



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF LANCASTER COUNTY

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LEPC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2023

The February 16, 2023 meeting of the LEPC was held in Room 103 at the Lancaster Public Safety Training Center. The meeting was called to order at 1302 by Chairperson Duane Hagelgans. The following were in attendance in-person or via Teams as noted:

Members

Zachary Gibbons, LEMA HazMat Admin (LEPC Manager) – in-person
Kim Stonebreaker, Wellspan Health (Group 2) – in-person
Jon Beuerle, HazMat 2 EFRC (Group 2) – in-person
Duane Ober, WESC (LEPC Vice Chairperson) (Group 3) – via Teams
Scott Little, MTRF (Group 3) – via Teams
John Kottmyer, Chief Fire Official-East Hempfield Twp. (Group 3) – in person
Eric Bachman, MTRF (Group 3) – in person
Ben Herskowitz, LEMA Deputy Director (Group 4A) – in person
Violet DeStefano, LEMA Health & Medical Coordinator (Group 4A) – in-person
Brett Fassnacht, LEMA Training & Ex Coordinator (Group 4A) – in-person
Brooke Bowman, LEMA Community Resilience Coordinator (Group 4A) – in-person
Todd Kirkpatrick, LCPSTC Director (Group 4C) – in person
Duane Hagelgans, PIO SCTF (LEPC Chairperson) (Group 5) – In-person
Meredith Jorgensen, WGAL (Group 5) – via Teams
Mike Lyons, Dart Container Safety Director (Group 7) – in person
Larry Lucarino, Senior Industrial Safety Advisor Peach Bottom Power Station (Group 7) – via Teams
Jay Barninger, Safety Manager, Turkey Hill Dairy (Group 7) – via Teams

Guests

Walt Bair, PA DEP – in person
Jason Skonberg, Eden Twp EMA – in person
Luke Gerhart, LCFPTF- in person
Chris Altman, LCSWMA – in person
Michael Devaney, LCSWMA – in person
Linnhe Martin, JG Environmental – in person

NOTE: A quorum was met and the minimum number of groups represented was met to vote of LEPC business. The meeting continued as follows:

-In accordance with Sunshine Law provisions, the meeting agenda was posted on the Emergency Management website on Tuesday April 11, 2023 and a hard copy was posted in the main training center hallway on Wednesday April 12, 2023.

The meeting proceeded as follows:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes – The meeting packet included the February 16, 2023 LEPC Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Ben Herskowitz and seconded by Violet DeStefano to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.

1. Chemical Reporting and Planning Status – Zach Gibbons provided a Chemical Reporting and Planning update. The report included the following:

1. **SARA Title III Planning Updates** – Appendix A held the plan updates for the SARA Facilities in their 2022 reporting submissions.
2. **New Planning Facility(ies)** – Student Transportation of America in Mount Joy Township for 52,640 pounds of Propane.
3. **Facility Plan Reactivation** – No changes since December meeting
4. Facility Deletions – No changes since December Meeting
5. Boarder County Updates – No changes since December Meeting
6. **SARA Facility Status (Current)**
 - a. **Total Active Facilities 182**
 - b. **Total Plans Approved (LEPC) 180***
 - c. **Total Plans Approved (SERC) 180**
 - d. **Border County Plans 12**
 - e. **Border County Plans Approved 12**
 - f. **Total Off-Site Planning Sites 192**
7. **TIER II – 2022 As of 03-29-2023**
 - Non Exempt- Facilities Reporting 333**
 - Chemicals Assessed 377**
 - Total Fees Assessed \$32,475.00**
 - Total Fees Collected \$11,350.00**

** The note was made Primitives by Kathy has not reported since 2020 and consequently has not paid either. Updates will given at the December meeting regarding their status.**

8. Special Hazard Off-site Consequence (SHOC) Plans – Zach advised that there were no changes or updates regarding the SHOC Plans. Below are the SHOC Statistics.
 - a. New SHOC Plans- None
 - b. SHOC Plan Updates- None
 - c. SHOC Plan Status-
 - i. LPG Identified Facilities: 46
 - ii. LFG SHOC Plans LEPC Approved: 9

No motion needed due to the lack of major changes to the facilities and their plans.

*** SARA * SUPERFUND AMENDMENT AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1986***

2. Environmental Inquiries and Notices - Zach Gibbons reported on Open Records Requests from Environmental Consultants seeking hazardous chemical storage and incidents history of properties as part of phased studies for property acquisition. The meeting packet included a list of 14 requests processed since the February LEPC meeting. No records yielded results.

The Downstream Water Use Notifications received from facilities that met the notification criteria under the PA Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act of 1989 since the last meeting were attached in Appendix B for review.

3. Haz Mat Incidents –

Haz Mat 2 Responses -The meeting packet included a list of 24 events that the Haz Mat Team responded to since the February meeting. This included 3 UAS calls, 9 Duty Officer calls, and 6 team calls. Ben Herskowitz discussed an incident involving lithium ion batteries at a storage center, Kunzler Ammonia release, and the Fertilizer warehouse fire. Ben also discussed the calls to the specialist hotline, assisting departments across the country.

Extremely Hazardous Substance Releases –Kunzler Meat Company – Ammonia Release 3/12/2023

4. Haz Mat Readiness –

Haz Mat 2 Operational Update - Ben Herskowitz reported that membership is up and that the gear program will be started with the new membership. Ben followed up on the fertilizer warehouse fire and the investigation that took place following due to damage of fire department equipment.

Chemical Reporting Compliance Actions – Kunzler was discussed as a need for more compliance enforcement in Lancaster County. Follow up is being conducted with Kunzler and Eric Bachman added that the report from Kunzler’s plan needs to be submitted for corrective action and mitigation of future leaks. Meredith Jorgensen also raised the question about public notification in this and similar incidents. Discussion regarding public notification continued but no answers were given at this time. Meredith made the suggestion to assist with partnering with community to assist spreading the word.

5. Training –

LCPSTC Training- The meeting packet included the 2023 Haz Mat training spreadsheet with completed classes and roster (totals) as well as programs schedule for the remaining of the year. Todd reported that the training classes are winding down for the spring. Tech refreshers for MTRF and Lancaster City will be scheduled in the near future.

6.Old Business –

SCTF Homeland Security Conference: Discussed the sessions regarding LEPC and that there is a need to make the committee whole community focused to strengthen relationships with everyone involved with both preparedness and response.

7.New Business –

HazMat Admin Brief: Zach gave a brief on the train derailment inquiries, system changes, and grant updates.

Follow up for Wood Corner Road Facility: There is a need for continued follow up at this facility as there is no indication as to what is causing the issues in the building.

Review of HazMat Billing: Ben reviewed the SCTF Recovery Program that will assist the HazMat team recover unpaid costs.

Lithium Ion Battery Disposal: Ben outlined the development of a battery retrieval service for the public to get concerning lithium ion batteries disposed of before entering an energetic state. A motion was made by Todd K for the project and seconded by Eric Bachman

Foam: Ben discussed the operational gap for foam in the county and the need for a working group to rectify the gap. The motion was made by Todd K. and seconded by Brett F.

8.Public Comment – Chairperson Hagelgans called for public comment. There was none.

9.Next Meeting – The Next LEPC Meeting will be June 1, 2023 at 1pm at the training center.

10. Adjournment – A motion was made by Ben Herskowitz and seconded by Violet DeStefano to adjourn. The motion was unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned at 1400 hours.

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