

**SUSSEX COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

There were 15 members in attendance.

Tier II Manager- Shannon Splittorff from DNREC-EPCRA provided the LEPC with the status of the Tier II reporting process, reporting 1664 facilities filing a submission, with 31 outstanding submissions. The DNREC-EPCRA department will continue to work on the outstanding facilities.

Incident Reports- Tim Cooper of SCEMS reported two emergency DECON responses since the last LEPC meeting. On July 28, the DECON trailer responded to the Indian River power plant for a fly ash release. On August 7, they responded to an ammonia leak at Lewes Dairy. SCEMS conducted a training session involving container identification.

DEMA Updates- Art Paul from DEMA included in his report the following topics:

- HMEP funds-The application process for the next round of HMEP grants has begun. He met with all Delaware LEPC chairs after the SERC meeting on September 9 to discuss the process. The application deadline will be October 1.

- SERC meeting-The last SERC meeting was on September 9 at DSFS-Dover. It was reported that the SERC's annual report to the governor was approved.

- DENS-There are no issues with the DENS system at this time.

- Presentation-The presentation at the SERC meeting was a video from the Chemical Safety Board. It promoted the importance of knowledge, training and emergency preparedness. The video can be viewed at www.chemsafety.gov.

Sussex LEPC Updates-Chip Stevenson reported on the following subjects:

- All fire chiefs in Sussex County have been provided with a printed copy of the most recent Tier II information for their districts. Each one met individually with the Coordinator and discussed facilities in their districts.

- The Sussex County HazMat Response Plan has been updated and is going through the process of being finalized for distribution.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chris Ennis of DSP-EOD team and Matt Higgins of DNREC-Emergency Response Branch made a joint presentation on their organizations' ability to work together in the event of a chemical release. One of the highlights of the presentation was a demonstration of the abilities of the DSP-EOD robot.

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