



# Berks County LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

“Partners in Preparedness”

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## Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

	Megan Young-Kraft	Donnie Swope	Gary Moulder	Lyn Rodino
George Dula	Harry Adams	Stephen Young	Robert May	John Shook
Rodney Good	Matt Stairiker	Chuck Zechman	Terry Sturgis	Dave Levengood

*\*Indicates participated by phone.*

### GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Erika Wolfe	David Bentz	Matt Eshenaur	

### Welcome & Introductions

Chairperson George Dula called the meeting to order at 1507 via a virtual Teams meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

### Minutes from the December 2019 meeting

Minutes had been posted in Teams for review. A motion was made by George Dula, seconded by Lyn Rodino to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for December 2019 were approved.

### Correspondence

- A thank you certificate was received from the Spring Township Police Department in recognition of the LEPC’s attendance at their 2019 National Night Out event.
- A letter was received from Verizon informing the County and LEPC that their facility at 1220 Broadcasting Road, Wyomissing is no longer subject to EPCRA reporting
- An email was received from Hamburg Municipal Authority that their water treatment plant and well #5 are no longer subject to EPCRA reporting.

- A letter was received from Bulk Chemical Incorporated that their facility at 809 Mohrsville Road, Shoemakersville no longer has any reportable quantity materials on site.
- A letter was received from Spill Center INC. reporting a release of 11 gallons of motor oil at 2 Stetler Ct., Boyertown from a JS Helwig & Sons LLC vehicle.
- Downstream Notifications and tank storage inventory notifications were received regarding:
  - John Weidman and Sons, 541 Main St., Rear Ephrata PA
  - Fegley Oil Co. Inc. 551 West Penn Pike, Tamaqua, PA
  - Artex, Inc. at Rt. 54 and Rt. 1020 Barnesville, PA
  - Global Advanced Metals, Boyertown, PA
  - Penn Petroleum Inc., Boyertown, PA
  - Richland Partners, LLC., Leffler Energy, Lancaster and New Holland, PA
  - Richland Partners, LLC., Leffler Energy, Mount Joy and Douglassville, PA
  - Russell Standard, 3847 Pottsville Pk., Reading PA
  - Santilli Oil Co. Inc., 240 Franklin St Shoemakersville PA

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

Megan Young-Kraft reported total income so far for the 2019 report year to be \$103,700. 336 reported so far, 362 reported last year. Letters were sent on June 1<sup>st</sup> to facilities that have not reported. Several water and wastewater facilities are no longer reporting due to switching from chlorine to sodium hypochlorite. Some facilities also had to complete update reports to reflect their increased ethanol and other ingredients to accommodate an increase in hand sanitizer. Chuck Zechman inquired about facility inspections; facility inspections could be done through the LEPC. Matt Stairiker cited PEMA's Emergency Management Directive No. D2000-5 authorized in Act 165 for information regarding this. 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. She also reported possible upgrades coming with IDSI, the developer for the Tier II manager. These upgrades would allow the LEPC to easily review plans before they are approved in the system.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

Donnie Swope reported on the Berks County Special Operations Group (SOG):

- Training has been suspended since the start of COVID-19 and will resume in August
- Matt Eshenaur has been hired as the Special Operations and Projects Officer, and will be managing the hazmat team.
- Matt Stairiker has returned to DES as the Assistant Director of Emergency Management and will oversee the hazmat team as well

### **Old Business**

No report

### **New Business**

It was suggested by Megan Young-Kraft that the body review the current by-laws. There was discussion of the current meeting schedule and if there would need to be modifications to accommodate more reviews of plans.

### ***Committee Reports***

- **Right To Know Requests** (December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 – June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020)
  - Royal Green, 30 W Huller Ln., Temple PA
  - 00 Old Topton Road, 50 Jefferson St., 403 N Main St., Topton PA
  - 595 Texter Mountain Rd., Robeson PA
  - 110 South Maple St., Kutztown PA
  - 136 W State St., 203 W State St., 100 Grand St., 246 Grand St., Hamburg PA
  - 4226 Pottsville Pk., Reading PA
  - 3563 Mountain Rd., 3539 Mountain Rd., Upper Bern Twp PA
  - 270 Midway Rd., Bethel PA
  
- **Public Education and Information**
  - Almost all events have been canceled due to COVID-19. Megan Young-Kraft will update the body if any modified events are scheduled and LEPC is invited.
  
- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**
  - No Report
  
- **Emergency Response and Resources**
  - No Report
  
- **Membership**
  - An application was received from David Bentz of the Exeter Township Police Department. Bentz is also a firefighter with Shillington Fire Dept and is EMC for Exeter Township. A motion was made by Charles Zechman and seconded by Terry Sturgis to recommend Bentz's membership to the commissioners. The motion carried.
  - An application was received from Matt Eshenaur of the Berks County Dept of Emergency Services. Eshenaur is also a firefighter with Exeter Township Fire Dept. A motion was made by Megan Young-Kraft and seconded by George Dula to recommend Eshenaur's membership to the commissioners. The motion carried.
  - An application was received from Igazio Sabella of Can Corporation of America. A motion was made by Gary Moulder and seconded by George Dula to recommend Bentz's membership to the commissioners. The motion carried.
  - A letter with a list of names to be removed from membership was sent to the commissioners after the December 2019 meeting. A resolution was received from the commissioners to remove the members.
  - Letters of appointment from the office of the commissioners was received for Richard Stanley and Harry Adams.

### **Good & Welfare**

- Erika Wolf of the American Red Cross updated the body on their COVID-19 procedures, and that they are still capable of meeting the needs of the community in the event of an emergency.

A motion was made by Steve Young, seconded by Gary Moulder to adjourn. The motion passed, meeting adjourned. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 3:00PM on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605. Should COVID-19 restrictions be in place at that time and we are unable to meet in person, the meeting will be held via Teams.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan A. Young-Kraft". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'Y'.

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