

# NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

**August 8, 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 11:57 am with 40 attendees.
- II. Review of Minutes from June 6, 2011 Meeting – June 2011 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by J. Strouhal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Montanio. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Committee Reports
  - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Spaid presented the financial report through August 5, 2011. Motion to accept financial report by R Shilling, 2nd by J. Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Spaid is now working on plans for this fall's HHWCD event. Date has been set for October 15 at Jacinto City FD on Mercury. Spaid has located a partner to handle E-waste (Nu-Val Tech) and C4 Env. has agreed to handle recycling the oil collected. Funding for this year's event is limited and will likely cause us to have shorter hours or restrict receipt of some types of wastes. The county is again putting together the flyers for the event.

In addition the JC event, the county will stage a collection event with their mobile collection unit on the same date (10/15) at the Leon Grayson center from 9 to noon.

- 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:

Spaid reported on his visit in June to the Socotherm LaBarge in Channelview. He has requested a Tier II from the facility.

Spaid is making plans with Crosby VFD to again visit the Lone Star (formerly Louis Dreyfus Holdings) facility on FM 1942. The facility was visited about a year ago; purpose of this visit is to see what improvements have been made at the facility, both physical changes and procedural.

Chairman Squyres has been in contact with Tim Howlan of the 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 of NC LEPC.**
- Dan Heiken of E-Merge Systems noted only 3 (Arkema, Lyondell and GB Biosciences) of the designated 22 facilities have begun to implement E-Notify. Contact Dan if your facility is on the list below and you have not begun the process of changeover from First Call to E-Notify.
- Chairman Squyres indicated there is a CAERLINE update proposal being prepared for the CIMA board. Details to follow once approved.

Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – No report. Note: The CIMA All-Zone drill in September will be held in conjunction with SEDTRAC to test the new patient tracking. This was first utilized for this year's rodeo, quite successfully.

- Transportation –No report.

IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

CAPLE – J. Strouhal reported on the June 16 meeting where the facility showed off its new IR camera.

Strouhal also reported on the progress of remediation work going on at the San Jacinto River Waste Pit site. The project was completed in July due to good weather. The next step is to assess whether there is dioxin contamination in areas outside the site. A site south of I-10 is being investigated. A briefing at Highlands Community Center will be held soon. Check the Pct. 2 website or the EPA website for date and time.

- HAD-CAP – Spaid – No report.

V. Agency Reports

HCPC – Darbonne – No major events.

Precinct 2 – Avalo – Washburn Tunnel closure for restriping. Looking to set up a community emergency response team in the Channelview area.

HC SO – No report.

HCOEM – Wade – currently at Level 3 due to extreme heat.

GPISD – Vital – Recently trained substitutes for emergency conditions.

EHRMC – Anderson – No report.

Cloverleaf FD – To be testing the GRACE system (personnel accountability) with Sheldon FD next month with plans to expand to the other FD's within the area.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business –

- Squyres – Channelview Vol. Fire Dept. to be reorganized by their ESD.
- Montanio – DXI recently had an incident where they attempted to get emergency assistance for an employee with an asthma attack. They report a long delay (22 minutes) in getting through to the correct department and obtaining assistance. This will be reviewed by officials to eliminate the delay.
- Related to the above report Squyres will ask Harris County 911 to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- GPJC CAP – has met three times recently – participating facilities were Vopak / Lyondell / Kinder-Morgan.

VIII. Next meeting: September 12, 2011

IX. Adjournment at 12:38.