



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting.
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Wade Balsler, Scott Broski, Alan Finkelstein, Tom Hartman, Roger Klein (Mark Cline), Bryan Kloss, Chief Chris Kostura, Sheldon Lustig, John O'Donnell, Dennis O'Neil, Tony Passalacqua, Brooke Potts, Chief Bryan Sloan, Randy Solganik, Allen Turner, Ingrid Wagner
 - **Guests:** Fred Romeo- ODNR Oil & Gas, Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga County Public Safety & Justice Services, John Corn- NEORSD, Barbara Hermes- (ret.) LEPC, Megan Koeth- Case Western Univ.

- **Minutes**
 - The committee approved the minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting

- **Financial Report** for the period ending February 28, 2018:
 - Received HMEP FY2017 reimbursement from Ohio EMA for OEM Staffing – \$4,738.14
 - Payment to Cleveland St. for online hazmat training- \$3,500
 - Reimbursement to Alan Finkelstein for Oct. 2017 NASTTPO Conference- \$958.74
 - Current balance - \$385,139.01

- **Resolutions Approved**
 - Resolution #03052018-1: Accept & File Financial Report Period ending February 28, 2018
 - Resolution #03052018-2: CCOEM Transfer of HMEP Funds for Staff
 - Resolution #03052018-3: Approving funds for food for Hazmat TTX
 - Resolution #03052018-4: NASTTPO April 2018 Conference
 - Resolution #03052018-5: IAFC 2017 Conference reimbursement

- **Management Subcommittee**
 - No meeting
 - Created ad hoc group to review and update LEPC Bylaws
 - Including updating membership groups and numbers
 - Requested suggestions for elected official and media representatives

- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
 - No report

- **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - Lack of rule enforcement of railroads
 - 2005 NS crash in Graniteville, SC- breached chlorine tank car. 12 fatalities, 100+ injuries.
 - April 2016- head on collision in Roswell, NM. 2 fatalities
 - Released NTSB report in Jan 2018. Pulled down report due to criticism
 - Feb 2018 in SC- signal system taken down to upgrade. Amtrak crashed into parked train- 1-2 fatalities
 - 2015 derailment in N. Dakota- NTSB released report in 2017 stating broken wheel was cause
 - FRA making grants available to communities for rail trespassing enforcement
 - Feb 2018, CSX stopped train over bridge in Maryland. 70+mph winds knocked 3-4 rail cars into the water



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- **Spills Subcommittee**

- Past spills:
 - 3 unresolved spills: A1 Top Soil is past 90 days; 2 others are past 60 days. Will refer A1 Top Soil to Prosecutor's Office
- Current period spills: 4 new reportable spills since last meeting
 - Received reports from: 0
 - Due for post-30-day first notice letter: 1
 - Not yet at 30-day deadline: 3
- Discussion of penalty matrix and how Prosecutor's Office will use it.
- Discussion of East Cleveland Arco landfill fire and LEPC's involvement. LEPC agencies were involved: CCOEM, EPA, NEOSRD, Board of Health were all involved on-scene at certain times
- In Feb 2018, natural gas well (99% methane) caught fire and exploded in Belmont County, OH. The fire self-extinguished, but one-mile evacuation was ordered. Gas is still releasing, but no fire involved anymore. Winter weather has hampered response efforts. Air monitoring has been conducted throughout: half mile and one-mile around. 4 houses within the evac zone are staying in hotel. Nearby creek was boomed, but no traces of oil or brine detected. Endangered salamander lives nearby and habitat has been monitored. Wells in Belmont anywhere from 8000-9000 psi, whereas wells in Cuyahoga typically closer to 500-1500 psi.

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- 2018 Hazmat Exercise will be TTX with Westshore Hazmat and USCG on 4/18 at Great Lakes Science Center. LEPC members are encouraged to attend.
- DHS CFATS updated facility surveys. CFATS program needs to be reauthorized from Congress, not sure if or when that will happen.
- New emergency response reporting guidelines and COOP plans from Toxic Release Inventory program and RMP from US EPA

- **CCOEM Report**

- Records Requests- 6
- Tier II Reports- 650+
- Sent email to facilities with new EPA reporting requirements and requesting use of Tier2 Submit
- EHS site visits- visited American Seaway Foods (Bedford Hts.) in Jan, Praxair and Verizon in N. Royalton in Feb. Developed Site Summary form that we share with facility and FD: summary of the visit, plus local/state/fed resources, and items for consideration
- Discussed CFATS program with DHS on 1/17.
 - Ohio has 196 CFATS facilities, Cuy Co has 31 of those. Ohio has most in the country.
 - DHS does not provide a list, but facilities can identify themselves
 - Facilities become CFATS designated if they use/store one 350+ Chemicals of Interest above a certain threshold
 - Future EHS forms will ask if facilities are CFATS-designated, so we can reach out to provide additional assistance if needed.
 - Group discussion about CFATS requirements and whether the LEPC should even ask facilities about their CFATS designation. Continue further discussion with Management Committee
- Rail Re-routing
 - Sent letter to FRA Office of Chief Counsel requesting conditional access for Bryan Kloss to review sensitive security information. Bryan has various clearance levels



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- Latest FRA response (3.2.18): A decision letter is in the final stages of approval, and we anticipate that it will be issued to you soon.
- Working with County Law Dept. to review County-LEPC Agreement
- Updating LEPC Bylaws- subcommittee is meeting 3/6 to review and discuss
- 2018 Exercise-USCG/Westshore-
 - Had workshops Feb 15-16 to build out modules
 - next planning meeting 3/14
 - TTX to be held at Great Lakes Science Center
 - LEPC objectives: Notification of response/support agencies, incident assessment, incident command, response personnel safety, and emergency public information
 - Submitted 60-day letter to Ohio EMA
 - Need to finalize evaluators
- Commodity Flow Study- working with Grants Dept. to publish RFP
 - Discussion about need for Commodity Flow Study. Management Subcommittee to meet and discuss further
- Same with Evacuation Annex
- **Next Meeting:**
 - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday May 7, 2018 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
 - Main LEPC meeting: Monday May 7, 2018 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm