

LEPC Meeting – Corrected Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2010
Emergency Management Office
Rock Springs

In attendance:

Jack Thorner	PacifiCorp – JBP
Robert Sykes	Exxon Mobil
Steve Martin	BP
Phillip Luzmoor	Solvay
Melisse Michael	Church & Dwight
John Lucas	FMC
Judy Valentine	Sweetwater County EMA
Bryan Seppie	Joint Powers Water Board
Blaine Graham	School Dist. #1
Lyle Armstrong	Rock Springs Fire Department
Rick Cozad	Rock Springs Fire Department
Judy Roderick	Sweetwater County EMA
Dennis Claman	Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office
David Beltran	MHSC
Monica Johnson	FMC Corp. – Security
Karla Roich	SWC Community Nursing

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 8:33. Judy Valentine welcomed the group.

Approval of Agenda

Bryan Seppie motioned to accept the agenda with modifications as presented; Phillip Luzmoor seconded and the motion was passed.

Introductions

Prior to asking each of the attendees to introduce themselves Judy Valentine announced to the group that Glenn Ford has announced his retirement. Glenn has been the Region VIII EPA representative. Judy Valentine asked for the approval of the LEPC to send a letter from the LEPC thanking Glenn and wishing him well in the future. The group overwhelmingly approved this request and Judy agreed to draft the letter. At this time each attendee introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Judy Valentine asked the group to review the minutes from the November 13, 2009 meeting. Lyle Armstrong motioned that we approve the minutes, Rick Cozad seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Reports from Committees

Industry Recognition Applications

Phillip Luzmoor advised the group that the LEPC hasn't received any applications and the SERC has only received one. The SERC is deciding if that company should automatically win the award. Any industry that would like to apply for this award is encouraged to do so. The

application is available on the Sweetwater County Emergency Management website at: <http://www.sweet.wy.us/ema/duties.html> under the LEPC tab

Citizen Corps

In Holly Dabb's absence, Judy Valentine informed the group that there hasn't been any activity in our CERT program since the last meeting in November. We are hoping to present a CERT class prior to May and we are participating in a Girl Scouts Preparedness Patch event. The Girl Scouts Preparedness Patch has been developed as a result of the CERT program.

Old Business

NIMS Update

Judy Valentine distributed the 2010 NIMS Compliance update and asked the attendees to go to <http://www.training.FEMA.gov/EMIWeb/IS> to complete the online courses. She also advised the group that she submits quarterly updates and would appreciate it if people would send her their certificates or passing email so that she can include them in her updates.

Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment

Judy Valentine distributed the updated Hazard Assessment and backup paperwork. Discussion resulted in the agreement to modify the current column heading from "Potential Severity of the Incident" to "Potential Resource Impact". It was also recommended that we add the definitions to the form. It was suggested that the definitions be presented at the next meeting. John Lucas and Blaine Graham volunteered to participate on the Hazard Assessment/Capabilities Assessment Committee.

New Business

Solvay Sulfur Dioxide Gas Release

Phillip Luzmoor gave a presentation reviewing two recent releases of sulfur dioxide gas. Phillip presented copies of Solvay's plan to Judy Valentine and David Beltran. They were advised that these plans were confidential documents including maps, and phone numbers. Phillip identified that the area needing the greatest improvement was communication with Memorial Hospital as well as Sweetwater County Emergency Management. The MSDS was not faxed to the most convenient fax machine for the Emergency Room. The MSDS would have relayed the information that in most cases decontamination was not required. Contact information has been updated and new safety practices have been put in place to ensure that an already safe work place is even safer.

David Beltran from Memorial Hospital followed Phillip's presentation with his concerns. David advised that he was glad for this opportunity of open dialogue between industry and the hospital. David stated that the main concern with the hospital was also communication. Apparently the first phone call that they received incorrectly stated exposure to H₂S (subject call was made by one of the contractors involved in the incident) and advised that the potential victims should be arriving in 20 minutes. They began arriving at the hospital in 10 minutes and at various entrances. A representative from Solvay did contact the hospital with the correct information. David took this opportunity to explain the capabilities of the hospital in a decontamination incident. David and Phillip exchanged more contact numbers and David advised that they have

decontamination training planned.

Colonel Craig Jackson of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's office was the next one to address this incident. The Sheriff's office would like to be advised anytime an event like this happens. They realize that Emergency Management/LEPC was notified because it is a legal requirement but would prefer for industry to dial 911. By calling 911 they should be able to reach dispatch 24/7 and the dispatcher would determine who should be notified. The dispatcher would be able to advise the hospital as well as any Sheriff Office employees and could pass the information on to Emergency Management/LEPC. This suggestion resulted in discussion as to why industry should dial 911 on non-emergency incidents and disrupt a dispatcher who could be overwhelmed with an emergency. There was also concern with meeting their legal requirement to notify the LEPC. Everyone listened to each other's view and ultimately it will be up to industry to determine who they call.

Colonel Jackson also advised the group that the Sheriff's office will be utilizing WyoLink trunking system in the next 45 days. This will make it impossible for anyone without a very high dollar scanner to be able to scan emergency traffic.

Colonel Jackson also advised anyone with copper on their job sites to please secure it. Copper thieves refer to Sweetwater County as "Copper Heaven".

Exercises:

Fontenelle Dam Exercise

Judy Valentine advised the group that we were continuing on with the Fontenelle Dam exercise that was started a couple of years ago. The exercise had been put on hold with the replacement of both the Green River and Rock Springs City Emergency Management Coordinators. The City of Green River requested this exercise be put on hold because the former Coordinator retired. They wanted to give the new Coordinator some time before conducting this type exercise. The exercise will be held at the end of August or first part of September.

White Powder

Karla Roich advised the group that Public Health has a tabletop exercise scheduled for April 14th. The scenario for this exercise will be a "White Powder" (anthrax) incident. It was suggested that Karla, with the help of Lyle Armstrong and the Regional Response trailer; do a presentation at the next meeting.

Resource Typing

Judy Valentine advised the group that we are continuing to work on our resource list. There was some discussion about water availability during an emergency.

Upcoming Training

One Call/Pipeline Seminar – Thursday, March 4th

Weather Spotter Training – Tuesday, April 13th, WWCC, Room 1309, Rock Springs, WY, 6:00 pm. – This training is excellent if you are interested in learning about weather.

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Basic Emergency Animal Response Training – Thursday-Friday, May 20th-21st, Rock Springs, WY - This training is great training for anyone wishing to develop the skills to respond to, care for and shelter animals during an emergency.

PIO (Public Information Officer) Training – June 7 – This training is excellent for anyone who would like to learn how to handle the release of information.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) – Our next CERT class will be held in Rock Springs. The date will be announced at a later date. We are aiming for March/April possibly Friday evening and all day Saturday for two weeks in a row. Please contact Sweetwater County Emergency Management if you or any group that you are involved with may be interested in this training.

Special Needs Committee/Quarterly Blitz – Shelter in Place & 72 Hour Kit

The quarterly Blitz for March – May is Shelter in Place & 72 Hour Kit. Flyers with this information are available from our office and our website: www.sweet.wy.us/ema.

Open Discussion

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 5th at 8:30 am at Sweetwater County Emergency Management EOC, 731 C Street, Bldg. A, Suite #131, Rock Springs, WY.

Tour

Monica Johnson advised the group that FMC is finalizing their plans to invite the LEPC to tour their facility. The tour will tentatively be held during the first week of April.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33.

Action Items:

	Responsible Individual	Action Item Responsible For
1	Judy Valentine	Present definitions for Hazard Analysis at next meeting
2	Karla Roich & Lyle Armstrong	Presentation on White Powder protocol

Attachments: Sign in sheets

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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.