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MEETING MINUTES

OAKLAND COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

These are the meeting minutes of the Oakland County LEOC from 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Oakland County Emergency Operations Center, 947 S Campus Dr, Waterford, MI 48328

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order: 0903hrs.
- II. Roll Call: See sign-in sheets.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 2/6/2024 Meeting: Motion to approve by Beattie, second by Junga, Approved.
- IV. Public Comment: None
- V. Old Business.
 - A. LEPC Exercise Subcommittee report: Page reported that the goal of the committee remains to help teach private facilities how to conduct their own drills, while assisting any partners willing to host multi-facility training opportunities. Beattie and Dinda volunteered for the committee.
 - B. LEPC Bylaws Subcommittee report: Page reported that the final draft of the new Bylaws will be ready for the August 2024 meeting.
 - C. Spills Report:
 - 1. Waterford School District Bus Garage: Page reported that it occurred 4/9/2024 at 0541hrs. Oakway HazMat Team responded. New Bluetooth sensor rod installed in tank had its seal fail, venting propane into the atmosphere. HazMat Team was able to stop the leak. Product was eventually unloaded from tank and seal was fixed. May be a problem with the design, and other tanks will be checked.
 - 2. Ferndale residence: Barr reported that a private homeowner called 911 om 4/27/24 for a diesel fuel spill in their basement. It had been contained in an old, 250-gallon fuel oil container. An unknown quantity leaked, but did not get into the floor drain. Ferndale FD and Oakway HazMat cleaned up the fuel. The homeowner was on a ventilator, so he was transported to the hospital for observation. Home was ventilated due to high readings of VOC's.
 - 3. Wixom Atmosphere Heat Treating: Safety & Quality Administrator contacted LEPC yesterday to report this 4/1/24 spill at their facility. Employee accidentally

opened the wrong valve while transferring a mixture of sodium nitrite, potassium nitrate, and water to a temporary container in order to clean the main container. 2500 lbs of product leaked before it was discovered. The product did get into the sewer system. Wixom later notified the plant that no product reached the watershed or the environment. To correct, all valves now have lockout/tag-outs, the product transfer procedures have been rewritten to include the Maintenance Manager's approval to open a valve, and the responsible employee has been retrained.

4. West Bloomfield oily substance spill: This occurred overnight in West Bloomfield in the area of Square Lake Rd and St Joseph (just west of Middlebelt Rd). A box truck was reportedly caught on doorbell cameras driving through the neighborhood, dumping an unknown liquid from barrels out of the back of the truck. Cleanup at the scene was still in progress at the time of the LEPC meeting. WBFD, Oakway HazMat, WBPD, and RCOC were all on-scene.

VI. New Business.

- A. Vote in new members: All were introduced. Motion to accept all four by McLellan, second by Junga. Approved.
 - 1. Sumi Dinda, Ph.D. (Education)
 - 2. Justin Dunaskiss (Agriculture)
 - 3. Joe Hahn (Hospital)
 - 4. Keith Ciaramitaro (Hospital)
- B. Update on Oakland County Emergency Management office: LEPC staff member has resigned, but is finishing the 2024 Off-Site Response Plans before the conclusion of their time with us. A new hire is being sought.
- C. Update from Byron Beattie on Transcaer: Transportation Community Awareness Emergency Response. Provides training and awareness for emergency responders responsible for dealing with HazMat transportation (rail, pipeline, and roadway) incidents.
- D. Update from Byron Beattie on WLEPC and DLEPC: Byron has attended their recent meetings. Each is planning a small TTX for single facilities in their communities.
- E. Upcoming training: Page reported upcoming ICS-300 (7/16/24) and ICS-400 (8/20/24), both in Farmington Hills. Also, OCEM is hosting an exercise cycle for a HazMat incident, which began with Workshops in February of 2024, will continue with TTX's in August of 2024, and will culminate in a Full Scale Exercise on April 9, 2025. LEPC involvement in the FSE is being planned.
- VII. Good of the Order.
- VIII. Adjournment: Motion Junga, seconded by McLellan. Approved, 0949hrs.

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