

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEPC
Meeting Minutes
Friday November 13, 2015
Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center – Portland, OR

Members Present: Recorded by sign-in sheet

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Members present approved meeting minutes from October 9, 2015

Rachel Madjlesi and Terry Wolfe provided an update of the HMEP Grant process

- Need to confirm what entity will manage the grant once it is awarded
 - Will probably be Mt. Hood Community College since they have managed grants in the past

Jim Dunlap discussed training activities

- Requested feedback on the Well Head Protection Plan presentation
- Trying to schedule a training session on forklift batteries

Members present introduced themselves.

Terry Wolfe of Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office discussed the regulations that created Local Emergency Planning Committees

- Reviewed and provided a handout "LEPC PLAN PROVISIONS / Also known as the 9 Planning Elements"
- Pointed out that there is vested interest from Emergency Management, FBI, and Rail Road hazmat representatives attending the LEPC meetings to share resources and knowledge
- Raised awareness that there are a large number of facilities with EHS materials in Multnomah County beyond the 140 facilities that trigger reporting thresholds
- Discussed chemical release incidents in Bhopal, India and Institute, West Virginia that resulted in the Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act and provided a handout summarizing the regulation
- Discussed LEPC's role in determining what each regulated facility's plan is for responding to a release, but OSHA and DEQ determine if the plan complies with regulations
- Discussed and provided a handout "State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Summary"
- Explained that the last step for Multnomah County LEPC is to develop a written plan that is inclusive of the 9 planning elements, and has a template available

Jim Dunlap reviewed a proposed outreach letter to be sent to facilities reporting Extremely Hazardous Substances at or above threshold planning limits on the Hazardous Substance Information Survey to raise awareness that LEPC meetings are being held

Don Pettit of DEQ and Jeff Dukes of Union Pacific Railroad discussed Oregon DOT's rail division being required to distribute information to the affected community

- ODOT was sued by the Oregonian to release Union Pacific's Commodity Flow Study
- Union Pacific is working with ODOT to strike a balance between providing information to those entities that need it and can use it for emergency planning and addressing security concerns related to releasing detailed information on large quantities of hazardous materials

Jeff Dukes of Union Pacific Railroad and Justin Piper of BNSF Railway discussed programs that are available if requests for training are received.

- Training for fire departments on railcar response
- Oregon requested that 7 foam trailers be made available at various locations in Oregon that are being placed in OSFM locations

Jim Dunlap noted that the FBI's Citizens Academy program will hold its next class in the spring. Those interested need to apply for the 7 week course that ends with a day at the bomb/firing range.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15