



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
November 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting. There was no quorum, so resolutions were not voted on. This meeting was informational only.
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Wade Balser, Scott Broski, Reggie Brown, Mark Christie, Dr. Pete Clapham, Tom Hartman, Roger Klein, Capt. Greg Lightcap, Sheldon Lustig, Jim Maskil, Herb Mausser, John O'Donnell, Chief Bryan Sloan
 - **Guests:** Nancy Veley- Cuyahoga Public Safety & Justice Services, Fred Romeo- ODNR Oil and Gas, Bryan Kloss- CCOEM
- **Financial Report**

Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2016:

 - Received funding from FY17 SERC Grant: \$120,074.00
 - Received reimbursement from Ohio EMA for HMEP Planning Grant: \$19,543.27
 - Current LEPC balance: \$365,109.69
- **Resolutions-** no quorum, resolutions were not voted on
- **Management Subcommittee**
 - Grateful for Reggie Brown's service and assistance on the LEPC over the years. Reggie was an original member of the LEPC, since its creation in 1986, and has been an integral part ever since.
- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
 - Not in attendance-no report
- **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - Went on site visit with Sen. Brown's office, discovered unsafe conditions along Booth Ave in Cleveland with no pedestrian rails on one side of the street. Met with Cleveland Public Works to discuss issue, they were aware of conditions and not concerned.
 - Received response from Federal Railroad Administration regarding rail re-routing. Railroads rate 27 different aspects in choosing rail routes, and claim current routes are safest. Will meet with Sen. Brown's office to discuss response back to the FRA, asking for more information regarding the 27 points of criteria.
 - Attended SERC Conference in October. Two interesting presentations: Defiance/Richland Co. LEPC and how they keep members active and engaged; Southwest OH Regional LEPC (made up of 7 counties) hold regional LEPC meetings. Discussed idea to restart regional LEPC meetings in northeast Ohio.
 - NTSB website: posted report on chlorine spill in Martinsburg, WV from Aug. 2016. Train car ruptured, releasing entire carload of chemical into the air. Spoke to LEPCs where it happened and also the LEPC across the river in Ohio. Plume caused evacuations on each side of the border, highways/roads shut down, Ohio River traffic shut down, no injuries.
 - Canadian rails no longer allowed to use DOT-111 cars for crude/other hazmat. Still legal in U.S.
- **Spills Subcommittee**
 - Eliminated backlog of outstanding spills: only 2 left. One from 2014 which has been referred to Prosecutor's Office, the other is from July 2016- spiller has been sent two letters.



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- Met with County Prosecutor on 9/30 to again discuss outstanding spills and spills matrix. Updated matrix to simplify document. Prosecutor is expected to attend January Spills and main LEPC meetings
- September/October spills: 4 reportable spills
 - 1 already submitted their report
 - 2 will be sent 30-day letters reminding them to file reports
 - 1 is not past 30 days yet, so they still have time to submit their report
- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**
 - Not in attendance-no report
- **CCOEM Report**
 - Test finalized for Environmental Specialist opening. To be given November 10th. 46 people are able to take the test. Top 10 scores will be available to interview. Position to be filled by the end of the year (hopefully).
 - Mark Christie is interim OEM Manager.
 - Hazmat Emergency Response Plan submitted to Ohio EMA in October. Received letter recommending Concurrence from Michelle Sowers (Ohio EMA). SERC to formally vote on Dec. 14
 - 11 Public Records Requests since last meeting
 - 2017 LEPC Hazmat exercise will involve Cleveland Fire Dept., most likely a tabletop exercise. Planning Group will being exercise development in Dec/Jan. Need to evaluate final 2 objectives for final year of exercise cycle- traffic and access control, shelter management
- **New Business:** nothing to report
- **Next Meeting:**
 - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
 - Main LEPC meeting: Monday, January 9, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm

2017 LEPC Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location
Monday, January 9	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights
Monday, March 6	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights
Monday, May 1	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights
Monday, July 10	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights
Monday, September 11	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights
Monday, November 6	1:30 pm	NEORSD- 4747 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Heights

****Spills Subcommittee will meet prior to main meeting at 12:30pm in Room D****