



**Adams County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
August 25, 2014
Minutes**

Attendees List: Please see attached,

Pat Conroy, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 am and began introductions.

The June meeting minutes were unanimously approved after a motion by Lisa Oliveto and 2nd by Marilyn Losoya

Legislative/Regulatory Update – Christine Francescani

Christine discussed pending legislature that would create a Federal Hazard Emergency Order for railroad carriers. Since trains have the ability to carry millions of gallons of chemicals per train the order will require them to identify their route and schedule. The rulemaking is currently open for Public Comment for 60 days. There is also a proposal for a new standard for tank car construction to be codified.

New Business:

The edits to the Bylaws were discussed. Most of the proposed edits are to clean up the document and clarify inconsistencies. There are minor changes to the attendance in Article III, Section 2-e which now states that Board Members should attend a minimum of 50% of Committee meetings and Executive Board Meetings. The other substantial changes to the Bylaws is in Article VIII, Section 2 to change the availability of documents to the public to be consistent with change in CORA. A motion to approve the Bylaws was made by Brett Burrough and seconded by Glenn Grove. The motion passed by unanimous vote.



Rob Martinez discussed the outreach information sheet that was previously shared with the Executive Board. The document discusses community adaption to hazmat incidents. It has been suggested that the document be formatted as a tri-fold brochure with graphics and a suggestion to add a “what can I do” section (for citizens). Ryan also shared some current brochures that are available from the County as well as some examples of other brochures that he found from out of state. Ryan also volunteered that Adams County now has a Graphic Designer that could create the brochure for the LEPC. The county website also has LEPC links available.

There was an announcement by Lisa Ciazza that the Aurora LEPC will be starting up again soon and will be organized by Matt Chapman.

Unfinished Business:

Ryan discussed the meeting schedule. During the last meeting it was decided that the Committee would meet on the 4th Monday of the even months from 11:00 am – 1:00pm. Due to the Christmas holiday in December it was decided to move the meeting up one week. The next meeting will be on Monday October 27th at the Aurora Municipal Building and Koppers has volunteered to provide lunch. If you would like to host any meetings or sponsor lunch please let Ryan know.

- October 27th
- December 15th

The 2014 LEPC priorities were presented by Ryan. The top 5 Priorities were identified as:

- #1 – Vulnerability Assessment (base projects on the assessment)
- #2 – Edit the ESF 10 Hazmat Annex
- #3 – Public Education
- #4 – Spill Mitigation (frequent polluters & decrease spills)
- #5 – Facility Emergency Plans

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A motion to accept the 2014 priorities was made by Kirk Dominic and seconded by Glenn Grove. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business (continued)

Melissa Payan discussed the EPA unannounced facility exercises and drills program for oil and gas facilities that have more than one million gallons of on-site storage. This program is a compliance activity and exempts the facility from inspection for 3 years. There may be a possibility to invite locals through the LEPC to observe the drills but it was requested that attendance be limited as this is a compliance activity and very intense for the facilities. Melissa also discussed an Oil Spill Response training tentatively scheduled for October somewhere in Denver. This training will include field exercises and interested parties will be able to observe if requested. Contact Melissa if you are interested in this opportunity and she will forward your information to the exercise coordinator.

Glenn Grove discussed the history and responsibilities of the DERA (Designated Emergency Response Authority). By default the DERA in incorporated areas falls on the Fire Department and in unincorporated areas it falls on the Sheriff's Department. The DERA is statutory and is responsible for administrative oversight of spills and other incidents.

Ryan shared the Adams County mapping book that has been updated from the 2011 version. It includes the rapid assessment maps and floodplain maps for Adams County and includes Tier II facilities, schools, fire departments, police and hospitals as well as other facilities.

Facility Presentation:

Abel and Heather presented the County Comprehensive Plan and Emergency Management. Adams County has a population of about 450,000, about 90,000 of those live in unincorporated areas. There are 172 Tier II facilities in Adams County. Abel would like to add oil & gas tank sites to the comprehensive plan and are currently developing MOU's with Oil &

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Gas Companies on what information must be included in reporting of locations of sites, etc.

Pat Conroy discussed the Radiation Treatment Network (RITN) that University Hospital is a part of. The RITN includes hospitals and medical facilities with bone marrow transplant centers that are able to treat marrow-toxic injuries.

Meet & Greet:

Ryan asked the facilities in Commerce City to introduce themselves, what they do, what types of chemicals and materials they have on-site and how to contact them after hours.

Denver Water Recycling Plant has a 24-hour control center which can be contacted at 303-296-1235.

Metro Wastewater can contact Brian O'Malley who is on-call after hours at 303-286-3456.

Suncor has a 24-hour control center which can be reached at 303-286-5775.

Announcements:

The Adams County OEM pager number is 720-521-2182, spills or incidents can be reported to the duty officer at this number.

Pat reported that University has over 2000 MSD's for mostly research chemicals and medications on-site. None of the quantities for these items are above the reporting limit.

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Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm. Followed by a tour of the Hospital facilities including the two on-site laboratories and the decon area of the emergency room.