



**Berks County LEPC**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**"Partners in Preparedness"**

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**Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. John Ravert      | 8. Richard Stanley    | 14. Stephen Young  |
| 2. George Dula      | 9. Megan Young-Kraft  | 15. Lyn Rodino     |
| 3. Mike Rowley      | 10. Brian Smith       | 16. Alex Melendez  |
| 4. John Phillips    | 11. Gary Moulder      | 17. Andrew Harakel |
| 5. Phil Salamone    | 12. Richard Tornielli | 18. Donnie Swope   |
| 6. Corey Williamson | 13. Ignazio Sabella   |                    |
| 7. Chuck Zechman    |                       |                    |

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Michelle Maddox
2. James Lawrence
3. Mike Stalnecker

**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 asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Palmer Chocolate factory explosion 3 days prior. Donnie Swope gave an update to the situation on behalf of Berks EMA.

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

**Minutes from the December 2022 meeting**

Minutes from the December 2022 meeting were disbursed prior to the meeting. Gary Moulder advised of an unfinished sentence in the Tier II update section. The correction was made by Megan Young-Kraft. A motion was made by Gary Moulder, seconded by Chuck Zechman to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for December 2022 were approved.

**Correspondence**

- Written notification of above ground storage tanks from Carpenter Technology
- Written notification of rebranding of Lehigh Cement to Heidelberg Materials effective January 1 2023.
- Downstream Notifications were received from:
  - Artex, Inc., Barnesville
  - Leffler Energy, New Holland

- John Weidman and Sons., Ephrata
  - Leffler Energy, Union Township Berks
  - Penn Petroleum, Douglass Township Berks
- Facilities no longer subject to Tier II reporting submitted notification. Those facilities are:
  - Terra Structures (H&K)
  - Rahn's Construction Material Co. (H&K)
  - Cospro Development Corp.
  - Gaspari Plant 12
  - Gaspari Plant 6
  - AT&T Bernville

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

Megan Young-Kraft reported that as of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 337 reports were submitted.

Facilities that have not reported as of March 27<sup>th</sup>:

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| 1. Amerigas, 3 of their facilities      | 10. Reading Alloys         |
| 2. Birdsboro Kosher Farms               | 11. ReFineD Plastics       |
| 3. City of Reading WWTP                 | 12. Remcon Plastics        |
| 4. DirectLink Technologies              | 13. Santander, 3 locations |
| 5. EasyPak                              | 14. Savor Street Foods     |
| 6. Encompass Health                     | 15. Scicast International  |
| 7. Industrial Metal Plating             | 16. Sonoco Products        |
| 8. Boyertown Water Plan                 | 17. Sweet Street Desserts  |
| 9. Maiden creek Township wells and WWTP | 18. Western Berks WWTP     |
|   | 19. XPO Logistics          |

An email reminder was sent through the system the day after reports were due. A letter to each facility will be sent April 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by a certified letter May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

Phil Salamone reported 3 responses by the county spill trailers. 3 new members were welcomed to the hazmat team.

### **Old Business**

No report

### **New Business**

#### ***Committee Reports***

- **Planning**
  - So far 168 facilities have EHS>TPQ.
- **Right to Know Requests** (December 2022-March 2023)
  - No records found for the following requests for:
    - 1630 N 9<sup>th</sup> St Reading
    - 951 N 6<sup>th</sup> St Reading
    - 600 Spring St Reading
    - 51 Primrose St Hamburg
    - 524 High Blvd Kenhorst
    - 1651 New Holland Rd Kenhorst
    - 4450 N 5<sup>th</sup> St Hwy Muhlenberg

- 9190 Old Rt 22 Bethel
  - 620 Franklin St Shoemakersville
  - 3121 State Hill Rd Spring
  - Railroad at Centre Ave and N 5 St Reading
  - 21 Fairlane Rd Exeter
- Reports from 2005-2015 (except 2013) for 184 Tuckerton Rd., Muhlenberg were found and sent to the county RTK officer
- **Public Education and Information**
  - Megan Young-Kraft reported:
    - National Night Out is the evening of Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Save the date, volunteers needed as we will attempt to canvas multiple events in the county.
    - American Red Cross Sound the Alarm Event will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers or companies interested in donating can find information on their website.
    - Contact Meg if your company has any type of safety day and you need handouts.
- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**
  - Chuck Zechman reported the Toxic Waste Inventories are due July 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Emergency Response and Resources**
  - PEMA recently used grant funding to procure props for rail trainings. Interested organizations can reach out to Mike Manley for information.
- **Membership**
  - No report

#### **Global Advanced Metals Presentation**

Brian Smith of GAM shared information about recent upgrades and additions to the facility, as well as the recent response to a small fire on site.

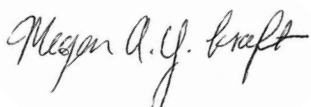
#### **Good & Welfare**

John Ravert asked if anyone knew of an after action report available from the East Palestine rail incident. To the body's knowledge none had been released yet.

Donnie Swope reminded the body that if they have a decent media contact to ask them to come to LEPC meetings.

A motion was made by George Dula, seconded by John Ravert to adjourn. The motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1557. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1500 on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 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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Recording Secretary, Berks County LEPC