. Google Washtenaw County CERT.

VII. Old Business

A. EHS facility planning update (report by K. Kelly)

- Since last meeting, updated information was received for of the 55 facilities recognized by the State as EHS facilities.
- One site has been removed from the list; Thetford Corporation on Baker Road in Scio Township lowered the amount of formaldehyde on site and no longer meets the TPQ.

- According to a recent newspaper article, GM Willow Run Assembly Plant will close for good December 23rd, with the remaining equipment removed no later than January 31st. It is expected to be removed from the list at that time.
- The paperwork for the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant for FY 2010-11 has been completed, signed and will be sent to Lansing tomorrow. The amount of the grant will be approximately \$2,800.

B. Follow up on GM W.R. Assembly Plant (D. Onyskin)

- Questioned whether the oily waste system would continue operation out of that facility. There are 2 systems; stormwater and a wastewater treatment plant. The biological system has been discontinued and converted to a standard wastewater treatment plant. It will continue at least till April 1st; no other information beyond that.
- *Motors Liquidation Company* (formerly General Motors) is mandated to take care of all the environmental issues. The plant officially closes December 23rd, and production stopped today. Until closure, they are cleaning equipment and preparing machines for disposal.

C. Information Coordinator's Report (reported by L. Moore)

- 350 hazardous material storage locations were inspected this year under the Pollution Prevention Program. The number of facilities storing large quantities (over 5500 gallons) of hazardous material has dropped.
- Environmental Health and Building Dept. staff have been working with a facility in Scio Township that houses cyanide. They have a reportable quantity but would not be covered under the local LEPC. They have purchased a building off Dino Drive, and E.H. staff is reviewing plans to determine whether construction will address potential spill pathways from this building. A state Air Quality Division representative has been invited to meet with company officials, as well as E.H. and Building staff regarding their manufacturing activities involving cyanide. An air quality permit may be required at their new facility.
- Officials involved in environmental response met, including 2 Lieutenants from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Ken and Marc from EOC, Janis Bobrin from Washtenaw County Water Resource Commission. Response to environmental incidents and current procedures was discussed and concluded the 911 system should be used more extensively for environmental incidents. The group has also established a list serve for county personnel involved in environmental response. Environmental incidents are reported on the list serve and helps different agencies understand the scope of what others do. The group is also working to improve communications and have modified education materials. It was found the public is leaving messages on an after-hour call number, when they should be calling 911.
- E.H. staff was performing a soil evaluation at a former gas station site on Jackson Road, Lima Township, for an applicant proposing to convert the property to a 3 unit apartment building. The last test pit encountered extensive contamination, with very black soil and a strong fuel odor. It is a listed LUST site by the state. Two of three monitoring wells on site smelled of fuel. The property is owned by *Venture Capitalists* of Las Vegas, and was purchased through tax sale without due diligence for onsite contamination. The owner was informed they are considered responsible for the contamination, and would be unable to sell or inhabit the property until the contamination issue is resolved. The State of Michigan has eliminated funding for well water sampling around sites of contamination. The 40 wells in the Pall/Gelman contamination area are the only ones the State is continuing to fund for well water sampling.

D. Emergency Coordinator's Report (reported by K. Kelly on behalf of M. Breckenridge)

- Pipeline Maps – The website is www.npms.phmsa.dot.gov ; it is an interactive website and open to the public.

E. HazMat Team Director's Report (reported by V. Chevrette)

- 10/26/10 – Scio Township on Marshall Road; 300-400 tires & rubber on fire. This also included the rubber rings that go around the orange construction barrels. Protein foam was used to put out the fire.
- 11/10/10 – Milan Township on Welch Road, Monroe County; 2-55 gallon barrels of xylene were left on the road and was handled by Monroe County Emergency Management.
- 12/3/10 – Received a call from Milan Fire Department that they ordered evacuation of the *Georgia Pacific* building. The employees were experiencing eye and throat irritation. Tear gas grenade exercises at the upwind Milan Federal Prison carried the gas to the facility.
- Monitoring of U of M football games has ended, while monitoring of hockey games begins December 11th.
- Toured the *MichCon* plant on Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti Township, where 18" gas mains enter the facility and get odorized.
- Conducted joint training with Western Wayne and Downriver HazMat Teams back in September at the Wayne Community College downriver site.
- January – Attending a *No-Spills Conference* Traverse City.

VIII. New Business

- 2011 LEPC meeting dates – J. Ichesco moved to approve the calendar as presented. J. Jurasek seconded and the motion was carried.
- New member swearing in tabled until next meeting.
- Nomination for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson tabled until next meeting.
- *Sara Tier III Workshop* on January 20, 2011 at *Eagle Crest* in Ypsilanti Township. Fee is \$75.00 to attend.
- (J. Ischeco) The *Sunoco* station on Cross & N. Washington is to reopen and could be a potential problem.

IX. Adjournment

- W. Prater moved to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. J. Ichesco seconded and the motioned carried.