

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

Members Present: Marc Breckenridge, Albert Chambers, Vic Chevrette, Donald Dettling, Pierre Gonyon, Jon Ichesco, James Luckhardt, David McMahon, Leon Moore, Daniel Onyskin, Scott Robinson, Lucy Teets, Kathryn Wilhoff

Members Absent: Walter Bieszke (excused), Pam Byrnes, Thomas Carmichael, Constance Doyle, Michael Everett, David Halteman, Mari Howard, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, Kathleen Knol, Tom Krisher, Rolland Sizemore, Theresa Uscinowicz

Staff Present: Christine Benbow, Mary Kowalski, Kenneth Kelly, Steve Manville, Kim Gebhard, Mike Gebhard,

Guests Present: Steve Arrieta, Bill Bennett, Jim Anttila, Brad Tanner, 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.

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

D. McMahon moved to approve the agenda, M. Breckenridge seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes

D. McMahon moved to approve the minutes, D. Dettling seconded, and the motion carried.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment

VI. Announcements

M. Breckenridge announced that there will be new DEQ Michigan SERA Title III workshops. L. Moore will pass registration and workshop information out via the listserv. D. McMahon mentioned a section on the Survey for Homeland defense that needs to be distributed to all facilities by December 17. L. Moore will try to get the document out to all facilities once it has been received.

VII. Old Business

A. EHS facility planning update

- K. Kelly updated the LEPC on EHS sites in the County. Presently, there are 52 EHS sites in the County, and Emergency Response Plans have been updated for 47 of the facilities.
- 7 facilities have requested to be removed from the list and have submitted the proper forms, which have been forwarded to MDEQ in Lansing.
- Crop Production Services in Scio Township, formerly Royster Clark, has been removed from the list, as they have removed all anhydrous ammonia and tanks and have transferred all of the Paraquat that was on the property to their other facility in Saline.

- New plans were written in 2007 for American Soy Products in Saline, Sheridan Books in Scio Township and Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority in Scio Township.
- All plans and updates are presently being transferred into an electronic format complete with color maps of vulnerable zones. This is expected to be completed within the next few months.
- Paperwork has been filed with the Michigan State Police for a continuation grant for Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness.

B. Information Coordinator's Report

- L. Moore stated that the Pollution Prevention (P2) program has completed 629 hazardous materials storage inspections this year. He also mentioned that the Department Head has expressed interest in information on hazardous materials on the community, specifically in leaking underground storage tanks, and that it has been determined that there are 153 "leaking underground storage sites" in Washtenaw County.
- There was an exercise yesterday at the City of Ann Arbor fire station, as it is a node for the National Stockpile Distribution (to distribute pharmaceutical supplies in the event of a major emergency). They had an orientation and demonstration, and plan to have a complete drill in March or April. The exercise was presented by Washtenaw County Environmental Health and Public Health.

C. Emergency Coordinator's report:

- M. Breckenridge discussed some potentially hazardous spills.
- On September 16 there was a release of 160 gallons of partially treated wastewater in Ypsilanti Township; this was handled by YCUA.
- On December 3 there was a release of 450 gallons of salt brine/Magnesium Chloride on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.
- M. Breckenridge presented a map of the EHS facilities and the zones around them at would be vulnerable to a release.

D. HazMat Team Director's report

- V. Chevrette stated that he is currently compiling a report of calls for consultation. Recently, there have been fourteen incidents, including responses, consultations and equipment used.
- The Hazmat team monitored the air at all of the UM home football games.
- On US23, at mile marker 22 there was a ten-mile stretch of yellow product that turned out to be corn mash from the Dundee ethanol plant and deemed non-hazardous.
- At 1215 N. Huron River Drive there was a 55-gallon container of boiler treatment chemicals, and the Ypsilanti Fire Department borrowed some equipment to take care of it.
- Washtenaw County Public Health and HVA used the HazMat tent heater on November 8 to do immunizations at St. Joseph Mercy.
- A container of Isocyanide was found on the side of Lima Center Road on November 27.
- The medical examiner used the tent heater on December 10 to investigate a homicide in Ypsilanti.
- On December 12 staff at the Saline Recreation Center reported that people in the pool area had headaches, and it was determined that a fog on top of the pool was a Freon leak from the air treatment system.
- HazMat vehicles are at this site today for demonstration purposes, and there will be a quarterly exercise on Saturday.

E. Reports from standing committees

- L. Moore stated that the Education/Outreach subcommittee has not met since the last meeting, and will be reconstituted in the first quarter of next year.

VIII. New Business

A. New Appointments

- M. Breckenridge noted that the Board has made appointments to the LEPC based on resumes and letters received
- If anyone has questions, please contact Joanna Bidlack in Administration; there are currently 12 vacancies, and people are still welcome to submit resumes for appointment at the January 23 BOC meeting.
- There is a one-third quorum requirement for this Committee; therefore, as it stands, there will need to be six in attendance

B. Next Year's Calendar

- D. Dettling moved to approve the 2008 calendar as proposed, S. Robinson seconded and the motion carried.

C. State Police EMD: CSX study of hazardous materials transported through the County for 2006

- D. Onyskin stated that he wanted to make members of the LEPC aware of the types of chemicals that are regularly being transported through the County. He listed the substances and the amounts that were transported through the County in 2006.
- The most common hazardous material was liquefied petroleum gas, the second was alcohol NOS and the third was sulfuric acid.

D. HazMat Team Demonstration

- LEPC members and Washtenaw County staff had an opportunity to look in and around the vehicles that the HazMat team uses regularly.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by V. Chevrette at 4:12 p.m.