

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015

Those in attendance: Terry Wolfe, Rick Long, Denny Austin, Tracy Powell, Duane Grange, Lori Bullock, Tony DiMare, Lisa Gogal, Jim Berggreen, Nate Webb, Brigid Kennedy, Jackie Higdon

Rick opened the meeting at 12:06pm.

The group discussed the criteria for reporting to the LEPC. The main determiner would be those entities who house EHS reportable chemicals, including materials that contain the reportable chemical – for instance Costco has several electric lifts, which use batteries that contain EHS reportable chemicals, so they will be on the list of the companies that should participate in the LEPC reporting. Terry shared that some businesses, such as Roseburg Lumber, use proprietary chemicals, so it would be up to the committee to find out if any are EHS reportable.

Terry shared the main goal of the LEPC is to assist first responders in gathering information of potentially harmful chemicals, and where they are housed in a facility, so responders can be well prepared in case of an emergency. He noted that some of the information found in the report is confidential.

Terry forwarded Mid-Valley's proposal to Wayne to use as a reference when writing grant request for Douglas County. The deadline to apply is in January. He went on to say 40-50% of companies participate in the LEPC, and Douglas County has approximately 31 companies that house EHS reportable materials. A contractor hired by the LEPC would go to businesses who meet the EHS reporting requirement and do not participate in the LEPC.

The group discussed the pros and cons of NFPA and GHS. Terry recommended leaving the NFPA stickers up in addition to the new GHS.

Next steps: the committee needs to determine the scope of the project, the grants they would like to apply for, and select a contractor. Terry suggested calling or sending a letter to those that aren't yet participating to invite them to meetings, and to notify them that a contractor will be visiting them.

The grant moneys are only for EHS focus, but the committee should note other substances and their characteristics, especially if it is something that reacts to water. The committee can also apply for grants next year.

The board will meet to discuss next steps, and Terry offered to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm. The next meeting will be held December 9th, location to be determined.