

*The Deer Park LEPC is a cooperative partnership between community, government, emergency response agencies, businesses, and industry striving to promote and maintain public health and safety by preparing for hazardous materials-related incidents as part of a comprehensive community program. Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by providing hazard awareness education, training exercises, emergency response plans and an emergency notification system.*

## DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

OF

A MEETING OF THE DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE DOW BUILDING, 4460 HWY 225, ROOM 1012, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Introductions

Company Overview — Geo Specialty Chemicals

Presentation – Hurricane Harvey

Public Comments on LEPC Mission/Function (3 minute time limit)

Minutes – August 22, 2017

Financial Report – August 2017

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents  
E-Notify Training

Community Awareness

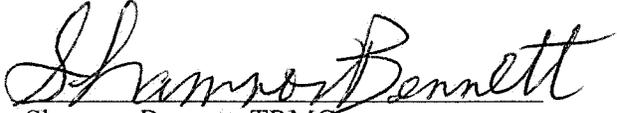
Upcoming events  
November 4<sup>th</sup> 125 Celebration  
2018 Calendar  
LEPC Website

Emergency Response/Transportation

2018 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2017 - Oct.24 and Nov.28

  
Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted September 22, 2017

TO: Deer Park LEPC

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SUBJECT: Minutes of September 26, 2017 - Hosted by Dow

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Self-introductions were given by Chris Miller, Director of Manufacturing with GEO Specialty, Jason Godfrey with Draeger and Armando Martinez with ITC.

**PRESENTATION**

**Company Overview** – Mario Saenz of GEO Specialty Chemicals gave an overview of their Deer Park facilities. Originally owned and operated by W.R. Grace, Dow acquired the facility in 1997, with GEO acquiring the 110 acre manufacturing facility in 2005. Located in CIMA Zone 3, the facility currently produces Glycine, DAXAD Dispersing Agents and Water Treatment Chemicals. The Deer Park site has a fourteen member Emergency Response Team trained in Medical needs, 40 hour Hazmat Technicians, Industrial Fire Brigade and Confined Space/High Angle Rescue Technicians. (Exhibits A1-A5)

**Presentation** – Robert Hemminger, Communications Subcommittee Chair gave a presentation on Hurricane Harvey. In opening, he invited industry members to participate in an open dialogue regarding Hurricane Harvey and how it impacted their facilities. Reflecting on all of the events surrounding Harvey's impact on our area, he displayed photos of the flooding in Deer Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

There were no comments.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Buddy Rice and seconded by Norma Hysler to accept the minutes for August 22, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Motion was made by Chuck Wolfe and seconded by Kevin Rodgers to accept the financial reports for August 22, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive Committee, Jay Stokes reported:**

**Budget and 501c3** – “We will soon be doing the budget and we are working to obtain a 501c3 status for the LEPC, which will make it independent from the City. Shannon and I had a conference call with the firm that is helping us with obtaining an EIN number and a tax id number which will take four to six weeks to complete. Hopefully by the first of the year this will be completed.”

**Communications Subcommittee, Robert Hemminger reported:**

**Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents** – Richard Philbrick of Shell reported, “We experienced roof issues during Hurricane Harvey, which we handled the incidents well and communicated with Robert and the City. About a week later, we had a two hundred fifty pound steam line rupture. We were down, so it was a significant noise event. It took us twelve to fourteen hours to get it isolated, but we were able to isolate it and get it repaired. There was kind of like a flaring event. It was a noticeable sound here in Deer Park.” Discussion followed on how to handle like events in the future in relating the information of like incidents to the City because of the strong noise level.

Ray Cook of Dow reported, “On Friday night, August 25th, during Hurricane Harvey, as the rain progressed, it was about 3 a.m. on Saturday that we started overflowing the waste treatment plant of our facility. It was in the stage where its’ in the bulk treatment process and it get overflow the waste treatment facility and went into the Oxy facility and the flood control ditch between our facilities. This lasted until about 3 p.m. on Saturday. It was basically bio-sludge and not chemicals per say.”

Kevin Machemehl of OxyVinyls reported, “Oxy had a hydrochloric acid leak last Monday from a flow transmitter. We sounded a Level 2 and it lasted about fifteen minutes. Just the wind direction, we wanted to do a Level 2. While it wasn’t affecting the community, it could have possibly affected Shell, so we wanted to let them know.”

**E-Notify Training** – Mr. Hemminger advised that there are changes to the E-Notify System and CAER Line so make certain you see the schedule and get signed up for the upcoming training. The CAER Line will become extinct and new online information will soon be available. (Exhibit B)

**Christina Perez, Community Awareness Subcommittee, reported:**

**Volunteers** - “We have three events coming up, the next one being National Night Out on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have enough volunteers for this. The City Council and Wally will be visiting different locations during National Night Out. A sign-up sheet was passed around covering the other events.”

**Hot Zone Conference** – “We have the Hot Zone Conference and will be setting up on October 19<sup>th</sup> and participating on the first day only, on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We still need help on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We have two more slots open, so I’ll pass this sheet around for signing up.”

**125<sup>th</sup> Celebration on November 4<sup>th</sup>** – “This will be the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Concert that Shell is actually sponsoring in conjunction with the City. We have some opportunities there for some help as well, which will be a very nice event. We have another planning meeting on that this afternoon.”

**2018 Calendar** - “We are very close to being done. We have another calendar meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> if anyone would like to come. If you have some coworkers that are good at proofreading, we need more eyes to help in avoiding typos or anything missed.”

**LEPC Website** – “The LEPC website is moving under the umbrella of the City’s website during the month of December. We do need comments from the Subcommittee chairs, which I sent them out to you digitally. We need your comments as soon as possible. If any others want to look at the website and offer any comments, Shannon and Loretta will be glad to take those.”

**Emergency Response/Transportation, Ray Cook reported:**

**2018 Drill** – “The committee has been meeting again and the discussion we’ve had previously was to plan for a combined drill with the local LEPC’s. I have reached out to Southeast, La Porte, Deer Park and Greater Harris County to do a combined drill. After this meeting and after the rest of the regular meetings, we will start trying to put some of this into perspective and we will need volunteers from Emergency Response to start working with the other LEPC’s to see if we can plan the drill that is multi-jurisdictional. We are going to try and kick that off again. Following this meeting, we will have a Drill Committee meeting. If you can’t make it, feel free to send me an email. We will be trying to get this going and if I’m not available, Mark Turvey will be backing me up.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A representative with Witt O’Brien announced hiring opportunities with their company across the United States due to the impact of the Hurricanes.

**NEXT MEETING**

Dow will host on October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Deer Park School District will be hosting the first three or four meetings in 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Shannon Bennett, TRMC  
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:

  
James Stokes  
Chairman

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