

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**January 20, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.**  
Hermiston Fire Station #3  
78760 Westland Rd, Hermiston

**Present:**

Richard Garcia, US Army Corps of Engineers; Barron Feit, US Army Corps of Engineers; Jennifer Graham, US Army Corps of Engineers; Pat Hart, LEPC Contractor; Klaus Hoehna, City of Pendleton; Ryan McMillen, Crop Production Services; Doug Paine, Good Shepherd Medical Center; Craig Williams, Hermiston Foods; Carol Vorce, Hermiston Foods; Tim Beal, Hermiston Generating; Gary Betts, KBLU-FM Radio; Virginia Blakelock, KBLU-FM Radio; David Hodges, Marlette Homes; Vincent Papol, NOAA, Dean Marcum, Oregon Public Health / Stanfield Fire; Terry Wolfe, Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office; Deborah Fritts, PGG; Jacob Devine, Smith Frozen Foods; Ryan Bagley, Smith Frozen Foods; Sharon Waldern, Umatilla County Health Dept.; Jack Remillard, UCEM; Jodi Florence, UCEM; Alan Polan, Umatilla County ARES/RACES

**Approval of Minutes**

Approved.

**Amateur Radio Emergency Service / Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (ARES/RACES)**

Alan Polan is the ARES/RACES Coordinator for the Umatilla County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). They are able to use "HAM" radios to communicate emergency messages when phone lines and internet is not working. They are able to communicate with Oregon Emergency Management and other HAM radio operators throughout the area.

Good Shepherd Medical Center also has a HAM radio station at the hospital.

**State Fire Marshal's Office**

Terry Wolfe – The HMEP grant will be opening again for applications. There will be improvements with the guidelines.

The LEPC Conference will be in Seaside on May 12-14. (See below for more information)

**LEPC Emergency Plan Update**

HMEP Grant - Pat Hart is working on the Emergency Response Plan (ERP). There are forty-six companies in Umatilla County with EHS. Many of those companies are on the EHS list due to having batteries on site. We won't need to include those in the ERP. Pat will be calling on facilities to complete their portion of the plan.

Once the Plan is approved, LEPC will need to review and update it annually.

**Drills/Exercises**

Cascadia Exercise - June 2016 – This will be a large multi-state exercise. Oregon Emergency Management will begin drills to get ready for this exercise. The first drill will be on February 12, 2015. The State will have a drill once per quarter. If you are interested in participating or would like to attend the EOC in Pendleton, let Jack Remillard know (jack.remillard@umatillacounty.net).

Facilities here need to begin thinking about how they would handle a 9.0 earthquake off the coast of Oregon, Washington or California. The biggest issues Eastern Oregon may see are power outages and possibly lack of transportation, which could affect getting supplies into our area. Encourage your employees to be personally prepared for emergencies, as well as your facility.

Dean Marcum with Oregon Public Health reminded members that they are looking for agencies to participate in exercises. Our local hospitals are required to have exercises and working with a facility helps everyone to be prepared for a real emergency. An exercise also is good publicity for a facility. It shows the community that you are working on preparedness. If you are interested or have questions, contact Dean at dean.marcum@state.or.us.

### **Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan**

No report

### **HAZMAT Spills/Reports**

January 17<sup>th</sup>, semi-truck carrying drilling oil caught fire and burned. The HazMat team responded. The runoff from extinguishing the fire carried the material into the ground near the Sheriff's Office in Pendleton. An environmental recovery company spent several days digging up the ground in the area.

### **LEPC Conference - May 12-14, 2015 @ Seaside, OR**

All LEPC members are invited to attend the conference. Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office pays for expenses for about 75 people. The conference includes topics on HazMat, transportation issues related to hazardous materials and all aspects of LEPC's. It is a great place to network with other LEPC members from around the State.

**Next Meeting Date: March 17, 2015 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**Location: PGG Boardroom (upstairs), 1000 SW Dorion, Pendleton**