



Marion County

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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Minutes of June 2, 2025, Marion County LEPC meeting

Name:	Organization:
Travis Butcher	IFD
Devin Barnes	Ingredion
TJ Bordenet	Eskenazi
Janette Smith	LEPC
Jeff Larmore	MCPHD - WQHMM
Courtney Gordon	MCPHD - PHEP
Jason Doerflein	MCPHD - WQHMM
Kellee Cobb	Superior
Amy Durocher Matthews	Eli Lilly
Andrew Bowes	IEMS
Bill Beranek	Indiana Environmental Institute
Robert Maxson	Ingredion
Jacob Spence	MCEMA

Virtual Attendees Via Webex

Andrew Burdett	Crystal Clean
Casey Kenworthy	MCEMA
Chris Fenton	VA Medical Center
Kris Nanagas	Indiana Poison Center
Krista McKenna	Roche Diagnostics
Luan Issacs	Indiana Oxygen
Megan Walters	Encamp
Ron Kish	Chemicals, Inc.
Rich Norris	Conagra
Sharon Jenkins	Eli Lilly
Wyatt Kintner	Marathon Pipeline
Mark Skobel	Univar

Welcome and Introductions

Bill Beranek convened the meeting of the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at 3:30 PM. Those in attendance both in person and virtually introduced themselves.

Approval of the April 7, 2025, Minutes

Bill Beranek requested a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2025, meeting. TJ Bordenet moved to approve the minutes as written, and Amy Durocher Matthews seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Larmore presented the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of the LEPC's financial status as of May 27, 2025. As of May 27, the Marion County LEPC's actual expenditures were \$26,266.36 and committed funds were \$13,426.73 leaving a budget balance of \$70,306.91 had spent. He explained that the expenditures since the April meeting included payments for the air monitoring related equipment purchased for Wayne Township Fire Department approved at the April meeting, for first milestone deliverables for the 2025 exercise, and for the purchase of the CUBEX container to store hazmat training equipment at IFD Station 44. The treasurer's report was approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Marion County Hazardous Materials Response Teams -

IFD Hazmat Coordinator Travis Butcher reported that Zack Tucker (IFD), Bob McKain (Wayne Township) and he would be attending the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazmat Conference in Baltimore next week. He updated the LEPC that the CUBEX containers had been placed at the IFD properties and that the hazmat training equipment had been transferred from Pack-Rat Storage unit to IFD Station 44.

MCPHD Hazmat Coordinator Jason Doerflein reported that the MCPHD is still one team member down and that he hopes the position will be posted soon. He also talked about a radiation drill the health department will conduct next week simulating the operation Community Reception Center for Radiation Population Monitoring in response to a dirty bomb in downtown Indianapolis. The drill will include volunteers from the Fairbanks School of Public Health playing the role of exposed victims who will go through simulated monitoring and decontamination as well as staff from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Radiation Program assisting with radiation dose assessment. Jason also reported that Wayne Township had contacted him about doing a joint unknown substance response training sometime in July.

Indiana District 5 Health Care Coalition -

Andrew Bowes reported that the group has had a couple of emergency meetings and that funding from the State that had been held up finally came through which will continue the health coalition for another year. Andrew added that the coalition will have a TTX on June 13 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. The exercise will use a black sky scenario triggered by a cyberattack on the region's power grid and exercise participants will encounter cascading effects of a prolonged power outage with significant impact on critical infrastructure.

Hazardous Material Exercise Coordination Committee -

Jeff Larmore reported that the Hazardous Materials Exercise Coordination Committee (Exercise Planning Team) had its first meeting at Roche Diagnostics April 8 and toured locations at the facility for possible use in the scenario. The next exercise planning meeting will be the Midterm Planning meeting on June 16 at Roche Diagnostics when the team will work to narrow down the exercise narrative. He added that the LEPC's exercise proposal had been submitted to the IERC using Hazconnect.

Old Business

Jeff Larmore reported that he attended the Indiana Response Commission Meeting in May and continued to push for funding for hazmat teams that are seen as "regional" teams by surrounding counties. During the meeting, he called attention to the fact that the State has accumulated a large legal fund reserve over the years due to withholding funding from non-compliant LEPCs and asked if a portion of that funding could be used to support hazmat teams that other counties are looking to for hazmat response. Regarding the IERC's response, he said commission members acknowledged the situation, but the only option they could offer presently is for hazmat teams to exhaust all opportunities to recover funds from responsible parties, adding the time is not good for trying to increase Tier 2 fees. He said that he would continue to push for more funding from the IERC to support hazmat teams. Travis Butcher added that IFD is looking very closely at how Indiana Senate Bill 1 could lead to reduced funding for local fire departments.

New Business

Travis Butcher presented a list of personnel protective equipment (chemical suits, boots, and gloves) for consideration by the LEPC to purchase for IFD's two hazardous materials decontamination teams. Travis pointed out that IFD's two decon teams serve all of Marion County, providing hazardous materials decon support to all Marion County fire departments as well as the IFD and Wayne hazmat teams. Based on the quantities in IFD's PPE request, TJ Bordenet made a motion that the LEPC purchase 3 cases of Zytron-300-Coveralls (2 cases 2x/3x, 1 case S/M), 8 pairs of cryogenic gloves (4 pair L, 4 pair XL), 14 pairs of hazmat boots (6 pair size 12, 4 pair size 13, 4 pair size 11), and 30 cartons of chemical resistant neoprene coated latex gloves (10 cartons size M, 10 cartons size L, 10 cartons size XL). Jason Doerflein seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the request was approved without change.

Recent Incidents

Nothing to Report

Other Reports or Announcements

Wyatt Kinder reported on Marathon Pipeline's (MP) tabletop exercise on May 14 that simulated a release of crude oil about eight miles upstream of Morse Reservoir. MP conducted an exercise with its local Incident Management Team. Citizens Energy Group (CEG) also participated. MP Wyatt pointed out that while there are no intakes on Morse reservoir, all that water eventually goes to a well field below the area, and then goes down to the white River where CEG has a couple of intakes. Wyatt reported there was a lot of good discussion regarding communications and working with CEG as well as other stakeholders. An important communication piece was making sure there are open lines for sharing information and getting details out to CEG in a timely manner. The exercise also included discussion about laboratories sampling methods and impacts to wildlife, as well as the environment. Wyatt finished by saying that there was a lot packed into the one day TTX and that it brought several items to the forefront and thanking CEG for their participation.

Adjournment

Bill Beranek adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM and reminded attendees that the Marion County LEPC's next meeting would be August 4.

Minutes submitted by

Jeff Lamore

Recording Secretary

Adopted by the Marion County LEPC

during the meeting on: August 4, 2025



Signature

Chairperson

Title