



Berks County LEPC
Local Emergency Planning Committee
“Partners in Preparedness”

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Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 28th, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. Allen Fowler | 7. Ignazio Sabella | 12. Dave Bentz |
| 2. Lyn Rodino | 8. Phil Salamone | 13. Harry Adams |
| 3. Brian Smith | 9. Megan Young-
Kraft | 14. Richard Torielli |
| 4. Stephen Young | 10. Bob May | 15. John Shook |
| 5. Gary Moulder | 11. Candice Mills | 16. Chuck Zechman |
| 6. Matthew Stairiker | | |

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

- 1.** Andrew Harakel
- 2.** Mike Rowley

Welcome & Introductions

Chairperson Ignazio Sabella called the meeting to order at 1506. The meeting was held in person at 2561 Bernville Road and also virtually via Teams meeting.

Ignazio welcomed members and guests and asked that each individual introduced themselves.

Minutes from the June 2021 meeting

Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were disbursed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Bob May, seconded by Gary Moulder to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for December 2021 were approved.

Correspondence

- Downstream Notifications were received from:
 - Global Advanced Metals, Boyertown
 - Carpenter Technologies, City of Reading
 - Artex, Inc., Barnesville, PA
 - John Weidman and Sons, Ephrata, PA
 - Leffler Energy, Union Twp
 - Leffler Energy, New Holland, PA
 - Penn Petroleum, Boyertown
- Facilities no longer subject to Tier II reporting submitted notification. Those facilities are:
 - Penn Oil Company locations in Amity and Reading
 - Turkey Hill locations in Hereford and Maiden creek
 - AT&T locations in Exeter and Bethel

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- Parker Hannifin in Bern Twp
- Kore Mart in Hamburg
- Bulk Chemical in Maidencreek

EHS / Tier II Submission Status

Megan Young-Kraft reported that the PATTS application had a failure the day before reporting was due. The state then extended the reporting deadline. Several facilities assumed this applied to the county as well. They were advised it did not and the county deadline is still March 1st. As there are no late fees, this was of little issue.

Updates to our Tier II manager that took place last year have made the planning review process easier. More plans have been submitted and they are now able to be viewed in a .pdf draft. Admins are also able to change the municipalities and first due fire departments of facilities.

297 Tier II reports have been submitted for report year 2021. Income from 2021 fees so far is \$65,825. There were 9 new facilities added.

Hazmat Team Report

Phil Salamone reported 10 responses by the county spill trailers with the following breakdown:

Mt. Penn: 2

Shillington: 2

Hamburg: 1

Walnuttown: 1

Hereford: 0

Rehersburg: 1

The full hazmat team was dispatched on February 8th to Amity Township to assist local fire departments and a spill trailer with an overturned tractor-trailer with a ruptured tank of home heating oil. Operations-level assistance was provided to stop the leak, and the team stood-by on scene as electric crews worked to secure entangled power lines while the trailer was up righted.

The hazmat team trained in identification of unknowns in January, radiological transportation incidents in February, and a level A dress out at a simulated tanker leak in March. New communications equipment is being purchased; microphones and radios will now be integrated into a helmet.

A fire department is still being sought to house the second county foam trailer.

The question was asked regarding the county foam trailers and the use of PFAS in the foam on the county trailers and volunteer fire departments. The foam purchased by the county and distributed to the foam trailers does not have PFAS, and fire departments can no longer purchase foam with PFAS in it.

Old Business

No report

New Business

Committee Reports

- **Planning**
 - A meeting was called to review 3 specific off-site emergency plans but no member of the committee attended the meeting. Another meeting will be rescheduled.
- **Right to Know Requests** (December 13, 2021-March 25 2022)
 - No records found for the following requests for:
 - Chaser Court, Reading
 - Belle Alto Road, South Heidelberg
 - 372 Bellevue Ave., Shoemakersville
 - 30 Ludwig Court, Perry
 - 3639 Arlington Street, Laureldale
 - 901 Hill Ave, Wyomissing
 - 6 Front Street, Mohnton
 - Toll Gate Road and Township Line Road, Amity
 - 110,250,300,410,500,600,740,800 and 900 Corporate Drive, Muhlenberg
 - 184 Tuckerton Road, Muhlenberg
 - 10 Vanguard Drive, Exeter
 - 650 Lincoln Road, Exeter
 - 3 and 6 Caramist Drive, South Heidelberg
 - 4990 Perkiomen Ave, Reading
 - 10 Hyneman Lane, Robesonia
 - 406 E Penn Ave, Robesonia
 - 1188 West Penn Ave, Womelsdorf
 - 17A East Meadow Ave, Robesonia
 - 9 Morgan Drive, Reading
 - 661 Grings Hill Road, Reading
 - 70 and 17A East Meadow Ave, Robesonia
 - Route 222 and Schaeffer Road, Maiden creek
 - 13 Tier II reports for 184 Tuckerton Ct., Muhlenberg were found and sent to the county RTK officer
- **Public Education and Information**

Megan Young-Kraft reported:

 - The American Red Cross in conjunction with the Reading Fire Department is holding a "Sound the Alarm" event on May 14th. Volunteers will canvas a targeted neighborhood in south Reading to install smoke detectors free of charge. Meg will attend as a volunteer and will bring preparedness outreach materials to distribute to families. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Red Cross. Businesses interested in sponsoring the event can also contact the Red Cross
 - Blue Marsh Get Outdoor Day: June 11th from 1000 to 1400. Those interested in manning the LEPC stand can contact Meg.
 - National Night Out is the evening of August 2nd. Volunteers needed as we will attempt to canvas multiple events in the county.

Ignazio said Can Corp will be hosting an employee safety day in June. LEPC will provide outreach materials.

The body was reminded that any companies that host safety days can reach out for materials and volunteers to man an LEPC table.

- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**

- No Report

- **Emergency Response and Resources**

- Meg Young-Kraft reported there will be several FEMA risk assessment classes coming up in April and May hosted by the Reading Fire Dept's Fire Marshal's office at the Berks County Fire Training Center. These courses are designed for first responders and facilities. A follow-up email with registration information will be sent to the body after the meeting. Facilities are encouraged to register as soon as possible and send only 1 or 2 delegates if possible.

- **Membership**

Membership resolutions were received from the office of the Commissioners for:

- Nicholas Lesagonicz
- Allan Fowler
- Brian Smith
- Justin Schlottman

Applications for membership were received from

- Candice Mills of Coyne Chemical
 - A motion was made by Phil Salamone to accept the application and Gary Moulder seconded. None opposed.
- Brett Miller of Giorgi Mushroom
 - A motion was made by Ignazio Sabella to accept the application and Phil Salamone seconded. None opposed

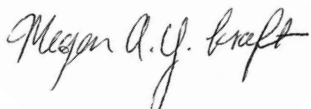
Applications will be forwarded to the Commissioners' office.

Good & Welfare

Megan Young-Kraft reminded the body all agenda items must be submitted to her at least one week prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Gary Moulder, seconded by Harry Adams to adjourn. The motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1530. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1500 on Monday, June 27th, 2022 at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605, and via Teams virtual format.

Respectfully Submitted,



Megan A. Young-Kraft
Recording Secretary, Berks County LEPC