

MINUTES  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
LEPC MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2010

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

The following members were present:

Bill Hillanbrand	Rich Zimmerman	Curt Fauerbach	Nick Tylenda
Ryan Hay	John Bast	Jennifer Enstrom	John Conklin
Jim Cotter	Roy Seiple	Cordelia Miller	

Non-Members:

Alan Lynch	John Talijan	Julie Salinas
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Bill Hillanbrand asked for public comment. There being none Bill requested a financial report. Curt Fauerbach reported that at the end of CY 2009 there was a balance of \$59,494.53 in the Hazardous Material account. As of March 3, 2010 local facilities have submitted Tier 2 reports for 144 chemicals. As of February 23, 2010 a total of \$4,050 representing planning and chemical fees have been received and deposited into the hazardous material account. The Tier 2 reports and accompanying fees represent reportable chemicals that were present at local facilities during CY 2009.

Minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Motion to accept the minutes introduced by John Bast and second by John Conklin. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bill Hillanbrand said that at the December meeting Rich Zimmerman asked the membership to consider contacting Alan Lynch who is employed at St. Lukes Hospital as the Safety and Security Director and Julie Salinas who is employed at Conectiv Energy as an Environmental Consultant and inquire if they would be interested in joining the LEPC committee. The membership agreed to the suggestion. Following the December meeting Nick Tylenda contacted the candidates to provide information on the mission of the LEPC. Both expressed an interest in joining the committee and agreed to attend the March 3, 2010 meeting.

Nick Tylenda introduced Alan Lynch and Julie Salinas. Allan Lynch spoke on his background in public safety and introduced his assistant John Talijan. Allan said they are both supportive of the LEPC and their activities. Julie Salinas said she is a chemical engineer and began her career at G.M. Locally she was employed at Mack Truck and was a member of the Lehigh County LEPC. She said if accepted she see's her role as an industry representative. John Conklin made a motion to accept Alan Lynch and Julie Salinas as members of the Northampton County LEPC. Second by John Bast.

Motion carried.

Bill Hillanbrand briefed the committee on the status of the Foam Task Force. He said he met with Rich Zimmerman and John Demyan of the Lehigh Valley Airport Fire Department to review the foam proposal. He said the purpose of the meeting was to develop comprehensive plan. Discussion items included pail vs tote capabilities, equipment needs and placement and manpower and training requirements.

Bill Hillanbrand said he then met with representatives of the County Fire Chiefs Association to discuss the proposal. He said the representatives said they would prefer the LEPC purchase pails and foam and make it available if requested and were not interested in establishing a Foam Task Force.

Bill asked for comments. Rich Zimmerman said he felt the asset was needed but for use in a large scale incident, the use of pails would not be efficient as a pail would have to be replaced every 15 seconds. The membership offered various comments concerning the purpose of the asset. Jim Cotter said he thought the main objective of the asset was for use in a large scale incident. John Conklin said this would be a county wide asset purchased by the County. Bill Hillanbrand asked John Conklin for his thoughts on the project. He replied that possibly look at purchasing a combination of pails and totes. John Bast brought up various issues related to training and procedures. Jim Cotter asked if the asset were housed in a central location who would be responsible to deliver it. He added that it also brings up training and competence issues. John Conklin said it probably would be Emergency Management personnel who would deliver the assets. Jim Cotter questioned the need for two trailers if the assets are centralized. Curt Fauerbach asked about the shelf life of the foam. Rich Zimmerman replied that the product has a shelf life of seven to ten years.

John Bast said in-house procedures will need to be developed.

After a lengthy discussion the membership agreed the project should consist of two trailers , two totes with one containing pails.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bill Hillanbrand gave a power point presentation on how SARA related data is entered into Knowledge Center. He said the new reporting process started in January. Also he is looking into providing LEPC members "Access Rights" to Knowledge Center.

Rich Zimmerman gave an overview on the recertification audit conducted by Pennsylvania Emergency Management representatives on the Bethlehem Hazardous Material Team. He said other than a few minor points related to medical surveillance they will be recertified. He said PEMA has three types of response with three being the highest level. He said Bethlehem's response capability is between

two and three. He added the Department works with Sara reporting facilities on fire related issues.

Alan Lynch asked if Bethlehem Fire Department would respond to a haz mat call at St Lukes Hospital. Mr. Zimmerman replied St Lukes is located in Ft. Hill and the initial call would go to the Lehigh County Haz Mat Team.

Bill Hillanbrand said he has received and reviewed two off-site plans ; Grand Central and Bangor Borough Authority. These were updated plans containing minor administrative changes. John Conklin made a motion to accept the updated plans. Second by Curt Fauerbach. Motion carried.

Bill Hillanbrand said he will submit a notice to the local newspapers which will list the LEPC meeting dates for 2010 and record availability.

John Bast asked if Emergency Management had any overlay maps detailing flood prone areas.

Curt Fauerbach said while we did not have any overlay maps we did have other flooding related data which we can provide. He added that we also have NFIP maps.

Julie Sallinas asked if the LEPC can provide input to local reporting facilities on construction issues such as fencing, security gates and zoning. Bill Hillanbrand said although we may be able to provide suggestions or recommendations we do not have legal authority to compel or enforce.

There being no further business Cordelia Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Curt Fauerbach. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.