

NORTH CHANNEL LEPC MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 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 11:55am with 37 attendees.
- II. Review of Minutes from August 8, 2011 Meeting – August 2011 minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was raised by R. Anorga and 2nd by J. Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. Committee Reports
 - Finance w / Treasurer's report – Spaid presented the financial report through September 10, 2011. Motion to accept financial report by R Anorga, 2nd by J. Strouhal. Motion carried by voice vote.

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Spaid is now complete on plans for this fall's HHWCD event. Notification has been sent to TCEQ for the October 15 event 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. The county again put flyers together for the event and they will be emailed to all LEPC members for distribution to employees, etc.

A question was raised regarding whether medical wastes would be handled for the HHWCD event. This question will be discussed with Chairman Squyres, but since our notification to the TCEQ has already been submitted and accepted without medical wastes listed it is not likely we would make the change at this time.

In addition to 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 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:

Spaid reported on Crosby FD and LEPC visit in August to the Lone Star (formerly LDH) facility on FM 1942. This facility was visited about a year ago. Lone Star has indicated it has plans to erect two more large storage tanks. They have an appropriation request in process for funding fire water improvements at the site. The Crosby FD Assistant Chief provided good feedback about the proposed

facility changes with suggestions that would allow outside parties (CFD and MAMB) to access water more easily.

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. Ken Burnett of Greensport introduced himself and made some remarks about their facility:

Facility is 655 acres comprising 3 businesses (warehousing, freight forwarding and deepwater break bulk dock). They have 22 miles of rail storage. They are planning to review water flows within the facility.

- **Use of the EHCMA's CECC protocols is a requirement of NC LEPC.**
- **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 three (Arkema, Lyondell and GB Biosciences) 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.
- Chairman Squyres indicated there is a CAERLINE update proposal being prepared for the EHCMA board. Details to follow once approved. The EHCMA board has voted to drop First Call for the CAERLINE.

Drills and Training / Chief's Council Report – Wade – Reported on drill held on Deer Park where a pipeline rupture was simulated with contamination of homes, etc.

- Transportation –No report.

IV. CAPLE and HAD-CAP Reports

HADCAP – HADCAP had its last meeting on September 15, 2011. Voted to disband. Spaid noted some of the Plant Managers had remarked that the NC LEPC was performing functions that HAD-CAP had. The NC LEPC then would expect full participation in LEPC meetings and activities from those Haden Road facilities.

CAPLE – J. Strouhal reported on the August 18 CAPLE meeting. See attachment.

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 9/22 at Highlands Community Center 6 to 8:30 pm. See attachment for details.

GPJC CAP – Squyres – No report.

V. Agency Reports

HCPC – Darbonne reported on the Tri-County fire. HCPC did air monitoring for Particulate Matter.

Precinct 2 – D. Valdez – Looking to set up a community emergency response team in the Channelview area. Precinct will be providing some volunteers for HHWCD.

HC SO – No direct credible threats for 9/11, however, SO is on alert.

HCOEM – Wade – EOC has been activated due to the wild fires.

GPISD – Mayeux – Training for NIMS continues.

EHRMC – Anderson – No report.

Cloverleaf FD – To be testing (table top drill) the GRACE system (personnel accountability) with Sheldon FD in September with plans to expand to the other FD's within the area. Recent grass fires have been a good test for the '800' radios.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. New Business –

- Industrial Fire, Safety and Security announced their annual Planning, Preparedness and Response event – Check www.ifssevent.com for details.
- Hot Zone Conference – Oct. 22-23
- North Channel EMS is dedicating their building expansion on Oct. 15 10am – 2pm, 332 Freeport Street.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Wade, 2nd by Shelton. Voice vote carried at 12:40.

IX. Next meeting: November 7, 2011