



**Adams County**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**  
**June 22, 2015**

**Minutes**

Attendees List: Please see attached.

Thank you to *Sinclair Transportation* for providing lunch!

The meeting was called to order by Abel Montoya, Co-Chair at 11:05 am.  
An introduction of attendees was completed.

The April 27, 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Legislative/Regulatory Update – Christine Francescani**

HB 15-1305, Unlawful Manufacture of Marijuana Concentrate, has been approved and was signed into law on May 28, 2015. This law concerns a prohibition on manufacturing marijuana concentrate (hash oil) in an unregulated environment. Manufacture of hash oil is not permitted without a state license. Section 18-18-406.06 subsection 2 addresses manufacturing. Violation of the law is considered a level 2 drug felony. The issue has been the use of accelerants (i.e., butane) during the manufacture of hash oil and the subsequent risk of explosion. Adams County regulates product manufacturing through building permits and state licensing. So far, none of the ten “lottery winners” allowing marijuana businesses have proposed to manufacture oils. Oil extraction facilities were not considered as Tier II reporting facilities in Adams County; however, that can be changed through licensing or amendment in the future.

**Continuing Business**

Framework for conducting HVA

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Heather McDermott - reported meeting with a representative from the Colorado Energy Planning Commission. The representative suggested that Adams County look at all of the RMP facilities in the county and rank them according to severity of hazard exposure and what types of nearby facilities would be at risk during an incident (i.e., schools, adult-care facilities, etc.). Adams County OEM put together a spreadsheet identifying 27 RMP facilities countywide that rank higher than a Tier II facility. OEM is in the process of scoring each facility by highest risk factors. Heather will send out a draft with weighted scores soon and invited the LEPC members to submit questions and provide feedback before the next LEPC meeting. Heather will also present GIS data for all 27 facilities at that meeting. Going forward, we will need to involve the fire departments in this risk assessment. The LEPC has the authority to ask the facilities to provide written copies of their operational recovery contingency plans. Heather also mentioned the possibility of having some of these facilities give a presentation on their plans during a future LEPC meeting.

## ESF-10 Annex

Richard Atkins - The Annex has been finalized and was distributed for signatures. Please scan and send your signature page to Dawn Riggs. Your signature is an acknowledgement that you reviewed the Annex and have had an opportunity to submit revisions.

## Public Education & Outreach

Rob Martinez - handed out the "final" draft of the Adams County LEPC brochure. Please review and provide any comments as soon as possible prior to publication. During the August meeting, Heather will review the LEPC information on the county's website in order to

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gain input on any changes needed. Suggested additions include a list of all LEPCs in Adams County and a downloadable copy of the final brochure.

## Facility Emergency Planning

Richard Atkins - reported that Adams County has received Tier II information on 641 facilities as of this date. OEM is waiting to receive state data to compare facility lists to ensure we have all of the Tier II reports. The data is currently being loaded into a CAMEO database, and will be shared during the next LEPC meeting.

Heather McDermott - The PEAC software grant has been awarded and funds should be available in October.

Richard Atkins - The new spill reporting form on the Adams County website is undergoing additional changes in response to the feedback at the last LEPC meeting. The final updates will be presented during the August meeting.

## Presentation

Luke Chavez, EPA Environmental Engineer/Exercise Coordinator - gave a presentation on the EPA's Emergency Response and Preparedness program for region eight (includes Colorado). The presentation included information on the EPA reviews of oil and chemical program plans and radiation program plans, along with information on Homeland Security coordination, community outreach, and exercises and training. EPA has a duty officer on call for incident notifications and information requests, along with technical support and the availability of an on-scene coordinator and environmental response team, if needed. Contact information and how to sign-up for their newsletter was mentioned.

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### **New Business:**

None

### **Additional Comments**

Richard Atkins - asked the members for suggestions on future presenters. One idea would be to have local facilities give presentations on their incident-response plans. Sinclair Transportation indicated that they are developing plans for dealing with waterway spills and may have a presentation ready by the October meeting. Both Adams County and the EPA indicated they would be willing to provide assistance with planning. Sinclair will update the LEPC on their progress at the next meeting.

Heather McDermott - mentioned that there are a couple of vacancies on the LEPC board that need to be filled. She will send information out to the members and ask for suggestions.

The next Adams County LEPC meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Adams County Government Center.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Dawn Riggs, Administrative Assistant, Adams County OEM.