

Morrow County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Port of Morrow Building, 2 Marine Dr. Boardman, Oregon
November 20, 2012

Attendees 14

Good Standing Facilities: 11 of 19

Marc Rogelstad, Suzanne Gray; **Boardman Rural Fire**; Robert Schilling; **Calbee North America**; Mindy Binder, **Columbia River Health**; David Hodges, **Columbia River Processing**; Dave Nevin, **ConAgra Foods**; Dave Marsing, Roy Brown, **Morrow Cold Storage**; Wendy Koenig, **Morrow Co. VA Clinic**; Curtis Cutsforth; **PGE**; Kevin Gilbertson, **Port of Morrow**; Bill Langley, **Reclaim**; Don Kennedy; **Watts Brothers – ConAgra Foods**;

Not in Good Standing Facilities: 1 of 17

Kristi Wheeler-Johnson, **Morrow County Health Department**

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.

A. Dave Marsing made motion to approve minutes from September 18, 2012 LEPC meeting. **Michael Runyon** seconded the motion.

B. Chair report.

1) *Vote for officers*

- a) Per bylaws and conversation with **Don Kennedy**, Dan Turley, current vice-chair, will serve as chairman for the next two years.
- b) **Bill Langley** volunteered to serve as vice-chairman for 2013-2015 term. Don Kennedy reviewed duties from bylaws stating that the vice-chair facilitates meetings in the chair's absence.
- c) **Don Kennedy** stated that Tina Livingston and Yvette Medelez are interested in the Information Coordinator position.
- d) Don Kennedy and Dan Turley to coordinate future visit by Sue Ojten, Office of State Fire Marshal, to have roles and goals of Morrow County LEPC defined. An emergency action plan needs to be developed as stated in the bylaws.

2) *Subcommittee concerns*

- a) **Travis Hyder** is in the process of updating emergency contact list for all shift contacts. The most current list will be presented at the January meeting.
- b) Invitations were sent to the non-attending members for increased participation and information on changes in personnel. No responses have been received.
- c) Reestablishing subcommittees with solid chairpersons and clear directives is very important. A function of LEPC is to exchange information between emergency services, industry and community members.
 - (i) **Kevin Gilbertson** stated that Port of Morrow is looking into upgrading programs to meet standards for a confined space rescue team.
 - (ii) **Dave Nevin** knows interested co-workers who want to serve on subcommittees. **Marc Rogelstad** suggested Dan Turley and Bill Langley contact people who would be potential subcommittee chairs before the next meeting. The appointment of subcommittee chairs was tabled until the January meeting.
 - (iii) Topics for subcommittees were also tabled.

3) *TransCanada Natural is replacing a section of Gas Pipeline between Morrow Cold Storage and PGE Coyote Springs Plant.*

As the result of an evaluation of the pipeline conditions per the TransCanada Integrity Management Program this section of the pipe was suspected of having potential problems which prompted TransCanada to expose the pipe for a detailed inspection. The inspection found that a portion of the pipe had been encased in concrete adjacent to the water supply piping for Coyote Springs. This created concern that over time corrosion could develop on the gas pipe underneath the concrete and as a result TransCanada elected to replace that section of piping. In order to prevent shutting down the Coyote Springs gas turbines and ConAgra Line 5, TransCanada performed this work by installing a full flow bypass line by 'hot-tapping' the line and isolating the section covered in concrete so that it could be removed and replaced. They did all this work without interrupting the gas flow to the plants. They have successfully completed this work and the roadway should be repaired and returned to the public by the end of this week.

4) *Emergency Alert System/Incident Notification*

- a) **Kristi Wheeler-Johnson** will devote time to set up the Health Alert Network notice system once the contact information is collected. She has begun discussions with Nick May, primary trainer and state administrator of HAN. *Alert by List* will send messages by fax, e-mail and phone. She also discussed using small scope initially and deciding if an agency would be on multiple lists.

D. New Business

- 1) Two public hearings held at the Port of Morrow were discussed by **Curtis Cutsforth**.
 - a) December 3, 2012 at 6:00 pm regarding biomass material storage
 - b) December 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm regarding Ambre Energy – Pacific Coal Project
- 2) Booster shots for Pertussis (Whooping Cough) and flu vaccines are encouraged.
- 3) Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis for Morrow County was completed June 30, 2012. **Kristi Wheeler-Johnson** is available to give a power point presentation.
- 4) **Dave Nevin** reported that ConAgra Line 5 will begin expansion east of current location in February 2013. Access to the facility will be rerouted. One hundred positions will be added and it will be largest potato processing plant for ConAgra.
- 5) **David Hodges** stated that Columbia River Processing has broken ground on a powder whey plant. Operations are expected to begin January 2014 with the addition of thirty to fifty positions.

- 6) **Robert Schilling** of Calbee North America completing second production line with an increase of thirty positions.
- 7) **Wendy Koenig** expressed concern at lack of affordable housing in Boardman. **Marc Rogelstad** noted that city, county and port are working on the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 am

Next meeting: January 15, 2013 10 am Riverfront Room at the Port of Morrow Building