



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
September 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting.
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Jim Armstrong, Wade Balser, Scott Broski, Dr. Pete Clapham, Tom Hartman, John Jurcsis, Bryan Kloss, Captain Greg Lightcap, Sheldon Lustig, Jim Maskil, Herb Mausser, Tony Passalacqua, John O'Donnell, Brooke Potts, Ingrid Wagner, Chief Bryan Sloan
 - **Guests:** Fred Romeo- Ohio Department of Natural Resources Oil & Gas, Barbara Hermes- AIHA
 - Barbara Hermes and Dr. Pete Clapham informed LEPC of their retirement. This meeting will be Barbara's last confirmed meeting

- **Minutes-**
 - The committee approved the minutes as may be amended from the July 10, 2017 meeting
 - Change in minutes: changed "Burling" to "Burlington"

- **Financial Report** for the period ending August 31, 2017:
 - Payment to Nak's Eatery for Hazmat Exercise 5/25/17- \$1,575.00
 - Awarded SERC FY 2018 Grant 8/11/2017- \$124,710.00
 - Question about deficit in HMEP Grant, to be clarified at November 6 meeting

- **Resolutions Approved**
 - **Resolution #09112017-1:** Accept & File Financial Report Period ending August 31, 2017
 - **Resolution #09112017-2:** Request to Transfer FY 2017 SERC Grant Reimbursement to CCOEM
 - Question about breakdown of Salary Reimbursement amounts for CCOEM positions. Clarify at Nov. 6 meeting
 - **Resolution #09112017-3:** Approving Reimbursement for Alan Finkelstein to Attend 2017 NASTTPO Conference

- **Management Subcommittee**
 - No meeting, suggested re-engaging regional LEPC meeting

- **Facilities Security and Accident Prevention Subcommittee**
 - OSHA Workplace Violence prompts need for security plans in place
 - More likely to have workplace violence situation than terrorism situation
 - Need for strategies and plans due to rapid nature of incidents
 - Working on procuring security consultants as speakers for presentations on Process Safety & Security

- **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - NTSB's website has three new reports:
 - Non-transportation: At a school in Minneapolis, workers were changing gas supply meters from inside basement to outside and did not shut off gas causing 2 fatalities and total loss of building
 - Report released from February 2015 railway accident in New York where woman stopped on tracks for traffic and gate closed on her car causing her to be struck by a train. Resulted in 6 fatalities and \$2 billion in property damage. NTSB released 75-page report speculating that loss of situational awareness was cause of incident but NTSB not supposed to speculate beyond hard facts.
 - CSX incident in Pennsylvania due to several errors. 185-car train with heavy cars in the back and empty cars in the front caused empty cars to pop off the tracks. Breech of 3 hazmat cars including odorized LPG, molten sulfur, and asphalt. CSX is experiencing poor management resulting in trains exceeding 2/3 miles in length. Poses a risk to rural areas where trains this long causes closure of



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multiple roadways. CSX dispatchers are located far away and do not notify local authorities of road blocks. There is a risk of intentional and nefarious breach of hazmat rail cars when miles of cars are stationary for this long. Risks potential delay of emergency response due to road blocks

- August 14th Homeland Security report published article claiming Al Qaida has released a do-it-yourself train derailment guide targeting Northeast Corridor
- Discussed LEPC inquiry into FRA rail rerouting decisions. Inquiry has been received, but no update beyond this. Possible next step to ask John Paterson of Sen. Brown's Office for follow-up information. The rerouting information will allow LEPC to better understand risks and take action
- Two individuals struck by trains on same day; one in Berea (suicide) and another unknown incident

● **Spills Subcommittee**

- All but 1 open spill issues have been resolved
 - Unable to determine responsible party for remaining open spill
- July/August spills: 8 reportable spills (25 gallons that leave the spiller's property, or any spill that enters a waterway)
 - 2 are closed
 - 6 remain open
 - 5 of these are past 30-day report deadline, need to reach out for report compliance
- 1 spill was not reportable (did not leave facility) but still noteworthy. Due to property ownership dispute at Cleveland Plating facility, previous owner came to site at night and drilled into chemical tanks spilling various acids and cyanide. A worker required medical attention for chemical exposure to hydrogen cyanide. Individual responsible has been detained and will be prosecuted for attempted manslaughter among other charges
- Discussed spill fines. Spills matrix has not yet been finalized, but a prosecutor is assisting the development of appropriate minimum fine amounts per state requirements

● **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- NASTTPO annual conference in October, Alan will be attending

● **CCOEM Report**

- Submitted LEPC Membership applications to SERC which were voted on and confirmed
- Working with Law Department to update and finalize LEPC/County agreement which must be submitted along with grant applications
- Will reach out to FRA again per rail rerouting request
- EHS Site Visit process has been finalized. Program uses SERC dollars to reimburse fire personnel to attend site visits and fill out EHS chemical and facility forms. Several departments have already reached out to get a list of the qualifying facilities in their jurisdiction. Each visit should be attended by a member of the LEPC
- Type I Hazmat Team (comprised of all 4 area hazmat teams) are having an exercise on September 14, unless postponed due to grant issues. At Harvard RTA garage in Newburgh Heights
- 2018 LEPC Exercise will be part of Coast Guard full-scale exercise involving West Shore Hazmat Team. LEPC will attending the first planning meeting on September 27
- LEPC Compliance Report due to SERC October 1
- LEPC Conference on October 11. All wishing to attend should give notification by October 2



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- Ohio HAZMAT Conference is on November 3-4 at Solon Rec Center, will be supported by funds from the HMEP Grant
- John O'Donnell and Brooke Potts will be giving a presentation about the LEPC and reporting requirements at the NEORSR Regulatory Compliance Seminar on November 16
- Annual Hazmat Emergency Response Plan to be completed and submitted annually by October 17
- Public Records Requests-21
- Tier II Reports- 38
- Discussion on Houston chemical safety following flooding and the ineffectiveness of their LEPC/hazmat personnel

- **Population Protection Program**
 - LEPC funded CSU to create program for evacuation/SIP education for target groups based on all-hazards population protection
 - Discussed how to host the material as the website is not functional anymore
 - Discussion on marketing the program for CE credits, especially at Tri-C
 - Difficulty getting a buy-in from mayors and managers, this needs to be addressed
 - Focus on groups that need the education most; hazmat facility managers, long-term care facilities, office building personnel, incident commanders
 - Need to determine what additional agencies to involve in the program (Homeland Security, City of Cleveland)
 - Decision is to create a sub-committee to review the materials and determine how best to approach continuing the program and create a continuity plan

- **New Business**
 - Parma City Meeting prompted discussion on adding drug precursor chemicals to facility reporting requirements. However, most precursor chemicals are being procured illicitly from overseas rather than from local stocks
 - Continued discussion from July 10 meeting of LEPC providing PPE to responders to help combat opioid exposure during response. Need to continue monitoring the need for this and potentially have a member of the Opioid Task Force to speak to the LEPC
 - Conversation about EOC locations. City of Cleveland EOC is downtown but the County EOC is not located downtown. These EOCs can back each other up as well as backup County EOC located in Parma

- **Next Meeting:**
 - LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
 - Main LEPC meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm