

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Conference Room 17
Indianapolis, Indiana
July 9, 2012 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO ORDER

Mike Garvey – IDHS	Bruce Palin – IDEM
Sherman Greer – Local Government	Gerri Husband – State Representative
Dean Larson – Public Representative	James Pridgen – Industry representative
Carlos Pettiford – State Representative	Shawn French – Industry Representative

The following Commission members were absent:

Carol Shelby – Public Representative	Brian Lott – Local Government
J. Eddie Goff – Public Representative	Roger Powers – Local Government

The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS	Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM
Mara Snyder - IDHS	

The following members of the audience were present:

Jeff Larmore – Marion County	Jim Plum – Jefferson County
Becky Waymire – Morgan County	Gary McDaniel – Kosciusko County

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the March 12, 2012, meeting was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Garvey reported on the heat and drought conditions, and that IDHS will continue to monitor the conditions. Mr. Garvey also reported on recent exercises that IDHS will be participating in. These include mobile communications, district response task force and a radiological emergency preparedness exercises.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer provided an updated agenda for the September IERC/LEPC Conference. He will be finalizing the agenda and will be posted on the agency website.

Mr. Greer also reported on the LEPC award nominations, LEPCs were selected, 2 people for service awards and 2 universities, and these were;

- Commodity Flow Study
 - Noble County LEPC
 - Lawrence County LEPC
 - Gibson County LEPC
- Exercise
 - Elkhart/Noble/LaGrange County LEPCs
 - Grant County LEPC
 - Monroe County LEPC
- Outreach to Public
 - Marion County LEPC
- Outreach to Facilities
 - Jefferson County LEPC
 - Noble County LEPC
- Planning
 - Jackson County LEPC
- Higher Education
 - Purdue University Calumet
 - University of Southern Indiana
- Service Awards
 - Roger Wolff - Meritorious Service
 - Russ Shirley – Greg Phillips Award
- Special Recognition by the IERC
 - Monroe County LEPC
 - David Hudgins, Waxahachie Fire Department Texas

Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs

Mr. Larson provided a report from the morning Policy/Technical Committee meeting. The main topic of the meeting was to start formal discussion on forming 10 district LEPCs, how to manage funds with these districts and possible legislation required for this proposal.

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

In Chief Lott’s absence Mr. Greer provided 2 vendors wishing to be added to the training resource list as vendors for conducting exercise, these included;

- Crisis Management Enterprise
Motion made be Mrs. Husband to approves this vendor, second by Mr. Larson, **MOTION CARRIED**
- Industrial Safety Training Services
Motion made by Mr. Pridgen to accept this vendor, second made by Mr. Larson, **MOTION CARRIED**

Both Vendors are Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) compliant.

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

No Report

Motion made by Mr. Pridgen to accept these reports, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Larson commented on changing the legislative requirements for the LEPC rosters to include adding dates of when LEPC members have completed their ethics training, and adding requirements for including HSEEP to be added to the LEPC exercise requirement.

Ms. Snyder added that there may be issues arise on the possible financial impact to the LEPCs But will look into this.

Motion made by Mr. Larson to pursue this, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

- Discussion on an IERC Logo to be brought up at the September Commission meeting.
- Mr. Ewusi asked about the IERC becoming a rule making body. Ms. Snyder included that this is a complex process and the IERC currently does not have the resources to be rule making. But this will be looked into for any legislative action for the district LEPCs in the 2014 session.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Steel reported on the current status for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Plan (HMEP). Late last year, it was decided to award LEPCs based on their previous years activity, and currently looking at hiring a contractor to conduct haz-mat training.

The FY2012 HMEP will be complete by September 30, 2012 and USDOT will not allow extensions, so there is a short performance period.

FY2013, application has been submitted to USDOT, hopefully by August we will have approval of the grant. A total of \$670,931 has been requested, of that \$134,180 is the local/state match and the balance is pass through funds, which will be available for haz-mat planning and training projects.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ewusi provided his updated report to the following;

- LEPC Activities
 - Attended 6 LEPC meetings that included, Lake, Ohio, Orange, Switzerland, Wabash and Warren Counties.
- Funding Status and Summary
 - 73 LEPCs were funded for their 2011 activities
 - Fees collected from facilities ending at 5/31/2012 were \$480,514.66 with a roll over from 2011 non compliant counties was \$113,159.73. The \$30,000 held back by Department of Revenue has been discontinued.
 - Distribution of these funds, 10% to the IERC was \$62,347.02, 90% allocated to the LEPCs was \$561,123.18, a total of \$482,201.43 was allocated to the 73 compliant LEPCs
 - Total withheld from the 19 non-compliant LEPCs \$78,921.75
- Training
 - CAMEO one training was held in Putnam County, additional workshops are scheduled for Henry County, Ripley County, IERC Conference and Illinois SERC Conference.
 - Completed HSEEP Training
- Spill Reports (EPCRA Section 304)
 - 3 spills reported in Lake County, 800lbs Sulfur Dioxide; Morgan County Unknown Chemical; Vanderburgh County 200 gallons of Nitric Acid.
- EPCRA Enforcement
 - 5 companies non-compliant facilities that could be subject to EPA inspections. These included;
 - (1) Jefferson County, Auxier Gas
 - (2) LaPorte County, Accurate Casting and Aero Metals (2) sites
 - (1) Noble County, Puritan Ice Cream
 - White County, City Fuel and Heating

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 5 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Dearborn Dubois Grant Hendricks Noble

Mr. Pridgen made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Larson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEPC COMMENTS

- Jeff Larmore with the Marion County LEPC inquired on roster dates for ethics training, when will notice of when ethics training will be reported. Ms. Snyder added this information will be out in December by Brad Gavin, IDHS's ethics officer.
- Jim Plum with the Jefferson County LEPC inquired to the balance in the IERC account, Mr. Palin responded that approximately \$180,000 and that \$141,000 will be going into the account.
- Becky Waymire with the Morgan County LEPC, commented on how she appreciates being able to come to the IERC meetings and how it is a valuable source for the state LEPCs.
- Gary McDaniel with the Kosciusko County LEPC expressed concerns with the district LEPC Concept and potential losing volunteer members and the potential of losing local support,

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Report

NEXT MEETING

September 14, 2012, 1:00pm
Indiana Emergency Response Conference
Indiana Convention Center
100 S. Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair