

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Progress Center
Alachua, Florida

Friday, February 20, 1998
9:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hudson, Chairman
Jim Barbera
Allen Blanton
Bill Brideson
Mike Buono
Sandy Burgess
Cliff Chapman
Gracie Kennedy
Dan Morgan
Denise Nelson for Cherry Smith
Mary Powell for James L. Locke
Charles Pults
Chad Reed, Alternate
Jeffrey Tucker

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan Chandler, AAG Inc.
David Cook, Engineer Power Systems
Douglas A. Prentiss, GRU/Safety
Jonathan Story, DEP Intern
Vesna Sviglin, UF

MEMBERS ABSENT

Hon. Frank Albury
Jerry Allen
Arthur Bellot
J. Perry Brake
Teresa Cooper
Joe Flanagan
Dennis Fleetwood
Katie Folken
Nelson Green
Hon. Pegeen Hanrahan
Paul Kremer
Donnie Land
Jim Locke
Hon. Randy Mackey
Murel McDonald
Mike McKee
Cheryl Murrin
Jim Pistole
David Poole
Edye Rowell
George Scott
Raymond Shuford
Cherry Smith
Roy Woods

STAFF PRESENT

Chuck Kiester
Dwayne Mundy

The Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman John Hudson.

I. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Hudson welcomed everyone, asked that they introduce themselves, and reported on the last LEPC Chair/Staff and State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meetings.

Joe Flannigan, from the Suwannee River Water Management District gave a status report on the flooding of the rivers and summarized information available from the Water Management District.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 1997, MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: It was moved by Charles Pults, and seconded by Dan Morgan, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 1997, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM (RRT) WORKGROUP

Dan Morgan reported on the progress made by the Regional Response Team (RRT) Workgroup. Mr. Morgan said that the workgroup will meet after lunch to continue work on the draft Interlocal agreement. Mr. Morgan said that the initial strategy is to start out with a few counties to get the initial interlocal agreement established.

Chuck Kiester reported that he would be presenting a first draft of an interlocal agreement to establish a RRT as a legal entity.

IV. FIRST RESPONDER'S SUBCOMMITTEE

First Responder's Subcommittee Chairman Allen Blanton reported that Taylor County may not be ready to hold an exercise in time to meet the 1998 LEPC deadline. A discussion followed.

ACTION: It was moved by Dan Morgan, and seconded by Allen Blanton to use the Rohm and Haas exercise as the LEPC contractual exercise, and to do a tabletop in Taylor County at a future date. The motion carried unanimously.

Dwayne Mundy reported on the status of the hazardous materials training program. Mr. Mundy said that a HazMedic class and the Rohm and Haas Safety Train classes have been advertised. Mr. Mundy encouraged people to sign up for these training classes. Mr. Mundy added that he and Charles Pults have begun teaching a six-hour Introduction to Cameo Class.

Dwayne Mundy noted that the LEPC needed to decide what sort of seminars it would like to conduct as Section 302 Outreach and Community Seminars. The group discussed seminars that have been held in the past and decided which ones should be

held again as well as new ideas. The LEPC decided to hold a news media seminar, a How-To-Comply Seminar, and a 112(r) Outreach Workshop. The LEPC also approved doing a survey of responders as an HMEP responder outreach activity.

V. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EPCRA AWARENESS WEEK

Charles Pults reported that resolutions had been sent to all local governments asking them to proclaim the week. Mr. Pults added that school boards had been asked to participate this year for the first time as a means of increasing interest in sheltering-in-place issues. Mr. Pults also said that letters to the editor have been printed in a number of papers informing the public of Hazardous Materials Awareness Week.

Dwayne Mundy reported that the Section 324 notices will also be published and that the LEPC will be sending out *User Guides for CHEMTREC* to all responders as an outreach activity. Mr. Mundy added that the Hazardous Materials Awareness Week concept was endorsed by the EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Implementation Workgroup and may become national in scope in 1999.

VI. SAFETY STREET

Charles Pults said that the next step for the Safety Street program is to schedule a planning meeting to organize an outreach seminar adopted as an HMEP planning project. Mr. Pults added that this would be a good opportunity to find volunteers to serve on the various work groups identified at the last LEPC meeting.

VII. PROCEDURE TO UPDATE 1998 LEPC PLAN

Plan Update Chairperson Sandy Burgess reminded the group that the goal of the subcommittee is to make sure that the plan is a useful document. Mr. Mundy added that the main items that need to be changed include information from last year's hazards analysis updates as well as the results of last year's planning projects. Mr. Mundy then reported that the LEPC will need to consider adopting the updated plan at its next meeting.

VIII. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Mr. Mundy reported that March 13, 1998, is the deadline for getting in nominations for alternates. Mr. Mundy also said that two-year terms will be expiring soon and that committee members need to decide by the next meeting whether they are interested in serving for another two-year appointment. Mr. Mundy requested that if a committee member does decide to leave to please try to recommend a replacement in the same occupational or county category.

IX. NOTIFICATION AND INFORMATION REQUEST

Dwayne Mundy reported that a lot of Tier Two forms were coming in and that a few requests for information have been received from the public. Charles Pults informed the Committee on a relief follow-up report submitted by PCS and the group discussed the Lake City train wreck, some abandoned drums in Gainesville, and pollution reduction efforts at PCR.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Charles Pults reported that PCS was going to participate in a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) and would be donating approximately \$7,500 to the LEPC. Staff was directed to ask the Planning Council about setting up an account for this money to be used to support the establishment of a regional response team.

Doug Prentiss reported on GRU's efforts to be more pro-active in helping businesses and the university with their waste handling needs. Mr. Prentiss stated that GRU has on-going projects with the county, Energizer, and the University of Florida.

John Hudson announced that the TRANSCAER training would be held September 15, 16 and 17, 1998, at the Florida State Fire College.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LEPC was scheduled for May 15, 1998, 9:30 a.m. at the Progress Center in Alachua. Staff was directed to schedule Safety Street and Plan Review Subcommittee meetings on the same day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Chairman

Date