

NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2009

Galena Park ISD Administration Building
14705 Wood Forest Blvd.
(NE corner of intersection BW-8 and Wood Forest)

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Meeting began at 11:55 am. Members and guests self-introduced. Twenty-two (xx) persons attended. Sonya Anderson now is representing EHMC.
- II. Review of Minutes from April 6 Meeting – Minutes from the April 6 meeting, having been distributed via email earlier, Spaid briefly reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Motion to accept as presented by Pupo, 2ndd by Blake. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Committee Reports
 - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Year to Date Financial report was presented by Spaid. Motion to accept by Strouhal, 2ndd by Blake. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - HHWCD – Burton noted she has some ideas for getting free services related to our next HHWCD. She will discuss with Squyres and Spaid at a later date. The county had its Mobile Collection unit at Baytown on April 25. Spaid will be sending out the HHWCD task plan before our next scheduled meeting. Spaid noted that our oil recycler, K-Solv, an LEPC member, has paid for the oil collected last fall.
 - Compliance and Emergency Notification System –
 - Tier 2's – Spaid noted we have received no further Tier 2's. On May 1 Spaid and Strouhal reviewed all submitted Tier 2's for compliance and potential LEPC member contact. Will divide the list of new potential members and make initial contacts before next meeting. Spaid provided the regulatory citations that allow an LEPC to request MSDS, Tier 2's and even for ER entities to demand visits to facility sites. Click on the link below to see the requirements for submission to LEPC requests:
<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=d34e60eb65ebbbe838b8aef4764b58b9&rgn=dv6&view=text&node=40:27.0.1.1.12.4&idno=40>
 - Squyres described the process we hope to use to ascertain if facilities not currently submitting Tier 2's would be brought into compliance.

- LEPC site visitation program – Squyres noted we have now made our first visit in this program to the Arkema Haden Road site. Good visit, no site issues, but one systemic issue was noted: our ER community does not have a good way to manage site MSDS's. Squyres will work with some websites already familiar to the ER community (SEDTRAC?) to develop a database for MSDS's. Spaid suggested that the visitation team be expanded to include Deputy Anorga and Jim Strouhal.
- Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – Battise – CIMA is planning an All-zone Drill for May 28.

Squyres – “800” radios bids have been received and the order should be placed once approved at a Chief's meeting this Wed. (5/6).

Battise noted that Joe Leonard's Regional Training Calendar is a good resource for training opportunities. Copy this link to Leonard's calendar:

http://www.newsrouter.com/Newsroom/NR_Newsroom/output/News_Release_view.asp?editid1=4649

- Transportation – No report.

IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

- CAPLE – Strouhal – Met 4/16 for a tour of the Lyondell barge dock area. May meeting (5/21) to tour the truck and rail car loading facilities at Lyondell.
- HAD-CAP – Meeting held last Monday. Speaker was Dr. Huey Barnett of Bay Smart. Bay Smart is a program for at-risk teens to teach them about the Galveston Bay (ecological, economic, recreational, all aspects.) They are looking for additional funding.

V. Agency Reports

- Harris County – Glover –
HurrEx drill set for May 27-29.

Industrial Hurricane Conference is June 10 at Pasadena Convention Center; registration starts at 7 am, conference is 8 to noon.

Badging for recovery personnel is in progress.

County now has a Jurisdictions Liaison program (for pre-, during and post-events communications); the liaison group consists of eight county reps who will maintain good

communications with cities and other authorities during emergencies.

County is planning TV receiver collections in June (once the switchover to digital has occurred). Locations and dates not set.

- Burton-Fentres – Discussed HHWCD plans for the county.
- PHES – D'Arbonne - None
- Other updates –
Squyres – The Port Economic Alliance has received a grant through HGAC to have a transportation study in the port region to deal with the questions: How does the port affect traffic and how traffic affects the port. Squyres will be on the steering committee for this project. If you have transportation issues please note them to Squyres.

GPISD – C. Vital noted no cases of H1N1 reported in GPISD so far.

Squyres noted there is now a daily update on H1N1 at 3 pm. Any LEPC member can join in. Address labels with phone number were supplied to members. Squyres went over the general health guidelines for handling employee return to work and for group meetings.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business - None

VIII. Dates for upcoming meetings:

- June 1
- July 13 (NOTE: This is not 1st Monday in July due to July 4 holiday.)

IX. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 12:45.