



## Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

### Meeting Minutes for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### LEPC Members

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Mark Albrecht – Industry	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Wade Balsler - Environmental	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Ben Nau – EMA
Julio Esis – Industry	Greg Smith – Hospital
Christina Fozio – EMA	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Rob Haas – Fire	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Colin Johnson – Health	Alliss Strogen – Community Group
Brad Karns – Law	Matt Sturgeon – EMA
Matt Martin – County Engineer	Colleen Swedyk – Elected Official

#### Guests

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Michelle Sowers – Ohio EMA	
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Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.

- Introduction of all LEPC members present.

**Motion to approve May Meeting Minutes made by Coleen Swedyk, second by Julio Esis approved by all.**

#### LEPC Officer Elections

- Anthony Dattilo stated that we need to elect LEPC Officers. Ben nominated Anthony as Chairperson, second by Mark Albrecht. Alliss Strogen said she would continue as Vice-Chairperson. Ben Nau said he was willing to remain the secretary, Anthony Dattilo nominated Ben as Secretary.

**Anthony Dattilo called for a vote for himself as Chairperson, Alliss Strogen as Vice-Chairperson, Ben Nau as secretary, approved by all.**

#### Hazmat Plan No Change Resolution

- Ben presented resolution 2023-19 to accept the hazmat plan as written with no changes. The plan was completely rewritten last year. The SERC allows 3 years of no changes between plan revisions.

**Motion to approve Resolution 2023-19 Hazmat Plan No Change made by Alliss Strogen, second by Greg Smith approved by all.**

#### Spill Reports

- Ben Reviewed the spill reports since the May Meeting.
  - Ports Petroleum Deisel Fuel
    - Date: 12/6/2022
    - Final follow-up report received.
  - Keim Concrete Pumping
    - Date: 5/4/2023

- Location: 6940 Boneta Rd
  - Release: 50 gallons diesel, 40 gallons hydraulic oil into ditch and retention pond
- Semi-Truck
  - Date: 5/6/2023
  - Location: I-71 NB @ 207
  - Release: 100 gallons diesel fuel from punctured saddle tank
- Ohio Edison
  - Date: 7/20/2023
  - Location: 3289 Laurel Rd
  - Release: 100 gallons transformer oil in ditch and plum creek
- Pepsi Co
  - Date: 8/28/2023
  - Location: 6776 Wedgewood Dr.
  - Release: Diesel and oil from Pepsi Truck into ditch
- Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plant
  - Date: 7/17/2023
  - Location: 85 Ridge Rd. Hinckley
  - Release 127 pounds of chlorine gas from 1-ton chlorine cylinder

#### Hinckley Chlorine Incident

- Chuck reviewed the response and AAR for the Chlorine incident at the Hinckley Wastewater Treatment Plant. An employee was changing out a regulator and it was improperly installed. He opened the valve, and it started leaking, they exited the room and called 911. 2 hazmat technicians in level A suits made entry and shut the valve to mitigate the issue. The level in the room was high enough that the chlorine meter in the room did not function. This was probably the highest risk environment our hazmat team has ever entered. After the incident was over, we scheduled an AAR at Medina station 1. There were some lessons to be learned. Chuck reviewed the following successes, items of concern & action items listed on the Incident AAR document that was provided to the committee.
  - Successes:
    - Employee recognized the need for the Hazmat Team and advised dispatch.
    - LE checked to secure area.
    - Chief Strazzo and Chief Glauner responded to provide additional IC support.
    - No injuries to employees.
    - No injuries to Team Members.
    - Four Team members responded to Montville.
    - Primary and backup team identified.
    - Accountability due to single entry point to incident.
    - Event log was kept.
    - Entry Team able to determine incident cause.
    - Entry Team able to mitigate release.
    - The approach was slow and decisive.
  - Items of concern:
    - Proper PPE for decontamination not used.
    - Second Hazmat Trailer not brought.
    - PID not on scene.
    - Hazmat Trailer landing gear battery dead.
    - Could not communicate a mayday if needed.
    - Backup team did not don PPE prior to primary team entry.
    - Mic use while encapsulated.
    - Use of PID to clear room before entry post event.

- No decontamination officer.
- Firefighter decontamination – level of training.
- No safety officer was designated.
- Transfer of leadership when Team Lead utilized on entry team.
- PPE protection for those in Warm/Hot zone.
- Cross contamination with those not wearing PPE during decontamination.
- County employee/gas company employee accountability.
- Public information notifications.
- Communication with County Health Dept.
- Action Items:
  - Train and utilize proper decontamination tactics and PPE.
  - Leave landing gear up on all trailers.
  - Utilize both trailers during responses if personnel numbers allow, if not develop checklist of items to be moved from second trailer.
  - Identify working channels.
  - Provide mask mounted mics for encapsulated technicians.
  - Assign positions – i.e. Safety Officer etc.
  - Identify proper zones and determine PPE to be utilized in each.
  - Utilize air monitoring and weather to determine zones and plume modeling.
  - Utilize County PIO system.
  - Share information with the County Health Department.
- Anthony Dattilo
  - Wastewater treatment plants always have a neutralizing agent that could have been used. They need to neutralize the chlorine in the water before it is released. Also, the PID would not have worked, the ionization potential is too low.
- Ben Nau
  - The hazmat team just completed grant funded decontamination training a couple weeks after this incident.
- Anthony Strazzo
  - One of the challenges with manpower was the time of the call, 0600-0900 is limited manpower because there are people on the way to work, and others on their way home from work.
  - It was also shift change for waste water treatment plant so people were coming and going during the incident.
  - County employees should have better identification on the back of their vests. It was hard to tell who the people were.
- Julio Esis
  - I work at a facility that makes chlorine; everyone at his facility wears an escape respirator so they can escape if there is a leak.
- Greg Smith
  - Great AAR that was put together. Greg offered his services to do decontamination training again for the area fire departments. Decontamination also includes firefighter decontamination after structure fires.
  - Due to staff turnover, decontamination at the hospital is not as rock solid as it could be, it is something we need to be prepared for.
  - Emergency Management at the hospital should also be included in the notifications of a hazmat release.
- Brad Karns
  - From the law enforcement point of view, we don't always need to be looped in, but if there is a chance it was intentional, we should come to the scene and start the investigation process.

## Once Around

- Greg Smith
  - COVID is ramping up again at the hospital. There are regularly 4-5 open beds at Medina Hospital.
- Colin Johnson
  - The Health Department is participating in a statewide exercise next month. We will be picking up medications in Summit County and bringing them back to Medina County.
- Christina Fozio
  - We only received one bid for the renovation project for this location. We are going to bid next week for the second time. Language in the bid only allowed for 90 days, which is likely why we only received one bid.
  - I am also working on a complete rewrite of the All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan with Matt.
- Matt Sturgeon
  - Presently what I am working on is identifying specific individuals for each emergency support function in the EOP. Depending on the incident, that could vary. Soon we will be engaging everyone on the lists for each ESF.

**Adjourn at 0937**