



**Cuyahoga County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
May 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes**



- **Roll Call-** Chief Sloan conducted roll call and led the meeting. There was no quorum, so no voting could take place.
 - **LEPC Members in Attendance:** Wade Balsler (Mike Eberle), Melissa Braskie, Scott Broski, Tom Hartman, Roger Klein, Bryan Kloss, Megan Koeth, Sheldon Lustig, Jim Maskill, Herb Mausser, John O'Donnell, Dennis O'Neil, Brooke Potts, Chief Bryan Sloan
 - **Guests:** Fred Romeo- ODNR Oil & Gas, John Corn- NEORS, Michelle Sowers, Ohio EMA, Ed Earley- Savage SVS

- **Financial Report** for the period ending April 30, 2018:
 - Reimbursement to Chagrin/SE COG for IAFC Conference- \$6,285.62
 - HMEP reimbursement to OEM for staff- \$894.34
 - HMEP staff transfer for OEM staff- \$5,922.68
 - Payment to Levy Restaurants for LEPC exercise food- \$1,365.03
 - Current balance - \$376,499.92

- **Resolutions Approved- no quorum, so no resolutions were voted on.**

- **Management Subcommittee**
 - No meeting
 - Created ad hoc group to review and update LEPC Bylaws

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

- **Transportation Subcommittee**
 - Received response letter from FRA regarding rail rerouting stating LEPC does not “need to know” information. Going to hold meeting with Sen. Sherrod Brown’s office to discuss LEPC’s response.
 - Idea is that only trains carrying hazmat chemicals passing through (not stopping) in Cuyahoga County would be rerouted. Those not carrying hazmat chemicals, or those that are carrying hazmat chemicals but are stopping in Cuyahoga County, would still be able to come through.
 - Recent ethanol release and fire due to train derailment in Bucyrus.

- **Spills Subcommittee**
 - Past spills:
 - 2 unresolved spills: A1 Top Soil is past 90 days; Clark Food Mart is past 60 days. Referred A1 Top Soil to Prosecutor’s Office- no update as of meeting date.
 - Current period spills: 5 new reportable spills since last meeting (4 diesel, 1 hydraulic oil)
 - Received reports from: 1
 - Due for post-30-day first notice letter: 2
 - Not yet at 30-day deadline: 2
 - 500gal aluminum chloride spill closed 480W, not reportable
 - 120 55gal drums abandoned on property. Ohio EPA will investigate and cleanup. No actual spill.
 - Discussion of hazmat cleanup process. Suggested LEPC develop guidelines to share with first responder agencies to provide info when on scene. Modify CECOMS Spill Report to include calling ODOT, Turnpike Commission when spill occurs on highway.



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- Discussion on holding ODOT, spill contractors, tow company “show and tell” for local first responder agencies to give them a better understanding of their capabilities.

- **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- No report

- **CCOEM Report**

- Records Requests- 59
- Tier II Reports- 990 into CAMEO, almost complete compliance. Still waiting on roughly 20. Will be sending reminder to these last holdouts
- EHS site visits- visited GM Plant in Parma on 4/19 with Parma FD and SERT.
- Rail Re-routing- Received letter from FRA in mid-April: “FRA had determined that the LEPC does not have a “need to know” this information to carry out its official duties, and the disclosure would be detrimental to transportation safety.”
 - Additional reasons: “security plans and supporting info are maintained at railroad offices and FRA does not retain copies. FRA does not have authority to compel a railroad to allow an LEPC to enter private grounds to inspect these plans”
 - “Plans and supporting info and voluminous and would not easily be segregable to the LEP to see only info related to Cuyahoga County”
 - When SSI is disseminated beyond the covered persons, it increases the risk that documents will be inappropriately shared. There is no positive utility to outweigh the increased risk created by sharing the SSI.
- 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-
 - Completed on 4/18 at Great Lakes Science Center
 - Close to 100 participants/observers
 - Completed all 5 LEPC objectives, sent evaluator notes to Ohio EMA for review. SERC to review at their next meeting for concurrence.
 - LEPC objectives: Notification of response/support agencies, incident assessment, incident command, response personnel safety, and emergency public information
- Commodity Flow Study- Law and Procurement depts. finally finished their reviews. RFP to be released 5/3 and Pre-Proposal Conference set for 5/11 at Admin Building. PPC is a time when vendors can come in to ask questions about the process.
- Evacuation Annex update- waiting for a response from Ohio EMA as to whether we can move forward with sole source based on lack of bids (only received 2, normally need 3). The request was submitted to the State last week.
- KC Resource Database- still working with all 59 cities to add their resources: fire, police, public works, specialty teams. 3 cities are complete.
- Still developing IMT/IMAT with various disciplines and surrounding counties. IMAT will aid in EOC or on-scene for larger incidents, as needed.
- Brooke has set up a small committee to review Population Protection materials. Will set up a meeting in near future to discuss further. Tony, Alan, and Roger volunteered. Any others?
- ReadyEx- exercise program targeting various audiences: schools, nursing homes, and chemical facilities.



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- **Next Meeting:**

- LEPC Spills Subcommittee meeting: Monday July 9, 2018 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 12:30pm
- Main LEPC meeting: Monday July 9, 2018 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District at 1:30pm