

Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes

November 29th, 2016

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman John Dwyer called the meeting to order at 10:30 am and introductions were made.

II. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

III. Review and approval of minutes from the September 27th meeting

Deb Goettig made the motion, the motion was seconded by Pat Titus, and all approved.

IV. Follow-up on Commodity Flow Study-waiting on grant award

John Dwyer stated that the full amount of the grant for the 2017 Commodity Flow Study has been approved and is only awaiting signature. The study will emphasize the transportation of commodities through Champaign County via railroad. John also mentioned that County has developed a good working relationship with the various railroads that should be beneficial from the study.

V. Local incident discussions and upcoming events

At about 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 11/14/2016, an anhydrous ammonia leak of approximately 750 gallons occurred near Tolono that resulted in a vapor cloud that moved south-southwest. No injuries were reported. John Dwyer stated that he used the cell phone alert system which allows him to essentially draw a geographic area within which all cell phones are sent a limited character text message. The text messages triggered many calls to METCAD which caused some consternation, however, the interest of public safety was served. Subsequent conversations with a jurisdiction in Minnesota reinforced the concept that a priority needs to be kept on alerting the public of potential safety concerns.

Keith Erickson reported that UIUC recently conducted a drill on October 27, 2016 involving a simulated 1,000,000 gallon release of fuel oil on campus. Fire departments from Champaign, Urbana, and Savoy participated.

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It was reported that there will be anhydrous ammonia spill training in late February/early March and the Northern/Central Pipeline Association (NIPA) held an informational meeting at the Round Barn Center in Champaign on November 15, 2016.

VI. Dates for 2017 LEPC meetings: February 28th, June 27th, September 26th, November 28th

Bill James made a motion to approve the above dates, Brian Ball seconded the motion, and all approved.

VII. Open Discussion and Wrap Up

John Dwyer toured Flex-N-Gate in Urbana on October 20, 2016 and provided emergency planning information to company management.

Mike McCormick discussed the Eastern Illinois Safety Network, <http://eisafetynetwork.com/>, a networking group of safety professionals whose mission is to promote occupational safety and health in the area.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am. Jane Li made the motion to adjourn, Stephanie Vogelsang seconded the motion, and all approved.

Attendees:

Iris Ducey	IEMA
Bruce Ricketts	Presence EMS
Bill James	Champaign Co EMA
Rob Biehl	Kraft Foods
Tom Puracchio	Peoples Gas
John Dwyer	Champaign Co EMA
Deb Goettig	American Red Cross
Raymond Mucha	C-UPHD
Jane Li	C-UPHD
Carol Vorel	WDWS-WHMS-WKIO
Mike McCormick	Conair Corp
Brian Ball	Champaign Fire Department

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Derrick Odle	Urbana Fire Department
Brian Boltinghouse	Parkland College
Sherry Wooten	University of Illinois
Stephanie Vogelsong	University of Illinois
Jackie Christensen	UC Sanitary District
Pat Titus	Illini FS
Rick Snider	Champaign County
Symatha Ayd	University of Illinois

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