

Minutes
Washtenaw County LEPC Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2008
MSUE Classroom, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marc Breckenridge, Pam Byrnes, Vic Chevrette, Pierre Gonyon, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, James Luckhardt, Leon Moore, Corey Nygaard, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Steve Arrieta (excused), Barbara Levin Bergman, Donald Dettling (excused), David Halteman, Jon Ichesco (excused), Daniel Onyskin (excused), Michael Perry, Scott Robinson

Staff Present: Kenneth Kelly, Mary Kowalski

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by L. Moore.

II. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

L. Teets moved to approve the agenda, J. Jurasek seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

M. Breckenridge moved to approve the minutes with the corrections that the location at the top of the page be changed to 705 N. Zeeb and that the word "mitigation" be changed to "radiation" on the last page, K. Wilhoff seconded and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Announcements

Larry Moore Beadle, former chief of the Ypsilanti Township Fire Department, has moved to Florida. Brad Johnson is acting as the interim fire chief.

M. Breckenridge noted that Greg Williams has taken a position in Monroe County, and Ben Pinette will be taking that position starting Monday.

L. Moore announced that a resolution to balance the 2008/2009 County budget will be going to the Board of Commissioners. Among the proposed changes is the recommendation that Environmental Health be included within Public Health, although the physical location of the department will not move from Zeeb Road.

VII. Old Business

A. EHS facility planning update

- K. Kelly reported that 49 of the listed 59 sites have had their Emergency Response Plans reviewed and updated and that two new plans have been written, for a Michigan Bell/ATT site and for the McNaughton and Gunn site.
- They are also working with Wal-Mart to create a Plan for Sam's Club and with AT&T on another site.
- Georgia Pacific in Milan has changed the amounts of materials that they have on site and have asked to be removed from the list.
- Donald Dettling is working with DexTech to determine the amount of hazardous materials they have on site; he believes that they are over reporting.

B. Information Coordinator's Report

- L. Moore announced that 238 facilities with hazardous materials identified have been inspected.
- Because of visible issues with floor drains at some of these sites, Pollution Prevention staffers have put together an informational sheet on floor drains.
- Moore also announced that through a collaborative effort of the Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner, Environmental Health and Public Works, the Water Protection Activities in Washtenaw County report has been created. The Report details water quality in each jurisdiction of the County.
- Environmental Health has also been involved in emergency planning – they have distributed a guidebook on emergency issues in food service to local restaurants.
- The Environmental Health Emergency Response Plan is also in place, and a tabletop exercise was conducted last month with specific examples of possible effects of a tornado.
- Environmental Health will also be working on a series of guide sheets to improve compliance rates in the areas of supplying MSDS information to employees, properly reporting hazardous waste, having an updated spill plan on file and storing compressed gases properly.

C. Emergency Coordinator's report:

- M. Breckenridge reported that there have been no EHS facility releases in the County this year, but there were two releases in surrounding counties.

D. HazMat Team Director's report

- Chevrette reported that the team has been doing air monitoring at the UM football games each Saturday.
- The 2008 Summit Conference will be taking place next month
- There is a meeting on the Milan Federal Prison next week
- On July 8, there was a release of Prowl, an herbicide, on a rural portion of Liberty Rd. The substance did get into the wetlands, and there was a dispute over who would cover the costs of cleanup, as the responsible party has not been identified. The MDEQ and EPA will be coming back together for a meeting to work on a procedure to ensure that in the event of a spill it will not remain on the road for as long as this did.
- There was an incident in Lyndon Township on September 5 where three barrels were found with their lids off in DNR land. DEQ and the DNR were both notified and MDEQ covered the cost of a contractor finishing the cleanup.
- The yearly fundraiser for the HazMat team will be taking place next month at Barton Hills golf course.

E. Reports from standing committees

- The education/outreach subcommittee has not met this year.

- Breckenridge reported that there is a collaborative Human Services Response initiative going on to address special needs clients in the region, especially during and after a disaster. This is a joint effort between Public Health, CSTS, Emergency Management and other agencies. There will be a full day workshop on Monday, September 22 to kick it off.
- Byrnes reported that the legislature is back in session for the rest of the month.

VIII. New Business

- Gonyon noted that there will be a regional exercise next week and that St. Joseph Mercy is participating.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by M. Breckenridge at 3:54 p.m.