



## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** March 24, 2015  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 am  
**Location:** 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY

### Attendees

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| Peter McDonough  | Chairperson | Josh Klein        | ICL             |
| Kevin Ryan       | WCOEM       | Danielle Darling  | WCOEM           |
| Danielle Darling | WCOEM       | Mark Drozdov      | CES/AIHA        |
| Pete Pitocco     | WCDES       | William Dingee    | WCDES           |
| Anthony Gruerio  | WCDOC       | Brain Anderson    | Pace University |
| Nyle Salley      | WCDES/EMS   | Joseph Pondicco   | WCDPW/T         |
| Jeff Newell      | ICL         | Christopher Lalak | WCDOH           |
| Dave Kvinge      | WC Planning |                   |                 |

### Technical Presentations

Presentations began at 9:00 a.m. This was a joint meeting with the Health and Hospital Workgroup.

*“WCDOH Briefing: Ebola Virus Disease” - Dr. Wong, WC DoH*

*“LEPC Overview” – Peter McDonough Chairperson, LEPC*

*“An All Aspects Response: Hospitals and Hazards” – Jeff Meade, Director of the Center for Emergency Education, Phelps Memorial Hospital*

*“Radiological Emergency Preparedness Planning” – Matthew Kavaler WCOEM*

*“WCDES Briefing” – Michael Volk, Director of EMS and Communications, WCDES*

*“Medical Reserve Corps” – Peggy Ohnmacht, MCR*

### Statements by Chairperson

Meeting was held at the FTC, 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY.  
Meeting was called to order by Peter McDonough at 11:05 a.m.

Members were requested to sign in.

### Minutes

Minutes from the December 11, 2014 meeting were read by Peter McDonough who made the motion to accept the minutes. Anthony Gruerio seconded.

## **Old Business**

Westchester County Hazmat Response Plan – The plan is being updated to include a revised tiered response. Jennifer Wacha proposed at a six tier response be used (the original plan had three tiers).

LEPC Meeting Schedule – Future meeting dates were discussed. Thursdays and Tuesdays appeared to work the best.

LEPC By-Laws – Danielle Darling is working on revising the bylaws using other LEPCs' by-laws as templates and making sure that Westchester County is in compliance with State guidelines which were updated in 2013.

Tier II Forms – Tier II reports are quickly coming in and being processed.

Weapons of Mass Destruction Drill – Westchester County is planning a full scale drill to test the Emergency Response Annex with a tentative date set as June 13<sup>th</sup>. Training will be conducted for various agencies prior to the drill. Dennis Delborgo and William Dingee are the leads for this drill and are reaching out to agencies outside of Westchester County to help with the drill. There will also be a Planning Team and a Design Team. The LEPC is invited to the meeting and copies of meeting documents were given to Peter McDonough.

## **New Business**

Tier II Forms – Tier II are continuing to come in.

LEPC By-Laws – A final draft of the by-law will be provided at the June meeting.

EPA ECRM2 Working Group - Peter McDonough will attend the next US EPA pilot program work group meeting in Suffern.

LEPC Website – Website has been updated and improved.

Correspondence/Communications – A spill center notification was received regarding an incident that occurred on I-287. A Stotesbury Transfer truck hit metal debris that was on the roadway which punctured a gas saddle tank and released approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel. The spill was contained to trenches made by the truck's tires when it pulled over. A letter was also received from the Algonquin Gas Company.

Spill Drills – No drill dates were given at this time.

## **County Report**

Stotesbury Transfer Ltd was very proactive with the I-287 spill. They had a contractor on scene to deal with the spill within 60-90 minutes.

In February there was an incident involving a member of the community who owned a 10 year old 275 tank. He received an oil delivery in the morning and in the evening he noticed that the tank was empty due to the fact that his heat was not working. The shipping plug of his tank and rotted away and the contents had emptied. The majority of the oil had seeped under his garage and once it was dug up an abandoned fuel tank was found underground.

In Bedford Hills a 3500 gal home heating oil truck flipped over while driving during a snow

storm. Both tanks were spilt open and were unable to be plugged or sealed shut. The contractor that was hired was delayed several hours due to an accident on 95 but Bedford Hills was able to provide sand to contain the spill until the contractor's arrival.

A fine chloride spill occurred on I-95. A tanker truck that was leaked had pulled over at the New Rochelle toll plaza, but then continued on I-95 until it stopped in Connecticut where a larger spill occurred. The toll plaza was cleaned up but a trail of the chloride was left through Orange County and the driver may face criminal charges.

A small chip manufacturer had a minor spill of fuming sulfuric acid. The spill was contained and vented allowing the business to reopen later that day.

Iodine 131 was thrown out at a local hospital contaminating three dumpsters. The radiation levels were low enough that one dumpster was removed after a few days, another after two weeks, and the last after three days.

An apartment building sewage system had backed up and the owner had put down moth flakes to kill the odor. An elderly woman later hospitalized and died. Community members are encouraged to read the label on moth balls before using.

A residence was being treated for mold and a fogging chemical was used in the basement which resulted in an elderly woman being hospitalized after a respiratory reaction.

### **Meeting Close**

Peter McDonough motioned to close the meeting and motion was seconded by Nyle Salley. The Meeting of the LEPC was adjourned at 11:35 am.

The date for the next LEPC meeting was scheduled for June 2, 2015 at 9:00 am. The technical presentation will be determined later.