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Champaign County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2019

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 10:34 am and introductions were made.
- II. Public Comment
Susan Monte identified that a need for a program to address regular disposal of household hazardous waste is needed for Champaign County. This program would assist in obtaining funding and volunteer participants. The Citizen Advocacy Group would create a non-profit 501.3c to assist in the effort to find funding, provide education and assist in fund raising. The group will not be in charge of the actual activities associated with the collection and disposal of materials.
- III. Review and approval of minutes from the February 26th, 2019 meeting
John Dwyer asked for motion to approve the minutes. Chris Hanson made the motion to approve. Bill James seconded the motion and all approved.
- IV. Follow-up on Commodity Flow Study-Fall data collection. Sharif Ullah brought the committee up-to-date on the efforts of the Commodity Flow Study. 2015 the study began with collecting numbers of vehicles transporting placarded hazardous materials at selected intersections on US and State roads in the county. The study then moved to monitoring hazardous materials being transported on the railroads. The first railroad to be monitored was Canadian National. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad monitoring was completed, and results compiled. The initial results indicate Class 3 flammable liquids; Class 8 corrosive materials and Class 2 gases compromise the classes by quantity of concern to the county. This closely mirrors the materials and percentages identified in the previous studies. The final railroad to be studied is the Union Pacific.

A question was raised on the availability of reported hazardous materials spill information and if this was available on the CCEMA website. J. Dwyer responded that this is available on the IEMA website under the FOIA HazMat search.

- V. Trip report from Midwest Hazmat Conference-Winnebago LEPC. B. James reported that a demonstration of 3D technology was presented providing responders a more realistic involvement in training which power point presentations do not offer. This was essentially a sale pitch as to the superiority of involved training Vs skills acquired from watching a presentation. No details as to the cost, time required, or equipment needed to take advantage of this offer. A review of an actual event and the tabletop exercise emphasized the use of caution and getting detailed information before reacting (over reaction).

The Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association briefed on their training complex in Bloomington and the available on-line training for persons involved in the Ag business-or others. It was pointed out that there are new Illinois regulations on anhydrous ammonia that go into effective immediately and through 2025.

There were 11 hazardous spills between April 1 and June 25. Majority were either UST or AST of heating oil/fuel being removed and found to be compromised. One event involved the reporting of a cloudy substance in the Bone Yard creek. One vehicle incident involved the leaking of hydraulic fluid. The final incident was the spill of UAN from an FS truck transporting product north of Tolono.

The group discussed the anhydrous ammonia release in in Beach Park, Il earlier this year.

- VI. Local incidents, training, exercises and upcoming events discussion
Chris Hanson discussed his attendance at the Midwest HazMat conference, the major take-away was that as the hazardous material threat and issues are changing so is the training to better address response. J.Dwyer identified that CCEMA is involved with the Hazard Fusion Center and assisting in providing recommendations on the type of information that local jurisdiction would find useful. One such recommendation was that each railroad has their own process and form required to request hazardous materials information. The suggest was to collect this information and have it readily available. CCEMA has been involved in various FEMA VTTX 's. P. Titus reported that Illini FS is working with IFSI to establish two programs one on Ag related chemicals and processes, the second on livestock and trucking accidents.

IEMA Conference is schedule for 5-8 September 2019 in Springfield.

- VII. Open Discussion and Wrap up
Susan Monte informed the group that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved and grant monies will be coming available.
- VIII. Adjournment-Next Meeting—Sept 24th
Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Hanson, Deb Goettig seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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<http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/Default.aspx>

Attendees:

John Dwyer	CCEMA
Bill James	CCEMA
Susan Monte	RPC
Sharif Ullah	RPC
Richard Williams	IEMA
Iris Ducey	IEMA
Deb Goettig	ARC

Chris Hanson

UI HazMat

Pat Titus

Illini FS

Sherry Wooten

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