

**MEDINA COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2, 2024**

**LEPC Members**

Mark Albrecht – Industry	Aaron Harrison – Elected Official
Tom Bartfai – Transportation	Colin Johnson – Health
Jin Carter – Fire	Brad Karns – Law
Anthony Dattilo – Industry	Stephanie Mueller – First Aid
Shandra DeVoe – Industry	Greg Smith – Hospital
Julio Esis – Industry	Chuck Stiver – EMA
Terry Grice – Law	Anthony Strazzo – Fire
Rob Haas – Fire	Alliss Strogin – Community Group
Ben Nau - EMA	Matt Sturgeon - EMA

**Guests**

Kurt Kollar – Environmental	Noah Porter – Ohio EMA
Gregory Bartoe – Medina Co. Prosecutor’s Office	

Anthony Dattilo called the meeting to order at 0833.

Greg Smith motioned to approve the March 7, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Colin Johnson, and approved by all.

**Incidents**

- 4/7/24 - HOC Transport/ Circle K – Medina Township
  - Ben Nau reported 200 gallons of diesel fuel spilled during fuel delivery.

**Upcoming Training**

- Ben Nau said there are four upcoming trainings:
  - Pipeline Emergencies – May 19, 2024
  - Air Monitoring - June 9, 2024
  - Incident Response to Lithium Battery Emergencies - July 20, 2024

**2025 HMEP Training Application**

- Ben Nau submitted the 2025 HMEP training application in March, which included 8 hazmat training courses.

**Compliance Action**

- Anthony Dattilo provided an overview of the subcommittee meeting.
- Attorney Gary Pasheilich was called to join the meeting by telephone.

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- Kurt Kollar discussed his experience with the event. In the video it was clear that the driver was aware of the spill. Mr. Kollar said he told them directly that the spill needed to be reported, and they did not report it until the following day.
- Anthony Dattilo explained that the company needs to respond more quickly.
- Gary Pacheilich said there is not a fundamental disagreement in the facts. There was a disconnect between his client’s roadside service department and their risk department. There is no dispute that the 30-minute notification was not made, however it does not seem to be a systemic problem with the company, and the company has updated its internal protocols.
- Anthony Dattilo discussed that ORC 3750 allows a maximum fine of \$25,000 per day, which is \$50,000 for two days.
- Gary Pascheilich spoke about the amount of the fine. He provided justification on why the fine should be less.
- Kurt Kollar said ORC 6111 is related to polluting waters of the State versus ORC 3750 which is related to release reporting.
- Anthony Dattilo asked Gary Pascheilich if his client would agree to a \$10,000 fine. Mr. Pascheilich said he will report it back to his client.
- Julio Esis shared his experiences with negotiating fines in industry.
- Kurt Kollar explained the importance of reporting to minimize the impact of a spill.
- Mark Albrecht said it is total negligence and they should be happy it was reduced to \$19,000.
- Anthony Strazzo said they did nothing until Seville PD contacted them.
- Alliss Strogan discussed that we could have charged them \$29,000. We went down to \$19,000. They should be happy with that.
- Aaron Harrison suggested that we should listen to the weight of the industry in the room. Also, we should revisit our policy if we decide not to follow it.
- Alliss Strogan motioned to except the fine of \$29,000, which died from lack of second.
- **Aaron Harrison motioned to accept the sub-committee’s recommendation of \$19,000, seconded by Terry Grice. Yes – 15 votes, No – 1 vote, Abstentions – 1 member.**
- Mr. Bartoe will draft a Compliance Action Letter to Marten Transport to communicate the decision.
- There was general discussion about the 30-minute release notification.

Once Around

- Rob Haas
  - Attended the Ammonia Response class on Saturday, April 28, 2024.
- Stephanie Mueller
  - The Medina County Safety Council is hosting a Stop the Bleed training this month. They are looking for speakers next month.
- Terry Grice
  - Representative Max Miller assisted MCSO with a grant award of \$500,000 for a new command vehicle. Ben Nau will serve on the design committee for that vehicle.

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- Alliss Strogin
  - Discussed her experience with the recent eclipse.
- Chuck Stiver
  - Discussed that standing up the EOC for the eclipse and making it operational was a good exercise for the County. Also, the new building is going up in a hurry.
- Kurt Kollar
  - Reported that a list of spills was sent to LEPC. He discussed that we are moving into agricultural season. Jeff Beattie's last day is today.
- Anthony Strazzo
  - Kids Safety Day is on May 21, 2024, at Buffalo Creek Park to deliver safety education to home school students. He discussed the mercaptan issue with Columbia Gas. There will be reimbursement to departments with calls related to that.
- Colin Johnson
  - Reported ODH has a drone with a radiological metering capability.
- Greg Smith
  - Medina Hospital secured grant money for a MARCS radio. ODH says their radio at the hospital needs to stay on the hospital talk group.

**Mark Albrecht motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 AM, seconded by Colin Johnson and approved by all.**