

**Morrow County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Port of Morrow Building, 2 Marine Dr. Boardman, Oregon**  
**May 19, 2015**

**Meeting Minutes**

***In attendance:*** Amazon-Alma Gomez **Boardman Foods**-Cindy Burright; **Boardman Rural Fire District**-Marc Rogelstad; **Calbee North America**-Liz Morris; **City of Boardman**-Rick Stokoe, Kevin Kennedy; **Columbia River Community Health Services**-Deena Gallaway; **Morrow County School District**-Dirk Dirksen; **Morrow County Sherriff's Office**-Steve Myren; **Morrow County VA Clinic**-Michael Runyon; **Pacific Ethanol** –Dave Richards; **PGE-Coyote Springs**-Dan Turley, Mike Garrett; **Port of Morrow**-Scott Neal; **River Point Farms**-Tom Rausch; **West Extension Irrigation**-Lisa Baum; **ZeaHem**-Pete Wilhelm; **State Fire Marshall's office**-Terry Wolfe; **Umatilla County LEPC**-Scott Stanton; **Hermiston Amateur Radio Club**-Don Drayton.

**10:00am** ~ call the meeting to Order:

- Review and approve the minute:
  - **Due to a computer mishap, the minutes from the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were lost.**
- Review any 'Lessons Learned', any information to share with committee members that could help others improve safety and/or communication within our group and/or the community.
  - **It was reported that a Port fire hydrant was hit rupturing the line. This fire hydrant has not been replaced yet. The water release was pretty bad causing the east plant of ConAgra to go down to 90 PSI at one point.**
  - **A repository for records is being worked on. The server will be installed at the fire station. This would allow backup systems and secured Emergency Management. This will be good as Dan stated that the LEPC storage drive is getting full so this would be a great tool for storage.**
  - **Everyone was reminded that there is a lot of construction and traffic on Lewis and Clerk Drive. Please obey the speed in these areas for safety purposes. Roadside work is being done which places these workers in jeopardy.**
  - **The Region 10 HazMat provider was interested in looking at our members Emergency Action Plans so they are aware of how we will handle emergencies and be able to work with us better.**
  - **The Ports new freezer has 9000 gallons of ammonia on sight and will require more as it grows.**
  - **The Sub Station is going in and another larger one is coming on 4.5 acres on Lewis and Clerk Drive.**
- Subcommittees Reports:
  1. Information & Emergency Response – Travis Hyder  
Review actions in the previous Minutes  
**Nothing new.**
  2. Training –Mike Garrett  
Begin preparation of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant application for consultant support to develop emergency response plan next year.  
**Our grant proposal has been submitted.**
- Old Business
  - We are still working to contact the entities listed here to get their plans into us.**
    - Ask for Emergency Response Plans, following facilities still not on file:  
City of Heppner, Morrow County Fair, Morrow County School District, Willow Creek Energy Center

- New Business
  - **Confined Space training will be offered by the City of Pendleton. Chief Palmer says the training will be June 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interest, please contact Chief Palmer.**
  - **Scott Stanton– Hermiston Fire Chief/LEPC rep/HazMat Team – Review of Recent Activity**
    - 5 Team Responses**
      - 1. Arlington semi fire with diesel leak. Built 4 container vessels to capture runoff.**
      - 2. Hwy 730 diesel spill with short team.**
      - 3. Pendleton semi fire with 2000 gallons of Glycol Ether**
      - 4. Railroad derailment at Meacham. Had 1 car of Methylene Diphenyl Discyante, LPG and bulk plastic potash cars. No leaks detected.**
      - 5. ConAgra in Hermiston had 300 gallon of chlorine pumped into their Phosphoric Nitrate tank. Little mitigation needed from team.**
  - **Quite a few LEPC members were able to attend the LEPC training offered recently. Mike Runyan reminded everyone that it is imperative to notify the Oregon and the National Response Center immediately if we experience a release for review and approval at the next meeting.**
  - **A discussion was held concerning a change to our By-laws. If we were to have an incident at any of our facilities, a call to 911 would count as a call to the LEPC. Dan will add this to the by-laws and send an updated copy to all.**
  - **Discussed the reporting requirements chemicals on the EPA List of Lists and that facilities should have an abbreviated list with the chemicals they have on site showing the reportable quantities to help with reporting in the event of a spill or release. It was reminded that when calling the Response Center that it is best to report the possible loss of the entire content of the tank or container if the release is not stopped and then the quantity can be revised once the leak is stopped.**
    - **The Fire Chief reiterated this issue as the information reported by the fire department must match what we have reported in our call.**
  - **We were reminded that the National Weather Service would be extremely helpful during a release and or if we were having a drill to provide environmental condition information.**
  - **The BMCC bond passed and that will give 348 k to Hermiston fire towards building a training tower. HFES board has approved maintaining tower and help building it and looking for more partnerships in its building and other props that are needed for regional training needs.**
  - **The state is looking at 6 foam trucks to be placed around the state with teams to help mitigate a crude oil fire. This issue is in the legislature at this time.**
  - **HazMat is getting a new truck to help with response times at the main station in Hermiston. This should help to be 10 to 15 minutes quicker in responses.**
  - **The Railroad is doing a lot of work on safety when it comes to hauling hazardous chemicals including bulking up the rail cars.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.**

**\*\*PLEASE STACK CHAIRS ALONG WINDOW WALL\*\***

**Next meeting: July 21, 2015 10am**