

## NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2010

Galena Park ISD Administration Building  
14705 Woodforest Blvd.  
(NE corner of intersection BW-8 and Woodforest)  
Lunch at 11:30 am

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Meeting began at 11:55 am with 36 attendees. Chairman Squyres noted that the firefighter Ricky Johnson who was shot the past weekend in addition to being on the Houston FD was also a firefighter and EMS for North Channel and Cloverleaf VFD
- II. Review of Minutes from April 5, 2010 Meeting – Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by Anorga, 2nd by Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Committee Reports
  - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Spaid presented the financial report through May 3. Motion to accept financial report by Anorga, 2'd by Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote. Spaid presented a second draft of our 2010 budget for discussion. A proposed budget will be presented for membership approval at our next meeting.
  - HHWCD – Squyres noted we plan to utilize grant money from GHGAC to finance our efforts this year and is planning to attend a class on the grant process prior to submitting an application. We are also considering expanding the HHWCD to include collection of controlled substances. Discussion ensued regarding other possibilities for HHW collection (mobile events, permanent facilities, etc.) and sources of funding (grants, SEPs, etc.). B. Pfisterer with Stolt noted they have asked that approximately \$14,500 in SEP money be directed towards our HHWCD through the Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development – Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup – Harris County specific. More on this in the next few months.
  - Compliance and Emergency Notification System – Squyres recommended that EHCMA's CECC (event notification committee) protocols change for NC LEPC area facilities. The County is now prepared to handle these calls. A motion to make this change effective May 1 passed in our previous meeting and is now in effect. Squyres provided a handout with the appropriate emergency notification contact phone numbers and FAX numbers. Spaid suggested we should have a training session for our LEPC membership regarding community notification and our protocols.
  - D Wade encouraged all facilities when they are doing a drill to actually call the numbers in their notification plans to assure they are correct.

- **NOTE: Effective May 1 Harris County (see phone and FAX numbers in attachment) is authorized as the LEPC contact for emergency notification. Follow-up letters for any reportable quantity event are still required to be sent to the North Channel LEPC, PO Box 1847, Channelview, TX 77530. These notifications do NOT relieve members of other regulatory notifications like EPA, TCEQ and HCPHES.**
- Spaid has been contacting submitters to obtain properly formatted Tier II files with good success.
- PVS will be invited to our June meeting to make a presentation regarding their hydrochloric acid truck spill.
- Site visitation plans: Next LEPC visit will be arranged when Chief's Council meets, Wednesday May 3.
- Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report –Battise – No report.
- Transportation – Anorga –Haden Road project nears completion.

#### IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

- CAPLE – Strouhal - CAPLE 4/15: presentation by Tom Stack of UT School of Public Health. He related two studies that showed no correlation of student health and proximity to chemical plants and refineries. See attachment for more details. Next meeting is 5/20.
- HAD-CAP –Spaid reported on the May 24 meeting: Dan Seal of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership made a presentation on the Ike Dike. He will be asked to make his presentation to the LEPC. Follow-up on PVS HCl spill: presentation by Mike Sellers of PVS Chemicals, explaining errors made by driver and issues remaining on Haden Road construction.

#### V. Agency Reports

HCPHES – Darbonne – Nothing to report.

Precinct 2 – On 5/22 at Pasadena Conv. Center SE Region LEPC Hurricane Safety Fair; 5/6 – Commissioner Garcia town hall meeting East Harris County Activity Center (6:30-8:30); 5/1 Mobile HHWCD at Grayson center; May 1 Baytown Safety and Hurricane workshop (10-2).

HCOEM – Contact David Wade for info on State of Texas' Catastrophic Preparedness Response Organization. HCOEM continues to make additional badges for Essential Personnel.

GPISD – Vital - Nothing to report.

EHRMC – Anderson – Working on hurricane preparations. Now accredited for stroke evaluation.

Sheriff's Office – Nothing to report.

- VI. Old Business – No old business.
- VII. New Business – No new business.
- VIII. Next meeting: June 7
- IX. Adjournment at 12:55.