

Cass County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes
August 13 2014

The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Bob Ehle, Bob Curry, Sandra Curry, Herb Bowman, Liz Troxell, Alvin Beckman, Herb Detrick, Larry Lucas, Dan DeAngelo

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

2014 EXERCISE

An exercise was being planned with Koch Nitrogen. Koch Nitrogen is currently in their busy season and some personnel have been reassigned.

Alvin Beckman shared a copy of "Zombie" recruiting materials from Delaware County Emergency Management. These materials are used to recruit victims for emergency drills and help build public interest and involvement.

Dan DeAngelo from Grissom Air Reserve Base Emergency Management discussed a plane crash exercise planned for September 16th from 9am-noon. Dan DeAngelo reported the exercise would be approximately half education half exercise and would include agencies from Cass, Miami, Howard and Tipton Counties.

2014 ETHICS TRAINING

All LEPC members will need to complete ethics training. As of today's date Alvin Beckman reports we have not received login information to access the training.

NEW BUSINESS

PLAN UPDATE

HAZMAT Plan revision is in progress. Specific revisions will reflect changes in commodity flow due to the new highway, critical infrastructure considerations and increased airport traffic. Alvin Beckman reported a web search revealed multiple county LEPC Chairmen willing to help write a plan for a fee.

RECENT EVENTS

Alvin Beckman reported Koch Nitrogen had a leak in a small line. Koch Nitrogen notified all agencies that needed to be notified but did not request any assistance and resolved the issue themselves. Alvin Beckman reported he was in the area when the call was made and conducted monitoring operations around the perimeter of the facility.

ESSROC Cement had a fire in a coal bin approximately three weeks ago. The response lasted about six hours and foam was used to help extinguish the fire.

Approximately one month ago a semi hit an object in the road in the area of Clymers. A valve broke and approximately ten gallons of diesel fuel spilled onto the roadway. Alvin Beckman reports the semi belonged to the Challenge Group and they mobilized their contracted response team quickly.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

A letter was received from State Fire Marshall James Greeson addressed to all LEPC's. The letter discusses issues contributing to the West, Texas explosion and requests LEPC's inform local fire departments of facilities where ammonia nitrate are stored.

Larry Lucas from the Anderson's reported a number of changes are taking place. A fermenter is being added, the fire loop was changed, and there is discussion of adding renewable diesel capability and sprinklers above Corn Oil.

Orion Safety Products has an expansion in progress. The Orion Facility is on the Cass/Miami County line.

Alvin Beckman reported the Mutual Aid Agreement with Grissom Air Reserve Base has been updated.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alvin Beckman reports the 2015 budget is \$3,500 and has been submitted. Friday will be the first reading of the budget.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Cass County LEPC is scheduled for November 5, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum
LEPC Secretary