



# Marion County

## Local Emergency Planning Committee

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## Minutes of the August 5, 2024, Marion County LEPC meeting

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>
Travis Butcher	IFD
Jeremy Cox	IFD
Bill Beranek	Indiana Environmental Institute
Nathan Wright	Citizens Energy Group
Luan Isaacs	Indiana Oxygen Supply
Jason Doerflein	MCPHD
Andrew Burdett	Crystal Clean
Amy Durocher Matthews	Eli Lilly
TJ Edwards	Eskenazi Hospital
Justin Schuller	Community Health / IVY Tech
Paul Werderitch	Citizens Energy Group
Beau Shields	Corsi Group
Jacob Spence	MCEMA
Joe Finch	IMPD
Casey Kenworthy	MCEMA
Janette Smith	LEPC
Jeff Larmore	MCPHD
Virtual Attendees via Webex	
Todd Haley	Eli Lilly
Tammy Mann	VA Medical Center
Ron Trout	LEPC
Rick O'Connor	Heritage Environmental Services
Mark Skobel	Univar
Jane Nderitu	Brulin
Bill Zimmerman	DHS
Andrew Bowes	IEMS
Kellee Cobb	Superior
Megan Walters	Encamp
Darla Carlisle	Harlan Bakeries

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Bill Beranek convened the meeting of the Marion County Public Health Department Local Emergency Planning Committee on August 5, 2024, at 3:38 PM. After taking roll call, Jeff Larmore noted that a quorum was present.

## **Approval of the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, Minutes**

Jacob Spence made a motion to approve the June 3, 2024 , minutes. TJ Edwards seconded the motion. The June meeting minutes were approved as written.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Jeff Larmore provided the Treasurer's report reflecting the LEPC's financial standing as of July 25, 2024. Jeff reviewed expenditures since the June meeting including costs associated with both the Midwest and the International Fire Chiefs Association Hazmat Conferences. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation

## **Committee Reports**

### **District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council.**

Travis Butcher reviewed the registration status of the upcoming propane and hazardous materials technician training classes. There was a brief discussion about the use of 2020 ERGs for tech training given 2024 ERGs are now available. Jacob Spence reported that the 2020 ERGs were acceptable for training and that the State was in agreement with the use of the 2020 editions for training purposes. Jeff Larmore stated that the LEPC currently has 8 IFSTA Hazmat Technician textbooks leftover from previous classes and needs to purchase up to 17 additional books to cover the tech class's maximum enrollment of 25. Jeff also reported the LEPC needs to purchase up to 20 NIOSH guidebooks for the tech training. Jacob made a motion to spend up to \$500 for the purchase of IFSTA textbooks and NIOSH Pocket Guides. Jason Doerflein seconded the motion. The motion was approved. In preparation for next month's tech class, Jason Doerflein stated that the health department has several new hazmat personnel needing awareness and operations training before the tech class and passed on a request from Jason Ravenscroft to fund awareness and operations training courses in early September. Jason agreed to get pricing information for the training and provide it to the LEPC for consideration. Jason also reported interest in having a vendor from Ohio come to Marion County to provide a one-day lithium ion pilot training course for up to 30 select Marion County first responders. Jason described the vendors' background and how he became aware of the company. Ron Troutt ask Jason to forward information regarding the vendor to him .

### **Hospital Report.**

TJ Edwards reported that Eskenazi did a hazmat drill with their emergency department in July as an educational event to teach their staff correct procedures as they went along. TJ stated that the hospital would eventually like to get to the point where they can do a no notice drill.

### **Hazardous Material Exercise Coordination Committee/ 2024 Exercise:**

Jeff Larmore reported the service agreement with the exercise facilitator Resilient Strategies has been signed and that the Concepts and Objectives Meeting was held on July 19 at Americold. The Initial Planning Meeting will be August 16. The Midterm Planning meeting will be August 27. The Final Planning meeting will be on October 8. MSEL planning meetings will be September 11 and 25. The drills (fewer agencies/players than the full scale) will be October 15 and 17. The full scale exercise will be on October 16. All meetings will be at Americold. The exercise scenario is the same as the Americold scenario used for last year's TTX (anhydrous ammonia release leaving the facility's site). Jacob Spence reported that Casey Kenworthy would also be assisting with the exercise planning from EMA.

## **Old Business**

Jeff Larmore stated that because of the construction of the new Public Health Laboratory in the parking lot across the street from 3901 N. Meadows parking for the Meadows building has become a challenge. Jeff reported that HHC has made arrangements with the nearby grocery for people to park in its lot while at the Meadows building; however, Jeff stated he would try reserve the 4012 N. Rural building for future LEPC meetings whenever possible. Anyone planning to attend a meeting in person is reminded to pay close attention to the meeting invitation regarding the meeting location.

Jeff Larmore reported that Brenntag had the health department's hazmat team at its facility for a site visit and that Marathon had invited Bill Beranek, Phil Cutter, and him to tour both its Speedway and 96<sup>th</sup> Street facilities as part of Marathon's coordination efforts.

## **New Business**

Paul Werderitch, Environmental Coordinator with Citizens Energy Group addressed the LEPC regarding his frustration of not being able to upload more than one site map for the CEG facilities when submitting Tier II reports. Paul explained his frustration started when Tier II Manager (now Hazconnect) was changed so that instead of being able to upload multiple PDFs of site plans he can only upload one JPG file. Paul expressed concern that he cannot provide the necessary information that the State requires for his facilities with just one JPG and that first responders are not getting the best possible information available from the facility for responding to incidents at CEG sites. By limiting the number of uploads to one JPG per facility, Paul cannot upload detailed maps and diagrams showing facility piping and chemical storage areas. Given the continuous change happening at CEG facilities, Paul believes the current Hazconnect Tier II portal/website is a step backwards when trying to provide Marion County first responders with information that is complete and current. Paul stated that he has contacted IDHS regarding his concerns and frustration and that it has been explained to him that because of the way the vendor designed the program to work it can only accept one JPG. Casey Kenworthy concurred with Paul's account of the situation based on his experience with Hazconnect while at IDHS.

Todd Haley with Eli Lilly commented that he had also expressed concern with IDHS a few years ago regarding the State's one size fits all approach to Tier II reporting and not taking into consideration the needs of larger, more complex facilities vs. smaller, simpler businesses. Todd also mentioned that fire departments have different needs from a small facility vs. a large facility. Todd summarized his concern by saying that IDHS is trying to make Tier II Manager/Hazconnect be more than it was ever designed to be.

Paul asked about options at the county level for providing this information to Marion County responders until the situation at the State has been resolved. For the time being, Jacob Spence recommended that any CEG maps be sent to the EMA to ensure they are distributed/available to all agencies/departments having a need for CEG's information. Jacob also spoke briefly about a product (Haystax) that the City (EMA) plans to implement in 2025 for facilities to be able to upload directly and securely maps, response plans, etc. for use by every public safety agency in the county.

Jeff Larmore requested that facilities with the same concerns and frustration as CEG and Lilly contact him and/or the Indiana Emergency Response Commission to let their concerns and frustration be known, and if possible, attend an IERC meeting either in person or virtually and make a comment during the public comments part of the meeting.

Nathan Wright with CEG asked for any suggestions for updated mapping showing vulnerable populations. Jacob responded that EMA could assist with his request and for Nathan to contact EMA regarding the details of the information needed. Nathan also asked the attendees about their experiences using EPA's Cameo software for chemical compatibility information and if they had any concerning results reported. Nathan inquired if anyone is using or aware of other tools/resources for identifying/predicting chemical incompatibility/reactions.

## **Recent Incidents**

Jason Doerflein discussed a recent styrene incident that the MCPHD and Wayne Township FD responded to at the Insituform Technologies facility on the city's southwest side. Jason reported the release was determined to be less than the RQ.

Rick O'Connor discussed an incident that occurred at his facility in July involving a fire in a containment building stabilizing solid waste before being transported to Roachdale (a containment building can hold up to 200,000 pounds of waste in a pit). Rick reported a review of the profiles of the material that went into the pit that caught fire indicated nothing flammable. Rick expressed his appreciation to Wayne Township FD for their efforts to quickly extinguish the fire. Rick stated that in his industry it is very hard to know what is in a roll off box when it arrives and

added that his company frequently sees off spec materials in roll off boxes. Rick reminded generators that is very important that they ensure their employees are cognizant of what is and what is not acceptable to be placed in roll off boxes.

### Announcements

- Next MCLEPC meeting will be October 7.
- PHMSA sent an email that it is partnering with TRANSCAER to host the 3 day Multi-modal event September 10-12, 2024, for first responders, all experience levels of hazmat stakeholders, as well as small minority/vet owned businesses that are unsure if they are dealing with or transporting hazmat. **This event was later cancelled.**

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

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Minutes submitted by:

Jeff Larmore

Planning Coordinator

Adopted by the Marion County LEPC

during the meeting on: October 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 Meeting



Signature

Chair

Title