# **Berks County LEPC**

Local Emergency Planning Committee "Partners in Preparedness"

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# Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes September 27, 2021

# **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ignazio Sabella	Megan Young- Kraft	David Levengood	Harry Adams	Patrick Turnick
Justin Schlottman	Richard Stanley	Richard Tornielli	Bob May	Philip Salamone
John Shook	Stephen Young	Gary Moulder	Erika Wolfe	Charles Zechman

# **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Justin Schlottman	Brian Smith		
Mike Rowley	Nick Lesagonicz	Pat Papoutsis	

# **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 June 2021 meeting were disbursed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Gary Moulder, seconded by Megan Young-Kraft to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for March 2021 were approved.

# Correspondence

- A downstream notification was received from LHT regarding the Sinking Spring Terminals located at 9041 Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring PA.
- A downstream notification was received from GenOn regarding the former Titus Generating Station.
  - Megan Young-Kraft asked the body if anyone knows what the plan is for that site. It was shared that the Reading Eagle article published an article that the new owner intends to use the site to generate steam from recycling and burning plastic

 Dale Vizzini of Materion Brush in Perry Township sent the written notification of their spill of sulfuric acid that took place July 8 2020. Materion had contacted the county and notified the LEPC of the spill via phone the day after the event. No local or county resources were needed at the time of the spill.

#### **EHS / Tier II Submission Status**

Megan Young-Kraft reported the second round of updates to the Tier II Manager have been completed and testing is ongoing. This second update will allow plans to be viewed as a draft and feedback can be sent through the system.

350 tier II reports have been submitted for 2020. Income from 2020 fees is \$105,600 and income from past due amounts is \$4,850 with a total income of \$110,450.

#### **Hazmat Team Report**

Phil Salamone reported no full team responses and 10 responses by the county spill trailers with the following breakdown:

Mt. Penn: 2 Shillington: 1 Hamburg: 3 Muhlenberg: 4

The county's Total Visibility system is undergoing an overhaul; county and local resources will be cataloged with NIMS typing. A fire department is still needed to house a county foam trailer and potentially a spill trailer as Muhlenberg is seeking to return the spill trailer back to the county. Interested departments can contact Phil.

#### **Old Business**

No report

# **New Business**

# **Committee Reports**

#### Planning

- Megan Young-Kraft will reach out to the plans review committee to evaluate plans after the planning upgrades to the Tier II Manager are complete
- **Right to Know Requests** (June 29, 2021-September 27, 2021)

No records found for the following requests for:

- o 71 Vanguard Dr., Reading PA 19606
- o 550 s 5 St., Reading PA
- o 415 Canal St., Reading PA
- 500 Hawk Ridge Dr., Hamburg PA

Tier II reports for 2004-2020 were found for 4275 Reading Crest Ave., Reading PA

# • Public Education and Information

 4 National Night Out events were held in Berks on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Megan Young-Kraft went to the even hosted by Muhlenberg Police department held at Jim Dietrich park. There was a good turnout and they hope to hold the event annually.

# • Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison

 Charles Zechman reminded small quantity generator facilities needed to renotify the EPA of their generator status by September 1, 2021 and every 4 years after.

# • Emergency Response and Resources

No Report

# Membership

Applications for membership were received from:

- Nicholas Lesagonicz of Arkema Inc.
- Alex Melendez of Giorgio Fresh Company
- Brian Smith of Global Advanced Metals

All three were voted to be submitted to the commissioners' office for appointments.

# **Good & Welfare**

Megan Young-Kraft shared updates to the Sunshine Act. All meeting agendas will be physically posted in the building as well as being posted on the Berks LEPC website at least one week prior to the meeting. She reminded the body to submit agenda items ahead of this deadline.

Discussion regarding the December luncheon meeting determined the lunch will be boxed lunches instead of buffet. The body was advised to be on the look out for an RSVP to get a more accurate count.

A motion was made by Charles Zechman, seconded by Bob May to adjourn. The motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1550. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1200 on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605, and via Teams virtual format.

Respectfully Submitted,

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