

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes

December 13, 2018
Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center

Present: Samantha Brandfon, Marc Breckenridge, Victor Chevrette, Donald Dettling, Stephen Field, Russ Girbach, Cindra James, Joseph Jurasek, Kenneth Kelly, Ben Pinette, Nancy Smith, Marc Tayler, Mark Wesley, Denise Wirtz

Excused: David Halteman, Scott Robinson

Absent: Stephanie Hale, Kent Martinez-Kratz, Rick Norman, Pierre Gonyon,

Call to Order

Joseph Jurasek called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ben Pinette, second by Stephen Field. Approved unanimously.

Review and Approval of the September 13, 2018 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2018 was made by Cindra James, seconded by Don Dettling. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Announcements

Victor Chevrette introduced Russ Girbach who will be the new HazMat Team Director as of January 1, 2019.

Old Business

A. Information Coordinator's Report

Ken Kelly distributed and reviewed his report as follows.

- As of December 12, 47 EHS sites have updated plans
- No new plans have been created since our last meeting.

Old Business (continued)

One of our EHS sites, *Pacific Industrial Development Corporation*, is planning a major expansion in the near future. The company, located on Runway Boulevard in Pittsfield Township, will be adding a third building to its headquarters with a new 40,000 square foot structure. Construction is expected to begin in the spring and be fully operational by 2020. Presently PIDC has a rather extensive chemical inventory on site including 7,000 pounds of Hydrogen Peroxide and over 50,000 pounds of Nitric Acid, both Extremely Hazardous Substances. With the planned research laboratory and warehouse it is safe to assume that the chemical inventory at this location will be increased going forward.

MDEQ will be providing several SARA Title III Tier II workshops in the next 2 months including a February 14th session at WCC. Registration is \$80 and includes a continental breakfast and a copy of the 2019 Facilities Guide to SARA Title III, Emergency Planning and Release Reporting. Also a webinar entitled SARA TITLE III Tier Two Reporting Basics will be conducted on January 9th. If anyone is interested I can forward you the email with the all of the information.

I submitted the necessary paperwork to Michigan State Police regarding a \$1,000 support grant for our Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant and we are waiting for the applications for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 HMEP Grant. That is supposed to be sent to us early next month.

B. Emergency Coordinator's Report

Ben Pinette provided information on seven incidents that have occurred since the last meeting. Incidents were diesel fuel spills, a sanitary sewer overflow and weather related.

C. HazMat Team Director's Report

Victor Chevrette reviewed an incident that occurred last week at Domino Farm's, involving approximately 20 individuals. The delivery of boxes that has been contaminated with industrial strength printers ink in a FedEx delivery caused breathing and eye irritation. The incident evolved over several hours, with U of M OSHA as well as the W.C. HazMat team responding to the location before the incident was resolved. No employees from the facility were hospitalized.

Victor also advised that they have received new equipment, called Gemini, to replace two outdated product identification units.

D. Letter to MDOT regarding M-14

Joseph Jurasek reviewed information from the last meeting regarding concerns about M-14/Barton Drive and the number of serious accidents with potential for hazardous materials to spill into the Huron River. A draft letter from the LEPC to MDOT requesting them to investigate possible solutions to this issue, was distributed for member approval.

A motion to accept the letter as presented was made by Don Dettling, seconded by Victor Chevrette. Approved unanimously.

LEPC Chair, Scott Robinson will sign the approved letter and send it to MDOT.

New Business

A. Approval of the 2019 Meeting Schedule

A motion to accept the 2019 Meeting Schedule as presented was made by Marc Breckenridge, seconded by Ben Pinette. Approved unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Dettling, seconded by Samantha Brandfon at 3:20 p.m. Approved unanimously.

The next meeting of the LEPC will be held on **Thursday March 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** in the Washtenaw County Emergency Operations Center, 2201 Hogback Rd., Ann Arbor MI 48105.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise A. Wirtz, PEM
Secretary