

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR
JANUARY 22, 2009**

Status LEPC Chair- As of these minutes, the position has been filled. The new Chairperson will be introduced at the March 12th meeting.

Delaware South TTX After Action Report- Chair is reviewing and will summarize items of importance.

DRBOSAC Committee- As the Interim Chair for the LEPC, Marilyn became a member of the Delaware River and Bay Oil Spill Advisory Committee, a short-term federal advisory group developed to “provide advice, recommendations and a ranking of priorities for measures to improve the prevention and response to future oil spills in the Delaware River and Bay.” Subcommittees have been established on prevention, response, mitigation and recovery.

Tier II Manager- Shannon did training for Tier II facilities in December in each county. She invited the LEPC Chairs to do a short presentation on the LEPCs to help with outreach. Tier II reports are coming in. The majority of reports are being sent electronically- very few hard copies. Industries still need to send hard copies to the LEPCs and fire companies.

Incident Reports- Tim reported one truck fire. Five EMT staff went to Fire School. Paramedics were present at Returns Day as support for HAZMAT. Three members went to the National Fire Academy- one for toxicology. Budget cuts will be affecting HAZMAT. More on-duty training will be tried.

DEMA Updates- The 2nd Annual Hazardous material Conference is scheduled in Dover for April 3rd and 4th. At the December 10th SERC meeting, a video on dust explosions was shown. The state SERC Plan is complete and being rolled out to the fire chiefs first. First Call is new contractor for the DENS notification system for the next five years.

CAFO Requirements- EPA is requiring Confined Animal Feeding Operations (defined by quantities of animals onsite) to do a verbal report to DNREC and the LEPCs on ammonia emissions. This will be followed by a written notification within 30 days. DNREC is requesting EPA (the enforcement agency) for DNREC to be the lead agency on this. They will require only one notification to the Department that they will share with the LEPCs. They are working closely with industries to develop the written notification format.

PRESENTATIONS

Tier II Reporting- Shannon covered some highlights on the reporting procedure:

- ❖ If property is leased, review the contract to see who is responsible for reporting
- ❖ Batteries- report acid AND lead
- ❖ Fees apply- reporting is not voluntary- it's state law
- ❖ Include a site plan
- ❖ Use NAICS codes instead of SIC codes
- ❖ Include the 302 Facility Identification form information
- ❖ EPA is closely monitoring 311 reports for Initial one-time notification within ____ when chemicals first come onsite

Propane- Ric Chatham, Director of Safety for Chesapeake Utilities presented a Chemical Safety Board video on a propane explosion that took place in Ghent, W.V. where two responders and two propane technicians were killed and six others injured. There was a 30-minute time frame between the release and the explosion.

Contributing factors were:

- 1) Tank location- located next to building
- 2) Training- new technician was left alone at site
- 3) No written/communicated evacuation procedures

Ric emphasized the importance of life safety first.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH , 10AM AT THE SUSSEX EOC IN GEORGETOWN