

Minutes
Washtenaw County LEPC Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2007
705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marc Breckenridge, Pam Byrnes, Vic Chevrette, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, James Luckhardt, David McMahon, Leon Moore, Daniel Onyskin, Mari Howard, Scott Robinson, Rolland Sizemore, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Walter Bieszke (excused), Thomas Carmichael, Albert Chambers (excused), Donald Dettling (excused), Constance Doyle, Michael Everett, Pierre Gonyon, David Halteman, Jon Ichesco (excused), Cindra James, Kathleen Knol, Tom Krisher, Theresa Uscinowicz

Staff Present: Mary Kowalski

Guests Present: Steve Arrieta

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

Rolland Sizemore moved to approve the agenda, David McMahon seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

Rolland Sizemore moved to approve the minutes, Vic Chevrette seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Announcements

Marc Breckenridge noted that most members' terms will expire on December 31, 2007. Those that are interested in LEPC membership for the next term should submit letters stating their interest and resumes to Joanna Bidlack in Administration by October 26. There will be 23 positions open as of December 31, 2007. It was also noted that several positions have remained unfilled over the last few years, and hopefully these positions (especially an Agriculture representative) will be filled for the next term.

VII. Old Business

A. EHS facility planning update

- Kenneth Kelly stated that information on 49 of 60 EHS facilities has been updated
- Five facilities, all farms, have not responded to requests for updates. The facilities are: Alber Orchards in Manchester, Dottie-O Dairy Ranch in Chelsea, Huel Acres in Chelsea, Grosshans Farm in Ypsilanti, and Richard Weisenreder Farm in Saline. K. Kelly will contact Mike Score with MSU Extension for help in contacting these facilities.

- Six facilities will be removed from the list. They are: NSK Corporation in Pittsfield Township, Colorbook in Dexter, Frosty Apple Orchard in Dexter, Sam Elliot Farms in Ypsilanti, Wasem Fruit Farm in Milan, and Water-Tite in Whitmore Lake.
- Three new sites have been sent to the state for approval. These sites include: American Soy Products in Saline, Sheridan Books in Scio Township, and Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority in Scio Township.
- There is also an application in to the Michigan State Police for a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness continuation grant.

B. Information Coordinator's Report

- Leon Moore stated that Pollution Prevention (P2) staffers have inspected 423 facilities that have hazardous materials on site so far this year, and the goal is to have inspected 696 by the end of the year.
- There has been an increase in the number of larger facilities; 28 sites store over 550 gallons of hazardous materials.
- There has been a handful of non-reporters over the last few years, and the County is working with local Fire Departments to go out and inspect suspected sites. There was a site visit this morning in Scio Township, and an operator came close to being condemned due to shoddy electrical wiring and other issues.
- There is a proposed biodiesel plant in Lima Township. They have completed a preliminary plan, but the County has not heard from them lately.
- Two LUGs are being recommended to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for Environmental Excellence awards, on the October 3 agenda: Pittsfield Township for adopting processes for new hazardous material facilities (having the County sign off on proper storage) and Dexter Village for building an environmentally sound vehicle maintenance facility.
- The Chair of the BOC has expressed interest in learning about PERC use at dry cleaners in the County, and it was noted that while 36 dry cleaners have been inspected through the P2 program, there are around 20 in the County that have not been. The P2 staff will pay closer attention to which dry cleaners use PERC and encourage using other chemicals.

C. Emergency Coordinator's report:

- Marc Breckenridge stated that there have been a few minor incidents since the last LEPC meeting:
 - A gas main leak at Michigan Avenue and Carpenter on July 24,
 - A gas main leak in August Township on July 25,
 - An incident in which seven people inhaled an irritating vapor in a Kroger store, which turned out to be pepper spray put there by some kids (who were caught) on July 25,
 - A gas station at 3150 W. Michigan Avenue had a sewage pump failure on August 8,
 - An incident on August 13 where 50-100 gallons of pesticide were spilled at Ellsworth and Trade Center Drive and contained by the Fire Department, and
 - Around 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled on August 28 at a rest area off of US 23.
- The Salem fire department also reported an incident in which a retired medical professional was burning piles of medical records, including x-rays, from antiquity. They are taking ground samples to determine if there is silver nitrate contamination, and a possible criminal investigation is pending.
- There have been no EHS facility releases or injuries.

D. HazMat Team Director's report

- Victor Chevrette reported on several incidents that happened between the last meeting and this one:
- On August 28, there was a 200 gallon diesel fuel spill on Northbound US 23 in Northfield Township.
- On August 31 the HazMat team assisted the ATF and Michigan State Police bomb squad in cleaning up a site in Sumpter Township where bomb making materials and chemicals were found.
- On August 31 there was a white powder found in a package in Dexter Village, and it was determined to be drywall dust.
- On September 1 and 8, HazMat team members assisted the Ann Arbor Fire Department with remote air monitoring during the University of Michigan football game.
- Chevrette also reported that the Hazmat team has received some new equipment, including a "Red Dragon" to burn off propane on overturned tanker trucks and a Haz-mat ID, a device to analyze unknown hazardous materials, obtained through a CEDAP grant.

E. Reports from standing committees

- Per Leon Moore, only two subcommittee members attended the scheduled subcommittee meeting before this LEPC meeting, and therefore some general discussion took place but no official meeting.

VIII. New Business

- Marc Breckenridge already spoke about the fact that LEPC members' terms end on December 31st, but reminded everyone that there is one more meeting this year (December 13).
- He also asked that anyone interested in being the chair for the next term communicate that interest.
- Rolland Sizemore stated that at the next BOC meeting there will likely be a resolution to hire a Public Relations/Communications person for the County, and LEPC members are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Pam Byrnes stated that she and Marc Breckenridge are filming a television show through MGTV on emergency management, to air on local cable channels.
- Rolland Sizemore said that State Representatives should be attending BOC Working Sessions by the end of the year, and if anyone has questions for them they should submit them to County Administration.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Rolland Sizemore at 3:34pm, seconded by Vic Chevrette. The motion carried.