

**NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

PCS Phosphate Conference Center
White Springs, Florida

Thursday, 19 February, 2009
10:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Ron Mills, Chair
Frank Armijo
Ian Dyer
Bill Ellis
Joe Flanagan
Brian Johns
Gracie Kennedy
David Meurer
William Careccia
Jaime Montes
Agustin Olmos
Charles Pults
Alton Scott
Dan Smith for
Donald Sessions
Matt Thomas for
Melissa Jones
Ed Ward
Doug White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Brimeyer
Bill Coughlin
David Donnelly
Scott Garner
Keith Godwin
Scott Howasko
John Hudson
Sylvia Ifft
Melissa Jones
Paul Kremer
Rodger Mallard
Keith McInnis
Shayne Morgan
Verne Riggall
Edye Rowell
Kimberly Thomas
Steve Truluck

GUESTS

Jim Deckon, Wal-Mart Dist.
Robyn Gedeon, FDEP-BER
Chris Russell, US EPA
Buddy Crews, LCFD
Scott Tingle, Voltaix, LLC

STAFF

Dwayne Mundy

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ron Mills welcomed everyone to the LEPC meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves. Charles Pults welcomed everyone to PCS Phosphate and provided information about the Company. Chair Mills gave a summary of the recent LEPC Chair and staff, and State Emergency Response Commission meetings.

Ron Mills announced that he has been elected as the Area Governor for Region 3 of the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association. He discussed the recent FEPA annual conference and the issue of certifying emergency managers.

II. APPROVAL OF 14, NOVEMBER, 2008 LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Action: It was moved by Alton Scott and seconded by Brian Johns to adopt the minutes of the November 14, 2008 LEPC meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTING ANIMAL WASTE RELEASES TO LEPC

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of reporting to the LEPC ammonia releases from animal waste. He stated that concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO's) that have more than 125,000 chickens or 1,000 cattle are now required to report to the LEPC. He added this may impact up to 150 agricultural facilities in our region.

Dwayne Mundy reminded the LEPC that this first became an issue back in 2006 and that the LEPC had voted to send recommendations to EPA to exempt this reporting from emergency release notification requirements. Mr. Mundy said that only the Federal requirement was eliminated and that the reporting to the state LEPC was clarified by specifying the number of animals rather than the pounds of gas given off per day.

The LEPC reviewed the list of facilities that have reported under this new requirement and explained that technical guidance offered is approximately ½ inch thick. The LEPC decided to establish a work group to address this issue and hold a seminar to assist chicken farmers, feed lots and dairies with this reporting requirement.

IV. FIRST RESPONDER ISSUES

It has been a long term goal of the LEPC to conduct an 160 hour International Association of Firefighters Hazardous Materials Technician Class. It was reported that the LEPC received an increase of 70% in training funds this year and that it appears financially feasible to be able to conduct this class. Dwayne Mundy reported that the State has approved spending \$11,000 to conduct this training class. Dwayne Mundy said that the one restricting factor is a minimum of 20 students for the class to make this financially feasible.

A variety of options were discussed on when and where to hold the class. Gilchrist County stated that there is a lot of interest in the class in their area and offered Bell as a central location for the class.

Dwayne Mundy reported that the LEPC needs to ensure that all of its training money is spent, especially if necessary to continue this class beyond the September 30, 2009 deadline of this fiscal year. The group identified possible other classes that the LEPC may want to offer and came up with HazMat IQ, Hazmedic classes, and a Cameo/E-plan class. Members were asked to think about other classes that LEPC may need to conduct.

The LEPC discussed that county emergency management are now able to authorize local users to download E-plan Tier Two chemical inventory data directly from the internet. It was reported that the information can be looked at on-line, downloaded as an Excel file, or as a file that can be imported into CAMEO. Dwayne Mundy reported that the conversion of data still needs a little bit of work.

It was reported that the last meeting of the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team was cancelled because of below freezing temperatures that day. The inventory of trailers and the policy board meeting need to be rescheduled in the near future.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the release of a new version of CAMEO.

V. PUBLIC INFORMATION ISSUES

An update was provided on the Status of the Florida's LEPC's trying to agree on recommendations to changing membership categories. The LEPC discussed that they had voted at the last meeting to oppose the addition of any additional occupational categories. It was noted that any additionally identified local membership needs can be fulfilled through the interested citizen category.

At the last meeting the LEPC selected conducting outreach seminars as its planning project for the year. It was noted that this will fit in well with an animal waste reporting seminar of providing information to operators of concentrated animal feeding operations.

A summary of activities that occurred during Hazardous Materials Awareness Week 2009 were discussed. Next, the group discussed a possible theme for next year which was brought up at the LEPC chairs meeting. The idea for the week was promoting chemistry education in our public schools. The LEPC supported the idea that work should begin on this now and during that Hazardous Materials Awareness Week accomplishments could be reported rather than trying to begin a project.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS

Chris Russell from US EPA announced he is the On Scene Incident Commander for the EPA assigned to Tallahassee. He explained that reimbursements may be available through the Local Government Reimbursement program. He said a current issue with the EPA includes watching for industries that go out of business and leave behind dangerous chemical. He also noted that the mercury is a current issue as was recognized during this years Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

Ian Dyar announced that on March 21st that the American Red Cross in Gainesville was holding a public safety seminar. He said that fire departments, emergency management and the LEPC are invited to participate in this event. LEPC members were invited to attend the expo and assist with demonstrating the shelter in place model house.

Lake City Fire Department reported progress achieved in acquiring a new vehicle to pull its hazardous materials response trailer. Frank Armijo also discussed training that will allow Lake City to receive a better ISO rating which will save homeowners money on insurance.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

It was also decided that all LEPC meetings should begin at 10:00 a.m..

The next LEPC meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2009 at Lafayette County EOC, Mayo. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

It was moved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman

Date

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