

**Kent County
LEPC Meeting Minutes**

March 13, 2007

Attendees

Nicole Vautard	<i>KC DPS</i>	Dave Mick	<i>KC DPS</i>
Cheryl Russell	<i>Delmarva Power</i>	Alan Rachko	<i>DPO</i>
Robert Hawkins	<i>DE State Police</i>	Mitch Magee	<i>PPG Industries</i>
Ken Belmont	<i>DPH</i>	Vincent Lynch	<i>Perdue</i>
Jay Brabson	<i>DNREC</i>	Bruce Ennis	<i>General Assembly</i>
Bob Barrish	<i>Citizen</i>	Crystal Dennis-Jordan	<i>P & G</i>
Shannon Splittorff	<i>DNREC</i>	Marilyn O'Neal	<i>Perdue</i>
Carleton Carey Sr.	<i>KC Fire Chiefs</i>	Cleon Murray	<i>P & G</i>
Arthur Paul	<i>DEMA</i>	Quincy Robinson	<i>Walmart</i>

Dave Mick called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The minutes of the January 9th meeting were approved.

Welcome from Dave and introduction of all the attendees.

Current Issues

Dave Mick – DECON – No responses since our last meeting. Training is being conducted on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Department of Public Safety personnel are conducting training during the day on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Next month the trailer has been requested to go to Milford Fire Station for a demo. There has been a growing concern from different Fire Departments of what to expect when we DECON firefighters coming out of an area that is potentially or has been determined to be a contaminated area. We are going to be making an effort to go around the county and show them a little bit more about what we do and what to expect.

Shannon Splittorff - Tier II Reporting and Manager – Closed out March 1st. We processed approximately 1,100 of the 1,350 reports on Tier II manager. About 85% of facilities reported online. There will be a program on Tier II at next months Fire Chief's meeting.

Arthur Paul – SERC – No meeting held. Next meeting will be March 27th at Fire School at 9:00 am.

Arthur Paul – DENS – Testing to be conducted March 26th – 31st. Advertisements will be placed in the News Journal, Delaware State News, and local papers in Delaware regarding the testing. Significant improvements have been done in mapping. In the past, the parameters were not good (zip codes, street addresses, etc.) Areas outside the needed areas were called. Geo Coding has been done and has fixed this problem.

Old Business

Jay Brabson – Dow Reichhold – Dow is continuing to monitor railcars for styrene and all reactive

monomers received by rail. This includes regular inspections with infrared temperature monitor and tracking of where railcars are from when they are purchased until they are unloaded. They have developed an 'aged' monomer procedure to use as if railcars of reactive monomers age. In addition they have reviewed and done an audit for handling and storage of all reactive monomers stored at the facility. This includes inhibited monomers like acrylic acid, butadiene, as well as styrene and others. The audit, accomplished near the end of 2006, identified safety improvements that can be made based on best industry and 'Reichhold' practices, vendor recommendations and industry codes. They are working on a timetable to address the audit recommendations. To conclude, they have done the corrective actions the Accidental Release Program has recommended and more.

Dave Mick – Budget Process – FY07 – Progress doing fine.

Dave Mick – Budget Process – FY08 – Has been submitted.

Dave Mick – Exercise Committee – Exercise to be held on March 28th. We had our final planning meeting. Evaluators and Controllers are still needed. The Delmarva Peninsula will be involved including most EOC's. The scenario consists of a Hurricane and the time frame involved during it.

1. 24 hours before landfall
2. 24 hours after landfall
3. 48 hours after landfall.

It's going to be a good communications exercise and good logistical issues of how we would respond when needing to do evacuations.

Bob Barrish – Facility Inspection – Still on hold.

Dave Mick – News Letters – Nothing.

New Business

Arthur Paul – Hazmat Conference – DECON Trailer Committee and the New Castle County LEPC is looking to have a State Hazmat Conference in April 2008. We want to bring together the 3 DECON units in each County in Delaware. Planning on having a speaker on Friday night (Buzz Melton) and then hands on training on Saturday. More information to follow at a later date.

Dave Mick – This conference will be good for the fire companies because it will help define their roles in Hazmat situations.

Bob Barrish – FOYA – Article in the Newspaper regarding FOYA and Emergency Response Plans. Has Kent been contacted about getting copy of their plan? If so, how have you responded?

Chief Colin Faulkner – We had a reporter stop by requesting access to our response plans as a private citizen. We denied giving him the plans. We haven't determined what is exactly considered public domain and we should probably get with the other agencies and make this determination. At this time we are not giving out our plans. If asked, we are referring them to the County Attorney and allowing them to handle the request.

Dave Mick – Many agencies have or are working on developing what is to be considered as public domain information. Certainly total capabilities, certain reserves, and some operational issues should be classified as non reportable. Therefore, you do not have to disclose everything, however it is becoming best practice to have your publicly available information ready and say this is what you get.

Arthur Paul – That’s the problem with this. What are they (reporters) looking for this time? Are the reporters trying to see how easy it is for terrorists to get the information or are you trying to see if the information is available to the community. The Emergency Planning Community Right to Know came out about 20 years ago. Their purpose was to make sure information was collected and that there are plans in case of emergencies. All these plans were available on websites and that was too much information available and has since been taken off the internet. Now we say that if you want the information you must go to the EPRA office and request the information. Dealing with the press can make it a very difficult situation. With them trying to get the plans and being unable to get them they state that they are being denied their right to know. We are going to come up with a company policy that determines what and who should get this information. I would like to see a scaled down version of the plans put on the internet. DEMA read that article and will be taking action as soon as possible.

Program

Presentation by the 31st Civil Support Team from the National Guard

Meeting adjourned.

Next LEPC meeting tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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