

**SUSSEX COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007**

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**Minutes from July 25, 2007-** Approved as is

**Status Sussex LEPC Chair and Update**

- No update on the financial resolution to hire the permanent Chairperson
- Showed PR materials developed through SERC IT Committee- should be available at November meeting
- US EPA Region III Emergency Preparedness and Prevention & HAZMAT Spills Conference will be December 2-5 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania- website is [www.2007conference.org](http://www.2007conference.org) or 800-364-7974 hotline

**Next Prioritized Performance Measure-** We will be putting a working group together of about 4-8 people to review the Sussex LEPC Plan. Fire and EOC need to be represented. It would be good to have representatives from some of the following categories: EMS, DNREC, hospital, industry, municipal, transportation, public information officer, law enforcement, DHSS. Plan will be for half a day and lunch. If you're interested, please let Marilyn know.

**Tier II Manager-** Ellen Malenfant gave update. Contractor has been hired to update the software. Should be testing late September. There will be training for all counties. Approximately 85% of reports this year were done online.

**DEMA Update**

- Delaware HAZMAT Conference- April 4-5, 2008- about 4-6 "round robin" training sessions on Saturday along with exercises. Looking for HAZMAT technicians to participate. Industry representatives must be covered by own company re liability. Tim Cooper w/Sussex EMS is contact person.
- HMEP Funds- Grant to DEMA for about \$90k- ½ training, ½ planning. Funds are required to be obligated and liquidated by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year- all funds have been committed.
- SERC Meeting- Working on revision of state SERC plan to reflect NIMS (National Incident Management System) and radiological update
- DENS- last tested in spring; used for Dow Reichold incident- some fixed mapping/data concerns that have been addressed; 911 phone numbers are geocoded on maps. Next quarterly testing is at the Sussex EOC October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joe Thomas or Art Paul
- SERC Annual Report- Sussex LEPC still needs representatives from elected officials, fire companies and county or public health

**Citizens Corps**- Carl Davis and Roseanne Pack discussed the program that involves communities in helping themselves before, during and after emergencies with such things as preparation kits, search and rescue and fire suppression. There are also Medical and Fire Corps. They are looking for corporate partners to participate.

**SMAG (Seaford Mutual Aid Group)**- John Peirce has set up meeting with the Coast Guard out of Philadelphia to discuss the TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Certification) program that is going to be required by the Transportation Safety Administration. Philadelphia port will be the first to implement it. It requires background checks on all people working around ports/docks. The presentation will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Seaford Fire Company. Please let John (422-9771) or David Ruff (629-7366) know if you would like to attend.

**Invista Exercise with EPA**- Tom Stowe gave an overview on the unannounced EPA visit to evaluate Invista's spill plan. The scenario is a spill of 50 to 2,100 gallons of oil that gets discharged into navigable waters. Deployment of spill cleanup materials should be within one hour, and oil recovery equipment should be onsite within two hours. It is a full-scale exercise of the site's plan, and Invista had about 100 participants, including contract responders. They have critiqued the exercise internally and are awaiting the EPA report with recommendations. The exercise was very beneficial.

**Weathering the Storm**- Jim Smith from DPL gave a presentation on how the power company handles outages. Safety is a first priority. Jim talked about the reasons for outages and how a tiered approach is taken to restore power, using the strategy to prioritize power sources closest to the plant and then work out through the grid to single homes. DPL has several PR brochures that are helpful for preparation and safety. Their three-prong approach is Preparation, Assessment and Restoration. Soon there will be "smart metering" technology that will detect who does not have power. Jim suggested having DPL's phone number handy (800-898-8042) and to call them prior to an emergency to ensure they have correct phone numbers on record. Outage information can be checked at [www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com).

**Tour of EMS Center**- Tim Cooper graciously hosted a tour of the Sussex EMS facility and discussed their capabilities.

***NEXT SUSSEX LEPC MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> AT 10AM. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.***