



Medina County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for March 7th, 2024

LEPC Members

Wade Balsler – Environmental	Bob Mueller – Community Group
Tom Bartfai - Transportation	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Jim Carter - Fire	Ben Nau – EMA
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Greg Smith – Hospital
Julio Esis – Industry	Chuck Stiver - EMA
Rob Haas - Fire	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Colin Johnson – Health	Alliss Strogin – Community Group
Brad Karns - Law	Matt Sturgeon – EMA

Guests

Noah Porter – Ohio EMA	Chris Blair – Medina County Hazmat
Greg Bartoe – Prosecutor	

Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0830.

Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes made by Anthony Strazzo, second by Bob Mueller, approved by all.

Compliance & Enforcement Subcommittee

- Anthony Dattilo requested volunteers to be on the compliance & enforcement subcommittee. The following members will be on the subcommittee as appointed by Anthony, Anthony Dattilo, Greg Smith, Julio Esis, Wade Balsler, Matt Sturgeon, Anthony Strazzo, Tom Bartfai.

BleachTech Incident

- Julio Esis
 - Julio thanked everybody for helping out the day of the incident. It is great to know that we are supported. We think the weather had something to do with what happened. As far as we know nothing left the property. During an inspection that morning we noticed a drain line that did not have a cap, as they were trying to close the cap the valve broke and immediately started pouring out hydrochloric acid. Two employees got some hydrochloric acid splashed on them and went to the ER. Acid found its way through a storm drain and into a retention pond on site. The Cleanup contractor arrived that afternoon to start pumping out the dyke and pond. The outcome was as good as it could have been. We had the dyke tested and inspected this past fall. Since the incident we have replaced the plastic valves with metal valves.
- Jim Carter
 - Weather played a big part in this incident. We will be having a post incident critique on 26th of March at 10:00 to discuss how we responded to the incident.
- Greg Smith
 - From the hospital standpoint about 30 minutes into the incident I got a phone call from Ben notifying us of the incident. We did not know how the employees went to the ER. Since the hospitals are regularly at capacity a heads-up allows us to have people in place before they show up. It takes time to get the Decon line set up. The first job of the Decon line is to protect the hospital.

- Julio Esis
 - We have learned a lot since this incident. Especially that Medina Hospital is the best place to go after a chemical exposure.
- Tom Bartfai
 - Referring to the map, leak #1 was the largest leak in the dyke. There was no way to plug it.

Spray Products Incident

- Tom Bartfai
 - Spray Products is on Lake Rd. in Medina. Diesel fuel gets brought in by highway trucks then gets placed into rail cars for storage. A valve failed in the plant and back fed causing the leak. The diesel fuel traveled along a ditch and eventually got into the storm sewer system. 1800 gallons of diesel fuel were lost, it was contained to the creek behind World Truck.

Jarrett Fleet Services Incident

- Chris Blair
 - The hazmat team was called to Seville for diesel fuel leak from a truck at Jarrett Feet Services. The hazmat team placed containment in a Creek on Greenwich Rd. and in Chippewa Creek. 120 gallons total was released. The spill was called in by Blair rubber.
- Wade Balsler
 - The truck driver called management and reported the spill and was told not to worry about it and drive away. The first clean up contractor went out and ended up getting fired from the job due to not finishing the clean-up. The release did not get reported to the LEPC or Ohio EPA so our recommendation is to pursue action against them either through the EPA or the LEPC.

Once Around

- Brad Karns
 - Brad discussed an incident from early February in Summit County that involved a juvenile with radiological items. It was initially reported due to a post on social media. He was very intelligent 12 years old and had a lab set up in his bedroom. He had several radiological sources that were pulled from smoke detectors. It was determined that he had no nefarious intent.
- Ben Nau
 - Ben discussed the status of the EMA building project. Construction started on Monday last week. They undercut the footers this week and will be working on the footers next week. It is moving along on schedule with completion by the end of June.

Motion to Adjourn made by Greg Smith, second by Rob Haas at 0918