

LEPC Meeting
Thursday, April 21st, 2011
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

J.R. Leuis	WHP
Gary Bailiff	SWCO Commissioner
Chris Jones	Nat'l Weather Service
Kim Collier	Union Pacific RR/Operation Life Saver
David Beltran	MHSC
PJ Luzmoor	Solvay
John Lucas	FMC
Blaine Graham	School District #1
Tory Thomas	WYDOT
Carl Blanksvard	RSFD
Dave Peck	EPA
Rick Cozad	RSFD
David M. Johnson	Sweetwater EMA
Karla Roich	SWC Community Nursing
Holly Dabb	Rocket Miner
Dennis Claman	Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office
Robert Sykes	ExxonMobil
Rudy S. Rodriquez	Williams Northwest Pipeline
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA

Welcome

Dave Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:37.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

Rick Cozad motioned to accept the minutes of the January 13th meeting, Juel Leuis seconded, Holly Dabb abstained and the minutes were approved.

Reports from Committees

Industry Recognition Applications

Phillip Luzmoor motioned that we remove the Industry Recognition from this and future agendas. The motion passed.

Citizen Corps

- **Volunteer Foundation** – Holly Dabb advised the group that The Volunteer Foundation is in the process of restructuring. It was suggested that the foundation utilize the internet to file for 501C3, this method is thought to be much easier than submitting the paperwork thru traditional methods. Sweetwater County Search and Rescue has approached the foundation regarding the possibility of joining the foundation.

- **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)** – We completed a CERT class in February 4th in Rock Springs. The next class hasn't been scheduled yet but, we hope to schedule one in the near future.

Dave Johnson advised the group that Chris Jones from the National Weather Service suggested incorporating Weather Spotter training into our CERT training.

Sweetwater County Emergency Operations Plan – Dave Johnson distributed the Sweetwater County Emergency Operations Plan. The group determined that they would like to wait until after it has been updated to review it. It was suggested that Tory Thomas - with WYDOT, Captain Cunningham – WHP, Bureau of Reclamation, and Community Nursing be added to the distribution list. A committee was formed consisting of Dave Johnson, Judy Roderick, Karla Roich and Rick Cozad. The committee will meet on May 3rd at 1:00 to update the plan.

It was suggested that we include a copy of the EOP in our LEPC notebooks. We also need to update the Hazard Assessment in our notebooks.

After the plan is updated Dave Johnson will give a 10-15 minute presentation to the County Commissioners and the cities.

Old Business

NIMS Update

Karla Roich advised the group that 100% of the Sweetwater County nurses have taken the four basic classes.

Juel Luis advised the group that he manages a Peace Officer Facebook Page. The page is open to anyone but, only Juel can post. Anyone having any training opportunities is encouraged to email Juel at wpoa.media@gmail.com.

Review of Chempack Tabletop Exercise

On March 25th Karla Roich and Memorial Hospital held a Chempack Tabletop Exercise. Approximately 30 responders attended from, Memorial Hospital, Green River Fire Department, Rock Springs Fire Department, Fire District #1, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management. The Scenario was a train derailment near W Bar K trailer park. The derailment resulted in a release of organo phosphorus exposing responders and the public to this nerve agent. Local resources were quickly depleted and arrangements were made to access the chempacks. There are five chempacks staged in the area with the closest being approximately 100 miles away. The chempack(s) could be delivered by helicopter or Highway Patrol.

It was recommended that Karla make the actual calls to test the phone numbers and if the person/entity on the other end of the phone knows what they would do if this was a real call. Karla will make these calls and report at the next meeting.

Master Plan Update for Rock Springs

Carl Blanksvard presented an update on the Master Plan Update for Rock Springs. Rock Springs is currently updating their Hazardous Assessment. There is a possibility that members of the LEPC could receive a survey. There are a few differences between the concerns of the county and the concerns of the county. For example, the county doesn't participate in the flood plan.

WyPA/Green River Basin Pipeline Seminar

Dave Johnson advised the group that the Green River Basin Pipeline Association in conjunction with WyPA (Wyoming Pipeline Awareness) held their annual pipeline awareness seminar on March 8th at the Sweetwater County Events Complex.

Exercises

➤ **Update on ExxonMobil Exercise**

Robert Sykes presented a presentation on an exercise that they are planning for later this year. The scenario is that during the installation of a second party pipeline, on the west side of I80, the installation contractor punctures the ExxonMobil 24" CO₂ pipeline. This will result in a plume across Interstate 80. There will be at least one tabletop exercise leading up to a functional exercise.

➤ **Update on Memorial Hospital Exercise**

David Beltran advised the group that the hospital has a very busy exercise schedule this year with six exercises including a functional this fall. The scenarios for the exercises include a bomb, an infant abduction, severe weather, evacuation and a gunman. The functional will be a chempack exercise this fall possibly using the same scenario as the tabletop that was recently completed.

David Beltran distributed a Hazardous Vulnerabilities Assessment to select attendees and asked that they complete the form and return it to him by the end of the meeting. This information will be included in the 96 hour sustainability plan.

Kim Collier advised the group that UPRR has snow buses that run to assist the RR with employee/supply transportation and if there was a need may be available to help transport critical supplies during an emergency. She wasn't volunteering the RR but did think it might be something that could be checked into.

➤ **Update on Chlorine Spill Exercise**

Dave Johnson advised the group that we are planning a Chlorine Spill Exercise. The scenario is a train accident near Halliburton.

Dave Johnson will contact Thatcher Chemical by Salt Lake City to participate in the tabletop. Phillip will contact the Chlorine Institute. The National Weather Service will also be included. We may possibly put a rail car on the Halliburton spur for the functional exercise. We need to include Halliburton in the exercise; we have heard that they would like to practice their evacuation plan and this may be a good time to incorporate their exercise with ours.

A committee was formed to design this exercise. The committee members are: Carl Blanksvard, Phillip Luzmoor, David Beltran, Dave Johnson, Judy Roderick, Blaine Graham, Rick Cozad, Lyle Armstrong, and Karla Roich. The committee will meet on May 23rd at 9:00 am in the EOC.

➤ **More upcoming exercises**

Dave Johnson also advised the group that our volunteers have been participating in monthly tabletop exercises with this one being a tornado scenario. These are conducted by an internet based company and are available across the country.

The airport will be conducting a tabletop exercise on April 27th.

Sweetwater County will be participating in a communication drill with Daggett County on May 19th. This exercise is the result of an ice fishing incident last year when a couple of fishermen became stranded on a piece of ice that broke away during a fishing derby.

The State of Wyoming and WDOH (Wyoming Department of Health) will be holding a functional SNS (strategic national stockpile) exercise on May 24th to 26th.

Public Health is presenting a radiological tabletop exercise in Pinedale on June 16th during the Public Health Response Coordinator conference.

New Business

Union Pacific Railroad

Kim Collier distributed pamphlets and presented an "Operation Lifesaver – Look, Listen, & Live" presentation for the group. It was a very informative and thought provoking presentation. There are areas along the tracks that are very difficult to reach in a vehicle. Kim is in the process of arranging a tour for the LEPC. She informed us that it takes a train at least a mile to stop and usually over a mile and a half. If you ever become stuck on the tracks get out of the vehicle immediately.

If the need presents itself, and you find yourself responding to a train accident, be advised that the Conductor is responsible for the train list (list of what is being transported on that train). This list is in the lead locomotive but, not in a designated spot; could be in a folder may be lying on the table. Once the train list is located be advised that the cars are listed in order of East to West, not front to rear. The percentage of hazardous materials that are carried on a train varies but, it is rare that a train wouldn't have hazardous material on it.

2010 Tier II Summary

Judy Roderick advised the group that Sweetwater County has received the Tier II reports for 2010 and she is working on compiling the report.

Open Discussion

Retirement

Phillip Luzmoor will be retiring from Solvay at the end of May. Congratulations!!!!!!

Next Agenda

Dave Peck would like to have 20 minutes on the agenda for the next meeting for EPA National Training.

Carl Blanksvard would like to have 30 minutes to present a chemical hazard overview.

Karla Roich has volunteered to present on evacuation routes.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 21st, 2011 at 8:30 am in the EOC at 731 C Street, Building A, Suite #131, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

Adjourn

Rick Cozad motioned, Juel Lewis seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Judy Roderick	Remove the Industry Recognition Award from future agendas.
2	Dave Johnson, Judy Roderick, Karla Roich & Rick Cozad	Update the EOP
3	Judy Roderick	Provide Updates for the LEPC notebooks
4	Karla Roich	Test Chempack calls and report at the next meeting
5	Dave Johnson	Contact Thatcher Chemical about exercise
6	Phillip Luzmoor	Contact the Chlorine Institute
7	Judy Roderick	Present the Tier II data at the next meeting
8	Chlorine Exercise Design Committee	Begin designing the exercise

Attachments: Sign in sheets

The LEPC serves as a group of professionals in the community for the purpose of information, training, discussions, and public education relating to hazardous substances, emergency planning, health, and environmental risks.