

LINCOLN COUNTY
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Wednesday, June 23, 2015
Room 248, Lincoln County Service Center

Members Present: Bill Bialecki, Cory Arndt, Jeff Kraft, Dave Savone, Robert Pound, Ken Neff, and Clarann Stocker

Members Missing: Bob Lussow, Jeff Jaeger, Shelley Hersil, John Peeters

Guests Present: Michelle Hartness (WEM NE Region Director), Jason Christopherson (REI) and Ken Lassa (REI)

1. Call Meeting to Order/Introductions

Bialecki called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

M/S Stocker/Arndt - to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Motion carried all ayes.

3. Lincoln County Household/AG/Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection program – Kraft reviewed the upcoming collection and handed out brochures. The Solid Waste department has obtained a grant for the collection. I will be free to households and a small fee to AG/Small Business. Date is Sat. Aug. 8th from 8:00a.m. to noon at the Lincoln County Landfill. Discussion followed.

4. 2015 Computer and HAZ-MAT Equipment Grant request update – Kraft advised that the equipment requested by Oneida County HAZ-MAT team has been purchased and has arrived. Tomahawk FD has submitted their invoice. As soon as all invoices are in the grant reimbursement request will be made. Discussion followed.

5. Facilities Update and State - Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Facilities Report
There are seven extremely hazardous sites; 35 hazardous chemical sites (tier 2). Three off-site plans were done earlier this year (Frontier Communications in Merrill & Tomahawk and Northern Wire). The Other four (PCA, WAL-MART, Northland Stainless and Merrill Waste Water Treatment) will be done before the end of September. Discussion followed.

6. Spill Reports

Two spills were reported in Lincoln County. One was at the Gaeu farm south of Merrill involving a liquid manure release into a creek. The other was at Louisiana Pacific involving a hydraulic hose break on a truck. DNR was contacted in both and reports filed. Discussion followed.

7. Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System (WHOPRS) Issues

Kraft stated that there was to be training on using the program for off-site plans, etc. Michelle Hartness from WEM advised it was rescheduled. Also that updated software is supposed to be resolving problems that Fire Departments had with the program. Discussion followed.

8. HAZ-MAT Training – Kraft advised that he received a grant for HAZ-MAT Technician training at NTC in Merrill starting in July. Handouts passed out for this and ICS300, ICS400 and PIO training that will be held in Merrill this summer. Discussion on these followed.

9. REI Spill presentation - Ken Lassa and Jason Christopherson from REI Civil and Environmental Engineering gave a presentation on Hazardous chemicals, the laws regarding spill cleanup and their work in Wisconsin.

10. Next Meeting Date

September 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Service Center

11. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 11:41am.

Minutes prepared by Jeff Kraft, June 23, 2015.