



LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF LANCASTER COUNTY

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LEPC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2022

The February 3, 2022 meeting of the LEPC was held in Room 102 at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center. The meeting was called to order at 1302 hours by Chairperson Duane Hagelgans. The following were in attendance in-person or via Zoom as noted:

Members

Dan Scully, EMA Interim Director (LEPC Vice-Chair) – in-person
Eric Bachman, LEMA Haz Mat Admin (LEPC Manager) – in-person
John Schmidt, Mayor Adamstown Borough (Group 1) – in-person
Kim Stonebraker, Safety Manager Wellspan Ephrata Community Hospital (Group 2) – in person
Jon Beuerle, Lieutenant, Haz Mat 2 (Group 2) – in-person
Duane Ober – Fire Commissioner WESC (Group 3) – in-person
Benjamin Herskowitz, LEMA Rad/Nuclear Planner / Trainer (Group 4A) – in-person
Violet DeStefano, LEMA Health and Medical Preparedness Coordinator (Group (4A) – in person
Robert Pena, LEMA Operations and Training Officer (Group 4A) – in-person
Ann Weller, LCWC Operations Manager (Group 4B) – via zoom
Todd Kirkpatrick, LCPSTC Director (Group 4C) – in person
Duane Hagelgans, Commissioner, Blue Rock Fire Rescue (LEPC Chair) (Group 5) - in-person
Gregory G. Noll, SCTF Training Specialist (Group 6) – in-person
Larry Lucarino, Peach Bottom APS (Group 7)– via Zoom
Jay Barninger, Safety Manager, Turkey Hill Dairy (Group 7) - via zoom
Julie Bard Ziegler, Safety Manager, Tyson Poultry (Group 7) – via zoom

Guests

Alan Fowler – UGI Utilities – in-person
Jason Skonberg – Eden Township EMA – in-person
Rick Ely, Eden Township EMA – in-person
Evan Jones, LEMA Intern from Millersville University – in-person
Walt Bair – PA DEP – via zoom
Ashley Nielsen – USEPA – via zoom
Diane Garber, Emergency Services Coordinator – East Hempfield Township
John Kottmyer, Chief Fire Official – East Hempfield Township

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 February 1, 2022 and a hard copy was posted in the main training center hallway on Tuesday February 1, 2022.

The meeting proceeded as follows:

1. Chemical Reporting and Planning Status - Eric Bachman provided a Chemical Reporting and Planning update. The report included the following:

1. **SARA Title III Planning Updates** –The meeting packet included a spreadsheet listing 34 off-site plan updates. Changes were noted for several plans, however, no changes impacted vulnerability zone radii.

2. **New Planning Facility(ies)** - There we no new planning sites identified
3. **Facility Plan Reactivation** – There were no plan reactivations.
4. **Facility Deletions** – One facility was removed from the active Off-Site Plans list. The East Cocalico Township Authority Well #4/12 plan has been delisted as chlorine has been removed from the site.
5. **Border County Sites** – All border county plans are up to date.
6. **SARA Facility Status**

Total Active In-County Planning Facilities	180
Total Plans Approved (LEPC)	180
Total Plans Approved (SERC)	180
Border County Plans	12
Border County Plans Approved	12
Total Off-Site Planning Sites	192
7. **TIER II** - The next reporting cycle started at the beginning of January 2022. Below is the Tier II reporting and invoicing status as of 01-31-2022;

Non Exempt - Facilities Reporting	16
Chemicals Assessed	51
Total Fees Assessed	\$ 4,525.00
Total Fees Collected	\$ 0.00
8. **Special Hazard Off-site Consequence Plans - SHOC** – Eric Bachman presented an overviews for 8 LPG SHOC Plan including; Amerigas Propane-Columbia Plant, Amerigas Propane-Ephrata Plant, Amerigas Propane Gordonville District; Amerigas Propane-New Holland Plant, Roy Ressler Propane Plant 1, Roy Ressler Propane Plant 2, Shady Maple Farm Market and W L Zimmerman and sons.. A motion was made by Ben Herskowitz, seconded by Violet DeStefano to approve the SHOC plans. The motion passed unanimously.

2.Environmental Inquiries and Notices – Eric Bachman 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 8 requests processed since the December 2021 LEPC meeting. .

Also included in the packet were 6 Downstream Water Use Notifications from facilities that met the notification criteria under the PA Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act of 1989.

3.Haz Mat Incidents

Haz Mat 2 Responses - The meeting packet included a list of 13 events that the Haz Mat Team responded to since the December meeting. Ben Herskowitz reported on an incident involving a diesel fuel delivery truck that released just under 2,000 gallons of product.

Extremely Hazardous Substance Releases – There were no EHS Releases from any SARA facility.

4.Haz Mat Readiness

Haz Mat 2 Operational Update - Jon Beuerle reported that the team is placing in service Medic 02-10 which will enable them to supply their own ALS support in accordance with NFPA 473 and will alleviate committing an outside EMS agency.

Haz Mat Operations Deployment Plan (HMODP)– Dan Scully advised the HMODP is still in progress. There have been some leadership changes at Manheim Township Fire Rescue and Lancaster Bureau of Fire which will require additional collaboration related to the envisioned duty officer program.

Haz Mat Contract Updates – Dan Scully reported that contract with the haz mat team expires in June 2022. Changes to the contract with the Haz Mat Team are still in progress.

5.Training

LCPSTC Training – The meeting packet included the 2022 haz mat training spreadsheet. Eric Bachman reported that the training class list is constantly being updated with new deliveries.

6.Old Business

LEPC Member Appointment Certificates – Eric Bachman advised that the LEPC Member certificates are still pending from PEMA.

East Lampeter Township (ELT) Unknown RP Incident – Dan Scully updated the committee on the status of the unknown responsible party for the fuel oil tank that lodged in the Mill Creek from (September 2021) Tropical Depression Ida flood waters that he reported on at the last meeting. EMA and Haz Mat staff went to the site and evaluated the contents which was water and oil. The water in the tank was released and the residual oil captured and disposed of. The abandoned tank was cut in half and a neighboring mechanical garage took the metal tank for scrap. The incident has been resolved. There was discussion on the 'ownership' of the tank based upon the property it landed on, as well as the reluctance of the local municipality to address the issue. Dan Scully discussed some lessons learned with this incident. Duane Hagelgans thanked Dan for his diligence with this issue his extraordinary efforts to resolve the issue due to the lack of local intervention.

7.New Business

Sunoco Mariner East 1 Pipeline – Eric Bachman reported that on January 5, 2022 a rep from Energy Transfer Partners advised that on January 6, 2022, the Sunoco Mariner East 1 Pipeline will change commodity flow from transporting Natural Gas Liquids to refined products. Eric advised he made notifications to the affected fire department chiefs. The Transmission Pipeline plan will need to be revised to reflect the commodity change. Greg Noll advised that the products can flow from Chicago or Philadelphia depending on demand.

SFY2022-2023 HMRF Grant – Eric Bachman reported that the grant application guidance was released by PEMA this week for the next fiscal year grant. There are many on-line changes to the application process as well as administration changes that need to be evaluated. The grant submission deadline is March 31, 2022.

LEPC Member Vacancy – Eric Bachman advised that with the retirement of Chief Rick Kane from Manheim Township Fire Rescue created a vacancy in Group 3. Eric Bachman recommended the appointment of John Kottmyer who is the Chief Fire Official for East Hempfield Township. His bio was distributed electronically previously as well as included in the meeting packet. A motion was made Todd Kirkpatrick, seconded by Jon Beuerle to appoint Chief Kottmyer to the LEPC. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Little recently resigned as chief of the Lancaster City Bureau of Fire and (as of 02-07-22) will be the Fire Chief for Manheim Township Fire Rescue. Chief Little is already a member of the LEPC.

County EMA Director – EMA Director Phil Colvin retired from the county on December 17, 2021. Dan Scully advised that the hiring process was initiated. A candidate from outside of Lancaster County was offered the job. After the 02-07-22 County Salary Board meeting, the name of the new County EMC will be announced. Dan Scully also announced that Rob Pena, the EMA Operations and Training Coordinator has accepted a new job with PEMA and will start his new post in March.

PEMA Directive 2022-01 – Dan Scully advised that PEMA recently published a new directive that outlined allowable and disallowed expenditures of haz mat funds to carry out objectives of the county haz mat safety program. Oversight by the LEPC is strengthened in the document. Ben Herskowitz advised there are some areas that need clarification and he will be reaching out to Rob Moore of PEMA for interpretation.

Greg Noll expanded on the LEPC role as that aspect was one of the three big strategies discussed at a recent USDOT PHMSA National Haz Mat Roundtable meeting. Additionally the roundtable meeting noted the need for Risk Based Preparedness as well as leveraging funding for mitigation efforts at haz mat sites. Greg Noll also noted that federal grant opportunities (i.e. HMEP) has gained more discussion and that the infrastructure bill may include additional funding to support HMEP and haz ma site mitigation efforts. Greg Noll discussed SCTF efforts to regionalize collaboration efforts with regard to haz mat and perhaps that could provide opportunities for collaborative efforts among the LEPC's in the region.

PFAS/PFOS Legacy Foam – Greg Noll discussed the challenges with legacy foam and the initiatives to dispose of and replace affected inventories. He advised that there currently is limited operational capability to support large scale incidents. He advised the SCTF is looking at options with regard to a robust Task Force model. Cumberland County's Foam resources are well organized. Lancaster County's foam task force is being reorganized (after MTRF and

Lancaster Bureau of Fire opted out). Lancaster County foam task force resources (trailers) are housed at the Lafayette Fire Company, Stevens Fire Company and Kinzer Fire Company. Lafayette has been a legacy member of the foam group, but training and experience of Stevens and Kinzer are limited.

There was discussed on foam replacement costs which, for a 300 gallon tote (carried on each foam trailer) costs approximately \$17,000. Ben Herskowitz advised that the hazmat team is the fiduciary agent for the county foam task force and there is about \$10,000 in the foam task force account. Todd Kirkpatrick reported that there are discussions by the Lancaster County Firemen's Association (LCFA) executives to potential help fund replacement foam to county fire companies with LCFA funds, but that it is still in research and discussions.

There also was discussion on appropriate disposal of legacy foam. Walt Bair from DEP (via Zoom) advised that contrary to reports, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority Waste-To-Energy Facility (incinerator) is not a recognized option.

IAEM Conference – Duane Hagelgans reported on the up-coming IAEM Conference in Savannah Georgia in November. They conference committee is accepting speaker proposals. He sits on the board if you have interest in submitting a proposal.

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

9.Next Meeting – The next LEPC meeting will be April 7, 2022 at 1pm at the training center. We will continue with a zoom format for at least the April meeting and evaluate for future meetings.

10. Adjourn - A motion was made by Ben Herskowitz, seconded by Todd Kirkpatrick to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed and meeting adjourned at 1404 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric G. Bachman

LEPC Manager