



MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 9, 2015
Time: 9:05 am to 9:56 am
Location: 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY

Attendees

Peter McDonough	Chairperson	Brian Anderson	Vice Chairperson
James Tipa	Metro-North	Danielle Darling	Secretary
Kevin Ryan	WCOEM	Dennis Delborgo	WCOEM
Pete Pitocco	WCDES	Dan Olmoz	WCOEM
Heather De Matteo	Con Edison	Nyle Salley	WCDES/EMS
Chris Lalak	WCDOH	Mark Drozdov	AIHA/CES
Josh Klein	ICL	Nadine Macura	NYSOEM
Joseph Pondiccio	WCDPW/T		

Technical Presentations

None

Statements by Chairperson

Meeting was held at the FTC, 4 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY.
Meeting was called to order by Peter McDonough at 9:05 a.m.

Members were requested to sign in and introduce themselves.

Minutes

Minutes from the September 23, 2015 meeting were read by Peter McDonough who made the motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Danielle Darling and approved with none opposed.

County Report

Chairman/Vice Chairman – Nothing to report

WCOEM Rep – Dennis Delborgo, Dan Olmoz, and Danielle Darling held a meeting to discuss how to appropriately use grant funds given to the LEPC. A LEPC brochure is being designed

to be sent out to Tier II filers, first responders, and local municipalities in Westchester County. Pete Pitocco suggested that the brochure be emailed to fire chiefs as well. This brochure contains information on EPRCA, Tier II reporting information, website URLs, and contact information for the LEPC and SERC. It is also stated in the brochure that the LEPC meetings are open to the public.

WC HazMat/FD/EMS Rep – Fire Services may need more training on when to call a HazMat Response Team or Department of Health. There are hazmat teams and training available to handle these types of incidents. Fire Chiefs should be aware of how to generate spill numbers.

The County HazMat team has two foam trailers with their Special Ops team. They have 630-660 gallons of AFFF/AR foam and F500, ConEd's preferred foam. The County HazMat team has been added to the State Bakken Crude Oil Plan. The county airport has a foam trailer but it does not go offsite. The airport is required to have foam on site and would need to close if the foam was not available.

There were two large diesel fuel spills recently. One occurred on Interstate 684 and the other on the Tappan Zee Bridge during the rush-hour commute time. Both incidents were a result of punctured saddle tanks and both trucks stopped on top of storm drains. The 684 incident was the result of a ladder in the roadway and the Tappan Zee Bridge was the result of metal debris that fell off the back of a truck.

WC Health Dept. Rep – In the middle of the night at 34 Broadway in Valhalla, AizUSA was delivering fuel to the gas station and overfilled the tank, spilling about 50 gallons of fuel which entered the storm drain and the Bronx River. The company did not immediately report the incident or attempt to clean it up. A volunteer firefighter that was passing through the area discovered the spill and called it in. The gas station did some of the clean up when it opened the next morning. It is advised that companies supervise what is happening when they receive deliveries.

A Getty station on Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle has had spills in the past, which has caused nearby sanitary lines to collect vapors that have reached nearly explosive levels. Clean up and remediation has been ongoing for over a year.

The Greenburgh Nature Center had a spill recently. A new furnace was installed and the return line was not connected properly which caused oil to leak into the soil. The spill went unnoticed for some time until the center realized that they had to order more oil than usual. A contractor was notified and the clean-up process has commenced. Several hundreds of gallons of oil were lost.

The sewage treatment plant in Ossining turned red from a leak recently. A residential fuel tank's legs had given out and fuel from two tanks had leaked out and affected the plant. Clean up is underway.

Tier II – No new reports have been received at this time. The reporting period for 2015 begins January 1st and is open until March 1st. CAMEO files for the 2014 Reporting Year are available for first responder agencies upon request.

Old Business

LEPC Representation – The same members have been attending the LEPC meetings regularly. Using the LEPC website and brochure the committee will advertise that meetings

are open to the public and industry in an attempt to increase representation. The Vice Chair pointed out that the EPA has a database for small quantity generators and suggested that the LEPC reach out to these vendors to see if they should be filing Tier II reports and/or would like to attend the LEPC meetings.

Meeting Topics for Upcoming Meetings – The Chair asked the committee if they had any topic ideas for 2016. Topic ideas included presentations on chlorine, HazMat capabilities and incidents, and pipeline/gas safety.

Election of Officers – Brian Anderson from Pace University was nominated and approved to serve as the Vice Chair of the LEPC. Danielle Darling will serve as Secretary until a candidate is elected. The regular election of officers will still be scheduled for later this year.

New Business

LEPC By-Laws – The LEPC by-laws are still being revised. It is a very large project and Chair Peter McDonough will be taking a closer look at them in 2016.

LEPC Website – The minutes of the September 23rd meeting will be posted to the website as so as the webmaster is able to post them.

Correspondence/Communications – No new correspondence at this time.

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

2016 Meeting Schedule – In 2016 the LEPC will have regularly scheduled on the second Tuesday of the first month of each quarter. The dates for 2016 will be January 12th, April 12th, July 12th, and October 11th. It was agreed upon by the membership that there will also be one evening meeting to encourage participation from response agencies and the general public.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

It was suggested that the LEPC reach out to CSX about possibly doing a presentation at a meeting. The biggest concern that CSX poses for Westchester County is if they have an issue in Rockland County which causes the river to become contaminated. The only industry that drafts water from the river is Indian Point.

The Chair will be bring in photos from the County HazMat Open House that he attended and Pete Pitocco will provide commentary on these photos.

Open Discussion

DEC's John O'Mara is retiring as of last month. Several DEC spill response personnel have been retiring lately. These are the individuals that we rely on for regulatory support.

Pete Pitocco pointed out that the LEPC is supposed to have an evening meeting every year to encourage both the public and first responders to attend. He suggested that we start doing this in 2016 and combine it with a first responder information session and public meeting. The Executive Committee is considering this for either the July or October meeting.

It was suggested that the LEPC reach out to both Dutchess County and Putnam County and see if they need CAMEO training. If they do Westchester County would host such training

and invite the Yonkers and VA HazMat Teams and the HazMat Squads to this training.

Meeting Close

Peter McDonough motioned to close the meeting and Pete Pitocco seconded. The meeting of the LEPC was adjourned at 09:56 am.

The date for the next LEPC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016 at 9:00 am. The technical presentation will include photos from the County HazMat Open House.