

NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2011

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 Noon with 28 attendees.
- II. Review of Minutes from Oct. 11, 2011 Meeting – October 2011 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by E. Anorga and 2nd by D. Pupo. Motion carried by voice vote. Spaid has prepared a draft 2012 budget and will distribute prior to next meeting.
- III. Committee Reports
 - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Spaid presented the financial report through Nov. 5, 2011. Motion to accept financial report by Strouhal, 2nd by Anorga. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Our HHWCD was held on Oct. 15 at JC FD on 1126 Mercury. More details at our next meeting.

In addition to the JC event, the county staged a collection event with their mobile collection unit on the same date (10/15) at the Leon Grayson center from 8 to 11.

- Compliance and Emergency Notification System –
 - **The NC LEPC encourages all facilities when they are doing a drill to actually call the numbers in their notification plans to assure they are correct.**
 - Site visitations and plans:

The LEPC has no current facility visitation plans. We are working with Greensport Industrial Park to make arrangements for LEPC and FD visits at that huge complex.
 - **Use of the EHCMA's CECC protocols is a requirement for all NC LEPC facilities.**
 - **Members take note:** First Call will not be available for use by NC LEPC members after Dec. 31, 2011 so making the transfer to E-Notify must be done immediately in order for your facility to remain in compliance with EHCMA and NC LEPC requirements. Dan Heiken of E-Merge Systems noted only about half of the designated 21 facilities have begun to implement E-Notify. Contact Heiken if your facility is on the list (see attachment) and you have not begun the process of changeover from First Call to E-Notify.

- The EHCMA board has voted to drop First Call for the CAERLINE. Target date form EHCMA transition to new system with new vendor is April 2012.
- Chief Squyres related how NIXLE works. It is a system citizens can sign up for to allow them to receive warnings and messages from various public agencies and emergency response groups. More info can be obtained at www.nixle.com.
- Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – Anorga – Plans are being developed for next year...could involve a fire on Jacintoport Blvd. and / or an I-10 incident.
- Transportation – Anorga – HGAC Commodity Flow Study meeting was held Oct. 11 at Brady's Landing. On Oct. 11 USCG's Salute to Industry Day was held in Galena Park, 1301 Keane.

IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

CAPLE – J. Strouhal reported on the October CAPLE meeting: Visit to South Plant. Also saw new cooling tower which was equipped with HRVOC analyzer. Next month's meeting will be about TCEQ's flaring study.

Strouhal also reported on the progress of capping work which is now complete at the San Jacinto River Waste Pit site. EPA plans additional testing outside the remediation area.

GPJC CAP – Squyres – The Nov. 3 meeting's topic for discussion was air monitoring.

V. Agency Reports

HCPC – Darbonne noted that some recent Lyondell flaring was reported as possible grass fires by citizens not close enough to know there was flaring going on.

Precinct 2 – No report,

HC SO – No report.

HCOEM –Steve Cathey will be retiring.

GPISD – Mayeux – NC LEPC has been in contact with GPISD regarding use of LEPC resources to help them plan effective drills. This is part work to be done to utilize the grant money GPISD recently received. Motion to work with GPISD to help plan and execute their exercises by Anorga, 2nd by Anderson. Vital noted GPISD has received Plant 360 training.

EHRMC – Anderson – New CEO is Alice Adams.

CIMA – Anorga - Recent all-Zone drill went very well.

- VI. Old Business – None
- VII. New Business – Squyres reviewed SEDTRAC projects; they are health related not just for hospitals; Squyres asked if our LEPC would support a project to scrap some older ambulances 920-25 patients on gurneys, no direct cost to LEPC but needs support from us. Motion by Anorga, 2nd by Pupo, voice vote carried.
- VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Anorga, 2nd by Strouhal. Voice vote carried at 12:30.
- IX. Next meeting: Jan. 9, 2012