

Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes

November 24th, 2015

Location: ILEAS Boardroom
1701 E. Main St.
Urbana, IL 61802
Time: 10:30 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting started at 10:30 and introductions were made.

II. Review and approval of minutes from the August 25th meeting

Meeting Minutes from both meeting approved. Jackie Christensen made the motion, Bill James Seconded the motion and all approved.

III. Update on Commodity Flow Study for Champaign County by Regional Planning Commission

Sharif Ullah of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) indicated that the previously received comments have been incorporated into the report and asked if any additional comments were forthcoming. No additional comments were offered. The study was approved and will be available on the RPC website.

It was noted that if funds are made available within the 2016 IL Dept. of Transportation budget that the RPC will request to proceed with the next phase of the commodity flow study. The next phase would include a count of rail car activity within the county.

IV. IEMA Summit Discussion-National Weather Service, Bakken Crude, other session information

John Dwyer and Stephanie Vogelsang attended the recent IEMA Summit. John Dwyer attended sessions on the shipment of Bakken crude oil and a session on avoiding secondary disasters. Stephanie Vogelsang attended sessions on social media and the use of teams as well as the session on avoiding secondary disasters.

Stephanie Vogelsang noted that the need for documentation and advance planning was emphasized during the session on avoiding secondary disasters.

John Dwyer noted that the National Weather Service provided very useful and timely hourly weather information to those responding to the February 1st, 2015 hazardous material incident on Interstate 57.

- V. Champaign Fire Department, Hazardous Material Team Discussion – Lt. Brian Ball
- Brian Ball discussed a recent IEMA-hosted 3-day class titled, “Flammable Liquids by Rail”. The discussion was primarily directed towards methods and tactics for response to rail incidents involving crude oil. Class I railroads are purchasing and staging identically equipped firefighting trailers. The Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) has web-based “crude by rail” training available for emergency responders. Brian Ball also described the resources available to the Champaign Fire Dept. Hazardous Material Team that include:
- 40-ft trailer equipped with protective clothing, air monitoring equipment, field office space, and a telescopic tower-mounted camera
 - MABUS Decontamination truck equipped with 10 showers
 - Spill control trailer equipped with absorbents and booms
 - Foam trailer equipped with 990 gallons of alcohol resistant foam concentrate and able to disperse 3000 gallons per minute of finished foam.
- VI. Local incident discussions and upcoming events
- Discussion of recent incidents included an anhydrous ammonia release northeast of Pesotum, IL on 11/13/2015 and a diesel fuel spill over this past weekend.
- Upcoming events include the Winnebago Hazardous Materials Conference and a possible meeting at Champaign Fire Station #6.
- VII. Future 2016 LEPC Meeting Dates discussion and approval-Feb 23, Jun 28, Sep 27, Nov 29

The dates were approved. Mike McCormick made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Bill James, all approved.

VIII. Wrap up and Open Discussion

No items.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am. Mike McCormick made the motion to approve, motion seconded by Sherry Wooten, all approved.

Future LEPC Meeting Dates: February 23rd, June 28th, September 27th, and November 29th 2016

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Attendance List:

John Dwyer, CC EMA
Bill James, CC EMA
Bruce Ricketts, Presence EMS
Mike McCormick, Conair Corp
Sherry Wooten, UIPD
Jackie Christensen, UCSD
Stephanie Vogelsang, UIPD
M Sharif Ullah, CCRPC
Susan Monte, CCPRC
Jane Li, CUPHD
Raymond Mucha, CUPHD
Tom Puracchio, Peoples Gas
Carol Vorel, WDWS Radio
Brian Ball, Champaign Fire
Deb Goeting, American Red Cross
Duane Miller, APL Engineered Materials
David Scherer, University of Illinois DRS
Iris Ducey, IEMA