

Minutes  
Washtenaw County LEPC Meeting  
Thursday, June 12, 2008  
**MSUE Classroom, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI**  
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Steve Arrieta, Pam Byrnes, Donald Dettling, Pierre Gonyon, Jon Ichesco, Joseph Jurasek, James Luckhardt, Leon Moore, Daniel Onyskin, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Barbara Levin Bergman (excused), Marc Breckenridge (excused), Vic Chevrette (excused), David Halteman, Cindra James, Corey Nygaard (excused), Michael Perry, Scott Robinson

Staff Present: Kenneth Kelly, Mary Kowalski

Guests Present: David Archer, Gary Bowen

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and Notary Mary Kowalski administered the Oath of Office to Wilhoff, Teets, Byrnes and Gonyon.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

S. Arrieta moved to approve the agenda, D. Dettling seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

J. Ichesco moved to approve the minutes, S. Arrieta seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Announcements

D. Dettling announced that the annual fundraiser for the HazMat team, a golf outing, will be held on September 29. He will e-mail the LEPC members with the information.

S. Arrieta announced that there will be an evacuation drill at the Chrysler Proving Grounds. The Public Safety teams will be invited to attend as observers.

P. Byrnes reported that the state budget should be settled by the end of June. Also, a Water package bill has been passed in the House and Senate and an Energy package that addresses energy efficiency, utilities and the possibility of building another power plant has been passed in the Senate. There are environmental concerns over the type of plant to be built, but another plant needs to be financed.

D. Onyskin reported that he received an e-mail from the State Police Emergency Management office warning that people look out for propane tanks with green valves. Meth producers have been taking them from small businesses and then returning them after using for anhydrous – they can explode when refilled with propane.

## VII. Old Business

### A. EHS facility planning update

- K. Kelly reported that they have been investigating a few sites that were not on the State list and trying to consolidate all of the lists. There are 59 EHS sites according to MDEQ. Of these, six have previously filed paperwork to be taken off the list, and K. Kelly will investigate why they have not yet been taken off.
- There are currently Emergency Response Plans for 47 facilities.
- There are five new sites on the list: Integrating Sensing Systems in Ypsilanti, reporting Hydrofluoric Acid; Dextech in Dexter has two facilities with Sulfuric Acid; GM PPSC in Ypsilanti is reporting Sulfuric Acid and Sam's Club in Ypsilanti is reporting Sulfuric Acid. Kelly will work with these new facilities to write Emergency Response Plans for them.

### B. Information Coordinator's Report

- L. Moore stated that the Pollution Prevention team has been creating an inventory of telephone companies in the County to determine how much battery acid they are storing. He noted that there are some major companies in the County that have not been reporting all of their battery acid. Most of these companies have 500-700 pounds of battery acid, and a few have over 1000 pounds.
- L. Moore stated that the deadline for county reporting was March 1, and over 80% reported as required. All locations that were on reduced inspections and did not report will be put back on a full inspection schedule.
- There is one site at which it is being determined whether EHS materials are being stored – they make nanoparticles. Staff is researching the site to pin down exactly what they make, the level of hazard involved and to determine the precautions necessary to ensure safety of the staff and surrounding population.

### C. Emergency Coordinator's report:

- M. Breckenridge was excused from this meeting and therefore there was no report.

### D. HazMat Team Director's report

- D. Onyskin reported from a list provided by Vic Chevrette.
- There was a Freon release in a Kroger store in Ypsilanti. It flooded the entire store and there was a full team response.
- The 51<sup>st</sup> Civil Support unit had a training session
- There was a white powder discovered at Recellular in Dexter, and it was identified as baking soda.
- There was a shed fire in Salem Township involving a biodiesel reactor built by the homeowner. Chevrette contacted Leon Moore and noted that there has been increased concern over these homemade reactors since fuel costs began to rise. Moore reported that staff has been doing research and will be creating a new webpage on the County page to provide safety instructions.
- The Ann Arbor Area Fire Department response team is now responding with the HazMat team to all calls.
- The team has applied for a CDEP grant to get some radiation equipment.
- There was an incident in Milan, in Monroe County, in which four people were involved in a fight and threw small bottles of mercury at one another. When they tried to vacuum the mercury the bag began to disintegrate and they contacted the authorities. The EPA became involved and the Lumex unit was used to determine levels of contamination. There is an estimated cleanup cost of \$28,000.

- Moore reported that there was a complaint received that some unidentified drums were found, and it was determined that they came from a man in the City of Ypsilanti who makes hair care products. There were hazardous materials stored in his garage when his facility was originally found around five years ago, and fire inspectors are now keeping an eye on this facility.

E. Reports from standing committees

- None

VIII. New Business

Biodiesel Reactors

Moore reported that there will be information on the County website – the biodiesel reactors may seem like a good option to create fuel but they do not seem to be safe.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by D. Dettling at 3:56 p.m.