



# Washtenaw County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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## Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2009

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

3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marc Breckenridge, Vic Chevrette, Joseph Jurasek, Leon Moore, Donald Dettling, Corey Nygaard, Scott Robinson, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff, David McMahon, Pat Ivey, Jolea Mull & Daniel Onyskin

Members Absent: Barbara Levin, Pamela Byrnes, Pierre Gonyon, John Ichesco, Cindra James, James D. Luckhardt & Michael Perry

Staff Present: Stephanie Reames & Kenneth Kelly

Guests Present: None

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by D. Onyskin.

### II. Introductions / Welcome City of Ann Arbor LEPC

All attendees introduced themselves.

### III. Review and Approval of Agenda

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

### IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

V. Chevrette moved to approve the minutes as presented. K. Wilhoff seconded and the motion carried.

### V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

### VI. Announcements

There were no announcements

### VII. Old Business

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

- The State has listed 56 EHS sites for Washtenaw County's LEPC. Updates exist for 49 of these locations.
- One new plan has been created for O & W Inc., 3003 William Avenue, Ypsilanti. They are reporting over 26,000 pounds of Sulfuric Acid in forklift batteries.
- GM PPSC, 2625 Tyler Rd., Ypsilanti has closed. The facility has been emptied and all of the sulfuric acid has been removed. They have completed the proper paperwork and they are no longer on the EHS list.

- We received notification from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that we no longer have access to the online Tier 2 manager. The vendor wants to charge individual jurisdictions with licensing fees to access the system. I am presently working with MDEQ on alternative methods of receiving and viewing the Tier 2 reports that are filed for facilities in our county. Facilities will be reminded again that they are also required to send copies of their Tier 2 reports to the LEPC.
- EPA ECHO Site – Search enforcement criteria for EPA. Can look up any facility, industrial or commercial by county, city, zip code or by name. Search gives you the entire permitting history for facility.

**D. McMahon moved to empower the Chairman to inquire the local State Representative on the status of the Tier 1 Data System and access to the public and concern of Committee and public no longer having access to system. V. Chevrette seconded and the motion carried.**

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

- County inspectors are continuing to conduct inspections for the Hazardous Materials.
- One loss in staff resources. Inspector has been reassigned to Public Health due to H1N1 crisis.
- Resources for Hazardous Materials are being diverted to H1N1.

**C. Emergency Coordinator's Report (reported by M. Breckenridge)**

- No EHS reported releases
- 7/21/09 – 75 gallon diesel fuel spill reported near M-14, west of the West Triple Decker. Contractor performed clean up.
- Sewage discharge near the 2100 block of Whittaker Rd. across from Stony Creek. Perry Thomas reported & YCUA performed clean up.
- UST gasoline release at 1521 Holmes Rd. at CITGO gas station. HazMat 1 reported on 8/8/09. Consulted on recovery.
- 8/24/09 – diesel fuel spill – I-94 near Fletcher Rd. HazMat 1 consulting on clean up.

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

- 6/23/09 – 10275 Warren Rd., Superior Township – A call for oil leaking out the side of a hill and going down into the wetlands. Identified as not being a petroleum product and was a by waste of a leaf/manure compost mixture. Farmer of address imports leaves, shreds them and puts them in a pile to fertilize the fields in the fall. Turned over to the MDEQ for further investigation. Compost pile was 80 ft. long and 30 ft. wide. Did boom where run off was located to keep from contaminating wetlands.
- 1521 Holmes Rd. – Gasoline in storm sewer. Put booms in storm sewer. Discovered by YCUA during a heavy rainfall. The day before the incident happened, a lady was pumping gasoline and lost 8 gallons on the ground and operator of gas station did not do a clean up.
- 8/24/09 – Fletcher Rd. incident on I-94. Several tanks from a semi truck were ripped open from a motor vehicle accident. Vehicle was impounded and turned over to State Police for clean up.
- 9/9/09 – Marriott in Ypsilanti Township had a chemical reaction inside a dumpster/compactor that was attached to the building. Two 5 gallon buckets, 30 lbs. a piece, of chorine pellets were put into dumpster and grease and other trash were put on them. The chemical reaction created a yellowish cloud. The portion of the convention center was

evacuated. The buckets were pulled out and doused with water and the building was ventilated. Marriott was told by Echo Labs that the pellets were no good and to dispose of them in the garbage and new pellets would be shipped to them. Case was turned over to the local Fire Marshall.

- HazMat Training – HazMatIQ hosted by Ann Arbor Fire. One day class held on U of M campus.
- 9/29/09 – Hazardous Walker Training at Beckhall & Taylor. Joint exercise between Washtenaw, Western Wayne & Down River HazMat teams.
- Working football games for U of M stadium. Joint operation between Washtenaw County HazMat and Ann Arbor Fire HazMat teams.
- Received new equipment – radiation monitors, gas identification devices, etc.
- 9/28/09 – Golf outing at Barton Hills

E. Local Environment (reported by S. Robinson & H. Leon Moore)

- (S. Robinson) Spoke with Perry Thomas on 9/10/09 regarding a sanitary sewer overflow around the Paint Creek area. Amount was less than 100 gallons and had opportunity to flow into a storm water catch basin that entered Paint Creek. Report that testing and sampling done indicated that Paint Creek, in the terms of E-Coli, was not affected. Reported as a trickle coming out of a manhole which eventually found its way to a storm water catch basin at 3:28 p.m. and was rectified by 5:00 p.m.
- (L. Moore) We received reports at the Health Department regarding the Paint Creek issue and then determined if we needed to issue a Public Health advisory. Look at quantity of material involved and how the water body is being used. Proper steps were taken.

VIII. New Business

- (L. Moore) – County Treasurer contacted L. Moore regarding property on South Harris where hazardous materials were found. Property was acquired by the County due to a tax foreclosure. Ypsilanti Township was involved due to the safety of the building. Site visit performed by L. Moore, Mike Raznick, Representative from the County Treasurer's office, Phil Stackowicz from Ypsilanti Township Fire and Chief from Ypsilanti Township. An instrument for detecting combustibles was used and air quality was ok. When doing walk through, more and more barrels were found of the 3 different building of the abandoned facility. Owners had a business of blending cleaners in the buildings; owner is no longer in the country. Empty bulk tanks were found. EPA estimated 65 barrels were in the facility. L. Moore contacted the EPA, sent photos of the building. EPA felt it was worthy of an assessment and sent responsive team. Team was suited up to Level B and collected samples and inventoried all the drums. EPA will do clean up of the site. Moore is working with Ypsilanti Township to set up a meeting for any concerned residents so EPA can answer any questions. MDEQ was first contact regarding the issue but have no resources which prompted contacting the EPA.
- 911 & Communications Update (M. Breckenridge) – MPSCS Migration – Central Dispatch & 911 system – Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) is a new statewide communication system. Washtenaw County had to have millage approval in order to enhance the infrastructure for the coverage of the statewide system. The \$31-32 million

ballot initiative passed several years ago. Group of public safety officials are working on bringing the system online over the next couple of years.

- There are 7 tower sites; Washtenaw County utilizes two 800 MHz radio towers that broadcast simulcast. Most of the counties are migrating toward MPSCS and because the State manages the system, no training, staff & technicians needed to maintain the system.
  - Bond money will be going toward the 7 sites. There is bodacious radio coverage in Washtenaw County. First tower site is Baker Rd. and Jackson Rd. where there is an existing tower. A tower on the NW side of Ann Arbor called Sunset Tower will be utilized. There is a radio attached to the main water supply tank for Ann Arbor City near m-14. A new tower in Northfield Township off Dixboro Rd and another new tower at Bemis and US23, which is being installed now. Towers are being installed in Manchester and Lyndon Township. Negotiations are underway currently for the WPXD channel 31, 1000 ft. tower. One tower will be either on North Territorial & M-52 or at the Chelsea Recycle Center. Preference of the local community is to use an existing tower, if possible. WEMU is the last and a currently existing tower.
  - Dispatch centers are currently working towards getting their technology in line to be able to dispatch on the new system. Mobile radios are installed at most of the agencies. Handheld radios are currently in storage and will be deployed when closer to going live. Radio training will be prior to system going live and the anticipated date is the first quarter of next year.
- (M. Breckenridge) - Breckenridge was asked to take on administration of the county's Central Dispatch facility. A challenge with the dispatch center is the 9 full time dispatchers answering 120,000 calls per year. A possible merger of the central dispatch for Ann Arbor Police to a central location is being discussed. The old dispatch center will serve as a back up location.
  - (S. Robinson) - From compliance department at YCUA, just received approval from the Board for Fats & Oil Mitigation Program. This will give YCUA more of a presence in the food service industry. The program will allow for more monitoring of the discharges into sanitary sewer system. It will also require certain locations to install interceptors to remove these products from discharges to the sanitary sewer system. 300 locations in Ypsilanti City and Ypsilanti Township will have to comply. The program is managed by IBP Department.
  - (D. Onyskin) – The facility currently working for is closing next year, December or earlier. Being responsible in the decommissioning process. FedEx is looking at purchasing the building.

## IX. Adjournment

C. Nygaard moved to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. S. Robinson seconded and the motioned carried.