



# Marion County

## Local Emergency Planning Committee

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### Minutes of the December, 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 Marion County LEPC meeting

Name:	Organization:
Travis Butcher	IFD
Bill Beranek	LEPC
Jason Doerflein	MCPHD
Amy Durocher Matthews	Eli Lilly
Jacob Spence	MCEMA
Janette Smith	LEPC
Jeff Larmore	MCPHD
Philip Cutter	MCPHD
Jason Ravenscroft	MCPHD
Ron Troutt	LEPC
Courtney Gordon	MCPHD
Kellee Cobb	Superior
Casey Kenworthy	EMA
Courtney Gordon	MCPHD
Andrew Bowes	IEMS

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#### Virtual Attendees Via Webex

Andrew Burdett	Cristal Clean
Anthony Bohanon	AES
Chris Fenton	VA
Krista McKenna	Roche Diagnostics
Naomi Teague	Univar Solutions
Nathan Wright	CEG
Rick O'Conner	Heritage Environmental
Shane Kollar	INDOT
Stephen Johnson	Messer Americas
Tammy Mann	VA
T.J. Edwards	Eskenazi Health
Mark Thrine	

## Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Bill Beranek convened the meeting of the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at 3:38 PM. After roll call, Jeff Larmore confirmed that a quorum was present.

## Approval of the October 7th 2024 Minutes

Dr. Bill Beranek called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 7, 2024. Jeff Larmore made the motion, and Jacob Spence seconded it. The minutes were approved as written.

## Treasurer's Report

Jeff Larmore presented the Treasurer's report, detailing the LEPC's financial standing. He highlighted several key expenditures:

- Completion of invoices for the full-scale exercise conducted with Resilient Strategies.
- Payment for the propane water injection kit purchased earlier in the year, which had encountered delays in invoice submission.
- Equipment approved for purchase at the previous meeting for the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), including Deacon pools and calibration equipment.

Jeff also presented a proposed 2025 budget, which was largely based on prior years' budgets. The most significant change was a reduction in funding for contractual services, as the 2025 exercise would be a tabletop exercise instead of a full-scale one. Dr. Bill Beranek called for a motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget. Ron Troutt made a motion, seconded by Jacob Spence. The budget was approved.

### • Expenditure Request

IFD submitted a request under the approved 2025 budget to purchase a calibration cradle system for their meters, at a cost of \$8,800 (below the annual \$10,000 allocation). Dr. Beranek asked for a motion to approve this expenditure. Jason Ravenscroft made the first motion, and Jacob Spence seconded. The expenditure was approved.

## Committee Reports

### District 5 Hazardous Materials Training & Advisory Council

Travis Butcher announced a "Battery IQ" class hosted by Wayne Township Fire Department, facilitated by Noble Training, scheduled for January 7–9, 2025. He also mentioned the possibility of offering a Hazmat IQ class in July 2025.

### District 5 Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee –

Andrew Bowes reported on a winter weather exercise held in November, attended by approximately 75 participants. The exercise focused on home health, dialysis centers, and extended care facilities (ECFs), addressing concerns such as power outages and emergency generator usage.

### Hazardous Material Exercise Coordination Committee –

Jeff Larmore discussed the possibility of holding the 2025 tabletop exercise at Roche Diagnostics. Krista McKenna expressed openness to the idea but requested additional details. The exercise would possibly involve anhydrous ammonia.

## Old Business

No old business was talked about.

## New Business

Jeff Larmore raised concerns about the recurring \$150 cost each time the D-5 training pod is moved. He proposed purchasing a Conex box for permanent storage at IFD Station 44's training grounds, where supplies could be accessed as needed.

Travis Butcher estimated the cost of a 20-foot Conex box, including delivery, at \$2,000–\$2,500. He mentioned a dealer on South Harding Street and noted he would check with his chief for additional contacts.

Dr. Beranek suggested shelving for the Conex box and it was confirmed that the shelves in the current Packrat pod are LEPC property.

## Recent Incidents

No recent local incidents were discussed.

Jeff Larmore gave a presentation on a recent release incident in Rockdale County, Georgia, which is still under investigation. The incident occurred at a BioLab facility in Conyers, southeast of Atlanta, where a water-reactive product became wet, triggering a reaction. Monitoring was conducted throughout the event to assess the release, and additional safety measures were implemented to manage the situation. A discussion followed the presentation regarding the importance of proper monitoring during such incidents and the need for clear communication and coordination among all involved parties to mitigate risks effectively.

## Announcements

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025

## Adjournment

Dr. Beranek adjourned the meeting at 5:09PM.

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Minutes submitted by:

Philip Cutter

Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Marion County LEPC

during the meeting on: February 3, 2025



Signature

Chair

Title