

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 DEER PARK CITY HALL, 710 E. SAN AUGUSTINE, DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON August 27, 2019 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Presentation – ECHMA Update by Chris Hext

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

Minutes – June 25, 2019

Financial Report – July and August 2019

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

Membership Photo

Volunteer Opportunities

2020 Calendar

Emergency Response/Transportation

2019 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2019 – Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Dec 3


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted August 23, 2019

TO: Deer Park LEPC

14-39

SUBJECT: Minutes August 27, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Vice-Chairman, Mark Turvey led members in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Robert Hemminger introduced Hunter Hayes, EMS Intern. Self-introductions were given by Cody Stephens with Aqua Solutions, Mike Niles with CTEH, Ron Carr with Access Control Technology, Charlie Bryant with NRC, Robert Campise with Lubrizol, Francoise Robe with RWDI and Andy Smith with the San Jacinto Historical Site.

Jay Stokes commented on the representation of the Deer Park LEPC at the Deer Park Community Advisory Council's meeting on Monday, August 26th, 2019. The Deer Park LEPC was represented by Christina Perez, Community Awareness Chair, Robert Hemminger, Communications Chair and Mark Turvey and David Wade. Thank you to all that spoke and represented the Deer Park LEPC.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

There was none.

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

There were none.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Kevin Rodgers and seconded by Norma Hysler to accept the minutes of June 25, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Andrew Smith and seconded by Kevin Machemehl to accept the financial report of July and August 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Chairman, Jay Stokes reported: "Again I'd like to say thank you for last night's presentation and we'll soon be working on the budget and the things that we do in the fall."

Communications Committee Chair, Robert Hemminger reported:

“Before we cover incidents from industries, Dan Heiken reminded me of an incident that occurred with the E-Notify System. When Baytown Exxon had their explosion, they used the E-Notify and they are a relatively new user of E-Notify. The emergency contact information for that incident somehow got released to the media within minutes of the beginning of the incident. The person that was relaying the information to local officials, was getting swarmed with media inquiries on their cell phone. For your peace of mind and also as a reminder, remember that the point of contact information noted in the E-Notify System is for emergency response relating to the incident. It isn't for media purposes. We are making every effort to make certain the Dispatch Centers are aware of this.”

Mr. Hemminger continued, “As an update on our Siren System, as of yesterday, five of the ten sites have been done here in Deer Park and the other five are on schedule. The equipment is in and we are 50% complete. We are receiving positive feedback from the Community through our Dispatch regarding hearing the sirens.”

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents – Bryan Moody with Shell reported, “On July 30th, we had a small oil spill into the ship channel that was cleaned up by third party and our Emergency Response.”

Michael Shirey with OxyVinyls reported, “On Saturday, August 3, 2019 at approximately 10:25 hours, OxyVinyls notified the Deer Park LEPC via E-Notify of a CAER Level 2 vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) release from our Deer Park PVC/Caustic Plant. The site experienced an unplanned shutdown of the site steam generating boilers resulting in a drop in the steam header pressure. At 10:25 a.m., an area VCM sensor detected fugitive VCM in the operating area. Operations responded to the alarm in an effort to determine the source of the VCM. Their investigation identified that PVC slurry was discharging from two locations on the steam header where steam is typically vented to the atmosphere. Operations personnel isolated all process equipment that was directly connected to the steam header and which may back PVC slurry into the steam header to mitigate the release. The release occurred for approximately 2 hours and 12 minutes. There were no observed or reported offsite impacts from this release. Subsequent investigation and calculation showed a release of approximately 15.6 pounds of VCM vs 1 pound RQ.”

Mr. Shirey continued, “On Wednesday August 14, 2019 at approximately 03:50 hours, OxyVinyls notified the Deer Park LEPC via E-Notify of a CAER Level 2 vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) release from the Deer Park PVC/Caustic Plant. The report was submitted out of an abundance of caution when an area VCM sensor detected fugitive VCM in the operating area from an unknown source. It was subsequently determined the area alarm was activated by a permitted fugitive leak. There were no observed or reported offsite impacts from this incident. Since the RQ was not exceeded during the event, this release is not reportable.”

“On Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at approximately 12:01 hours, OxyVinyls notified the Deer Park LEPC via E-Notify of a CAER Level 2 vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) release from our Deer Park PVC/Caustic Plant. A leak was observed between the top head of west VCM charge filter and the filter body. Once the leak was identified, the filter was removed from VCM service and

pulled under a vacuum to clear the filter of VCM and stop the release. The report was submitted as a precaution since the system contains VCM with a reportable quantity (RQ) of 1 pound, and the amount released was unknown. The release was calculated to be 0.8 pounds of VCM based upon system pressure, leak size and the duration of the release. There were no observed or reported offsite impacts from this release. Since the RQ was not exceeded during the event, this release is not reportable.”

Community Awareness Chair, Christina Perez reported –

Volunteer Opportunities – “We successfully had the Salute to Education and thanks to everyone that volunteered for that. It went really well and we had great feedback on that. We have three events in October. National Night Out, which we have tried unsuccessfully for the last three years to participate in. Let’s make this the year it actually happens. I have a Wally, but I need two handlers for that night. We have the Fire Prevention Parade and I have two handlers, but no Wally. I can get one of those. Then we have the Hot Zone Conference which is great for anyone in industry, very open dialog and a wonderful event. Please consider volunteering for this.”

2020 Calendar – “The Community Awareness Committee met regarding the calendar and there is one month left to complete this project, before submitting to the printer. “Currently the calendar is on schedule. The group photo we take today will probably be in the calendar.”

Emergency Response/Transportation Chair, Kevin Machemehl reported: “I have a date for the Drill that will be coming up, which is November 6th. We will have all parties that are in the LEPC participating and we are working with the State to have them help us out. We are looking to work off the ITC event and the lessons learned from that incident. We hope to have a full function drill sometime next year. We will have a Committee meeting directly after lunch today.”

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Rice, Fire Marshal announced the October 5th Fire Prevention Parade which starts at 10 a.m. and an invitation was given to industry to participate in the parade.

Mark Turvey announced his retirement at the end of December 2019.

PRESENTATION

Chris Hext with EHCMA, began his presentation with a brief history of his industry background and how his views have always been from an industry perspective, which were then passed on to the City. Now, he is required to look at things from a Harris County perspective. The incident at ITC, considered a Deer Park event, provided lessons for all involved for future events. Harris County’s perspective is ‘What would they do during an emergency?’ After the fact, they are concerned with the humans outside the fence line and air monitoring. The meetings at Pollution Control covered the ‘gaps’ with air monitoring. Harris County will consider more mobile monitors. Mr. Hext gave an overview of groups that attend and content of the Pollution Control

meetings and the Gap Analysis.

NEXT MEETING

Jay Stokes announced the next meeting will be held on September 24, 2019.

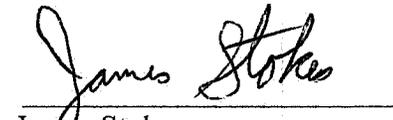
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

ATTEST:



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



James Stokes
Chairman