

ROCK COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

**January 18, 2011 – Minutes**

Gary Schenck, Chair, called the meeting of the Rock County Local Emergency Planning Committee to order at 9:00 AM at the Rock County Health Care Center.

Guest: Becky Slater, EPCRA Planner, Wisconsin Emergency Management, spoke to the committee regarding the new Wisconsin Hazmat Online Planning and Reporting System. This is a new paperless system for reporting EPCRA Plans on-line, thereby eliminating the need for written facility plans and transmittal sheets. All fire departments and HAZMAT Teams will have access to the system as well as all 72 county emergency management offices. She stated that Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) is hopeful that the fire departments will make use of this new system.

She stated this system has been in development since April, 2010. There has been good feedback from states already using this system. This system will go live in Wisconsin on Monday, January 24, 2011. Her powerpoint presentation displayed how the screens would look and explained how the information will be presented. Webinars are being set up for more information.

It was further explained that facilities are the only ones that can make changes. They are to update Tier II information every year from January 1 to February 28. Letters were sent out the first week of December notifying facilities of this new reporting system. EPCRA is hopeful that this new system will be updated by facilities throughout the year and not just yearly as previously reported.

Special plans are being set up for farms. Countywide plans or individual farm plans are acceptable. Farm plans may still be mailed to EPCRA. A countywide retail battery plan is also being set up. Plans are in the works next year for a county-wide cell tower.

The Committee thanked Becky for attending the LEPC Meeting and for the very informative presentation.

**Members present:** Gary Schenck, Ron Sagen, David Diestler, Jay Gasser, Shirley Connors, Randy Thompson, Kyle Geissler, David Innis, Randy Leyes, Dave Ausloos, Dan Davis and Tim Curtis.

**Members absent:** Loren Lippincott, Bob Wildermuth, Jerry Schuetz, Steve Benton, Bridget Aldridge, Karen Cain, Beth Natter and Jude Maurer.

**Guest:** Matt Simon, EH&S Manager, Evonik Goldschmidt Corporation.

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Tim Curtis and seconded by Jay Gasser to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Tim Curtis and seconded by David Innis to approve the November 16, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

- ◆ Plan of Review – There were no plans to review.
- ◆ Community Right-to-Know – Ron Sagen advised there was nothing to report.
- ◆ Membership – Jay Gasser recommended that Matt Simon, Evonik Goldschmidt, be appointed to the LEPC Committee pending approval by the Rock County Board of Supervisors.
- ◆ Plan of Work - Strategic Plan  
Shirley Connors informed the Committee that she and Gary Schenck approved the Strategic Plan this morning prior to the LEPC Meeting. The Plan will be forwarded to the Southwest Regional Director for his approval.

## **Emergency Management Report:**

- ◆ Budget Report – Shirley Connors  
The budget report was distributed with no questions.
- ◆ Spill Report – Shirley Connors  
The Committee reviewed Spills/Release Report. There were no questions.
- ◆ Tier Reporting – Shirley Connors advised the Committee:
  - Policy and Procedure Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know – HR 2005 SARA, Title III, Section 311 & 312, is being worked on by the attorney for Wisconsin Emergency Management. The results will be forwarded when they become available.
- ◆ Training
  - February 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM, a meeting has been scheduled to discuss alternate routes for a mass evacuation. This is being sponsored by the Department of Transportation and is mainly for first responders.
  - February 10, 2011, E-Sponder training has been scheduled at the Health Care Center, EOC. The Basic class is from 9:30 AM to 11:30 and Intermediate from 12:30 PM to 4 PM. More information will be forthcoming.
  - March 2, 2011, there is an ICS-EOC (Incident Command System for Emergency Operation Center) Class scheduled from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM.
  - March 3-4, 2011, the 44<sup>th</sup> Governor's Conference on Homeland Security and Emergency Management is scheduled at the Madison Marriott West, Middleton, WI. Pre-conference training day is March 2, 2011.
  - Tornado Spotters training is scheduled for March 15, 2011. The Basic session will be held from 1 to 3 PM at the Rock County Health Care Center Auditorium. The Advanced session is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the City of Milton Fire Department.
  - Ron Sagen, City of Janesville Fire Department, announced the 2011 WAHMR (WI Association of Hazardous Materials Responders) Conference is being held on February 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

## **Public Health** – Rick Wietersen spoke to the Committee in the absence of Karen Cain:

- The Health Department GIS layer for sensitive populations in Rock County has been completed. This is primarily used for plans but could be used for other things according to Mr. Wietersen.

**Public Input** - Shirley Connors advised the Committee the EPCRA Community Hazmat Response Equipment Grant will be sent to the County Administrator for signature and will then be forwarded to Wisconsin Emergency Management.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Next Meeting:**

- The next LEPC meeting will be held on March 15, 2011.

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Ron Sagen and seconded by Tim Curtis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted:  
Shirley Ann Klipstein

*Materials distributed at this meeting were:*

- 1) *Spill Release Report*
- 2) *Budget Report*