



**Berks County LEPC**  
**Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
*"Partners in Preparedness"*

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**Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2020**  
**DRAFT**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

|              |                   |               |                |            |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Gary Moulder | Megan Young-Kraft | Donnie Swope  | Gary Moulder   | Lyn Rodino |
| George Dula  | Harry Adams       | Matt Eshenaur | Robert May     |            |
|              | Matt Stairiker    | Chuck Zechman | Terry Sturgis* |            |

*\*Indicates participated by phone.*

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

|                |               |                   |              |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Jacob Meyer    | Brian Blouch  | Joe Perez         | Tyler Lister |
| Michael Rowley | Patrick Bauer | Richard Tornielli |              |

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chairperson George Dula called the meeting to order at 1500 at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, Direct Link Technology Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Reading PA. Call-in provision was made available.

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

**Minutes from the June 2020 meeting**

A motion was made by Donnie Swope, seconded by Chuck Zechman to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for June 2020 were approved.

**Correspondence**

- A letter was written and submitted by Megan Young-Kraft to record a phone notification of a release of 300 gallons of sulfuric acid from Materion Brush Inc., Perry Township on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- A letter was received from Environmental Works on behalf of Cabela's in Tilden Township stating Cabela's is no longer subject to Tier II reporting for 2019
- Downstream Notifications and tank storage inventory notifications were receive regarding:
  - Titus Power LLC, 545 Poplar Neck Road, Cumru

- Sinking Spring Terminals, 901-915 Mountain Home Road, South Heidelberg Township

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

Megan Young-Kraft reported on several upgrades intended for the Tier II manager that are currently under review. So far in 2020, 4 new facilities have been added in Berks County. 323 submitted reports for 2019, leaving 35 facilities that reported for 2018 and not yet for 2019. 64 off-site emergency plans were received. Total income for the 2019 report year so far is \$146,645. 15 facilities have reported for 2019 but did not yet pay (\$4,700). Emails and letters were sent to facilities that did not report and facilities that did not pay.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

Matt Eshenaur reported that the team is in the process of hiring 5 new members. In-person training as resumed for the team, and we are planning for our recertification next year. The team has recently purchased new 5 gas meters. Berks County is now in the South East PA Regional Task Force. Since June, the team had 1 duty officer call for response at Apollo Pools and Spas after a vehicle struck the building.

### **Old Business**

Megan Young-Kraft brought up plan reviews. Currently, the SARA planner is reviewing and approving emergency plans for EHS facilities. She asked the body to consider how to move forward to have the LEPC review and approve individual plans. It was discussed to create an ad-hoc committee that would meet to review plans. Gary Moulder, Chuck Zechman, Bob May, George Dula, and Megan Young-Kraft volunteered to be on the committee.

At the last meeting, facility reviews and inspections were brought up for discussion. There is interest in the LEPC to go to facilities for review and inspection, and it was suggested that facilities will be visited after letters are received from municipalities requesting inspections of facilities.

### **New Business**

#### ***Committee Reports***

- **Right To Know Requests** (June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020-September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020)
  - 101 Love Road, Reading Pa 19605
  - 58 Hartz Road, Fleetwood Pa19522
  - The following properties in Bethel Township:
    - 9141 Old Route 22
    - Court Street
    - Airport Road
    - 9151 Old Route 22
    - 9125 Old Route 22
    - 9135 Old Route 22

- **Public Education and Information**
  - Almost all events have been canceled due to COVID-19.
- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**
  - No Report
- **Emergency Response and Resources**
  - No Report
- **Membership**
  - An application was received from Tyler Lister of Yuasa Battery Inc. A motion was made by Lyn Rodino and seconded by Donnie Swope to recommend his membership to the commissioners. The motion carried.
  - An application was received from Richard Torielli of the Reading Police Department. A motion was made by Chuck Zechman and seconded by Robert May to recommend his membership to the commissioners. The motion carried.

**Good & Welfare**

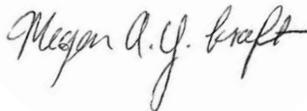
- No Report

**Presentation**

- Suspicious Activity Reporting Related to Explosive Precursor Chemical Acquisition presentation by Reading Police Chief and RPD Bomb Squad Technician Richard Torielli

A motion was made by Terry Sturgis, seconded by Megan Young-Kraft to adjourn. The motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1605. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 1200 on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605.

Respectfully Submitted,



Megan A. Young-Kraft  
Recording Secretary, Berks County LEPC