



**Berks County LEPC**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
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**Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 29. 2021**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ignazio Sabella	Kevin Docherty	George Dule	Harry Adams	Joe Perez
John Ravert	Tyler Lister		Lynn Rodino	Phil Salamone
John Shook	Stephen Young	Terry Sturgis	Erika Wolfe	Charles Zechman
Donnie Swope	Matt Stairiker	Gary Moulder		

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Justin Schlottman			
Mike Rowley			

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chairperson Ignazio Sabella called the meeting to order at 1506 via a virtual Teams meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ignazio welcomed members and guests and asked that each individual introduce themselves.

**Minutes from the December 2020 meeting**

A motion was made by Terry Sturgis, seconded by George Dula to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for December 2020 were approved.

**Correspondence**

- A letter was received from Donna Bella Plant 4 & 7 no longer use heating oil and has transitioned to natural gas.
- A letter was received from City of Reading Wastewater Treatment Plant, 6<sup>th</sup> and Canal Street pump station has removed the Oxygen injection system and no longer qualifies for Tier II report.
- A letter received from KEEN Transport Inc., notification of release, 70 gallons of diesel fuel from a punctured saddle tank due to road debris.
- PADEP Exemption Letter form, ASI Holding Co. Inc., 100 East Baumstown Road, Birdsboro, Underground tanks, Diesel & Gasoline.

- PADEP Exemption Letter form, Penn Oil Company, 1235 Lancaster Avenue, Underground Tanks, Kerosene, Diesel, Gasoline.
- PADEP Exemption Letter form, Penn Oil Company, 6824 Boyertown Pike, Underground Tanks, Diesel and Gasoline.
- PADEP Exemption form, Timet, Birdsboro Warehouse, 200 North Furnace Street no longer active, facility closed.
- Downstream Notifications and tank storage inventory notifications were received regarding:
  - Richland Partners, L.L.C., Dampman/Sturgis Oil Company, 21 Unionville Road, Union Township.
  - Richland Partners, L.L.C., 669 East Ross Street, 7 572 East Main Street, Lancaster County.
  - John Weidman & Sons, 541 East Main Street, Ephrata, PA.
  - Global Advanced Metals, Boyertown PA.
  - Penn Petroleum Inc., Farmington Avenue and Route 562, Douglas Township.
  - Carpenter Technology Corporation, Reading PA.
  - Artex, Inc., Fairview Road, Barnesville PA.
  - Fishbach Combustion Turbine Generator, Norwegian Township, Schuylkill County PA.

### **EHS / Tier II Submission Status**

Donnie reported on behalf of Megan Young-Kraft that 313 facilities have reported for the 2020 report year. Total income from 2020 Tier II fees as of March 16, 2021 is \$92,550.

Donnie also reported that several water treatment facilities are switching from chlorine, and a few other facilities are reducing quantity of materials on site making them inactive. There have been several new facilities that have reported this year as well. Donnie asked that, if anyone sees or hears of any new industry in our area that may be subject to reporting, please let Megan know so we can reach out.

Upgrades to the Tier II Manager are planned for April. There will be functions added to the system to reach back and request edits and corrections to both plans and reports, as well as administrator being able to change the municipality and first due fire department.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

Phil Salamone reported SOG is in the process of inventory and restock of the County Spill Trailers. April training is identification of solids, May training will be on the new Juniper RAD meters, and June will be a two-day course on Railcar hazmat response. Hazmat Technician Course was completed with one member passing the tech exam, the others will have to retest.

### **Old Business**

Donnie asked to hold planning review for New Business under planning sub-committee.

## **New Business**

### ***Committee Reports***

- **Planning**

- An email was sent to committee members in February with three plans to review. Comments were gathered from Gary Moulder with no response from the other members. Minor grammatical and format changes will be made to the planning template in the upcoming upgrades to the system. More plans were received this year after reports were submitted due to a reminder that now displays after the submittal of a report.

- **Right to Know Requests** (December 15, 2020 - March 29, 2021)

- RTK from KERAMIDA for AMG Resources/Royal Green, 30 Huller Lane, Temple. Tier II reports were provided for diesel and lubrication.
- RTK from Terracon for address 4030 Pottsville Pike, No Record found.
- RTK from RPS for addresses 71 Vanguard Drive, and 61 Vanguard Drive, Reading PA., Tier II provided for HD 300 Caustic, AFCO No Phoscid Red, at Blendhouse LLC, 61 Vanguard Drive,
- RTK from ECS Mid-Atlantic for address 4870 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring,
- RTK from Apex Companies LLC for East Coast Erosion Control, 443 Bricker Road, Bernville,
- RTK from KERAMIDA for Timet, 900 Hemlock Road, Morgantown PA.
- 251 Tuckerton Road? (email from Brian)
- 4216 and 4101 Ravens Crest Ave? (email from Brian)

- **Public Education and Information**

- No report

- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**

- No Report

- **Emergency Response and Resources**

- No Report

- **Membership**

- An application was received from Justin Schlottman, EMC for Lower Heidelberg Township.
- Membership appointments were received from the Berks County Commissioners for Joseph Perez, Philip Salamone, and Patrick Turnick.
- John Ravert stated he was happy to see the addition of new members with LE experience and asked that Rob Lowe with WEEU be contacted about the membership application.

## **Good & Welfare**

- Erika Wolke told members of a program the American Red Cross is running called the Ready Rating Program. It is a free membership program designed to help business, school or organizations become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies.

A motion was made by Kevin Docherty, second by John Ravert to adjourn. The motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1545. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1500 on Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605, and via Teams virtual format.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donnie R. Swope". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donnie R. Swope  
Planning Manager, Berks County LEPC Member