



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

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**Berks County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
 Meeting Minutes  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Terry Sturgis	Megan Young-Kraft	Donnie Swope	Gary Moulder	John Shook
George Dula	Rodney Good	Stephen Young	Robert May	David Levensgood
Jeff Weidner	Charles Zechman			

*\*Indicates participated by phone.*

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ed Barra	Garret Hansen	Brian Smith	Ben Ross
Erika Wolfe			

**Welcome & Introductions**

Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons were not in attendance, so Donnie Swope called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. at the Berks County Department of Emergency Services, Direct Link Technology Center, Multi-Purpose Room, Reading PA. Call-in provision was made available.

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

**Minutes from the December 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting**

Minutes had been distributed by email for review prior to the meeting, and paper copies made available at the meeting. A motion was made by Bob May, seconded by Gary Moulder to approve the minutes. The motion passed and the minutes for December 10th 2018 were approved.

**Correspondence**

- A Downstream Notification was received from Talon Energy, regarding the Fishbach Combustion Turbine Generator site located in Pottsville, Schuylkill County.
- A Downstream Notification was received from Storb Environmental regarding Leffler Energy at 21 Unionville Road, Union Twp.

- A Downstream Notification was received from Global Advanced Metals regarding their location at 650 County Line Road, Boyertown
- A Downstream Notification was received from Storb Environmental regarding Leffler Energy at 572 East Main St, New Holland Borough, Lancaster
- A Downstream Notification was received from Storb Environmental regarding Penn Petroleum at Farmington Ave and Rt 562, Douglass Twp Berks County
- A Downstream Notification was received from Storb Environmental regarding John Weidman and Sons Pennsylvania Bulk Petroleum Storage Plant on Akron Rd, Ephrata Township, Lancaster
- A Downstream Notification was received from Santilli Oil Company regarding their facility at 240 Franklin St., Shoemakersville
- A Downstream Notification was received from Artex, INC. at Fairview road, the intersection of routes 54 and 1020, Barnesville, Schuylkill County.

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

- Megan Young-Kraft reports that 331 facilities have submitted their 2018 annual report
- 375 total facilities
- 165 Active Facilities with EHS exceeding TPO
- The recent issue of appendix E2 not showing up in Tier II emergency plans has been fixed by IDSI.
- Appendix C has been fixed to show units of measurements in the hazard vulnerability zones
- A sample emergency plan was distributed at the meeting. Members were advised to review and report back any issues.

### **Hazmat Team Report**

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

- John Fritz has left the county as a full time employee, and Ben Ross has taken over his position and will be the Hazmat Team Captain and Special Ops and Projects Manager for the County.
- Jen Marks and Kat McCourry are also joining the Hazmat team.
- Membership is low on the team, and Donnie asked members that represent industry to ask their employees if anyone would be interested in joining the team.
- Recent training for the team included scene access and management and grounding and bonding operations.

### **Presentation from the Department of Homeland Security**

- Ed Barra and Garrett Hansen with the DHS Cyber Security and infrastructure Security Agency gave a presentation regarding DHS Chemical of Interest Facilities. Facilities interested in joining the program can contact Megan Young-Kraft for contact information.

## **Old Business**

- The issue of inactive members was brought to the table. A motion was made by Bob May to amend the by-laws that if a member has not attended eight consecutive meetings, the body will recommend to the commissioners the removal of the member from the LEPC. Terry Sturgis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **New Business**

### ***Committee Reports***

New representatives for subcommittees were appointed.

- Right To Know – Megan Young-Kraft
- Public Education and Information- Rodney Good
- Hazardous Materials and Facilities Liason- tabled until next meeting
- Emergency Response and Resources- Charles Zechman
- Membership- currently John Ravert, tabled until next meeting
- **Right To Know Requests** (Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2018-March 25<sup>th</sup> 2019)
  - Leesport Ave and East Huller Ln, Ontelaunee and Muhlenberg Twps
  - 4030 Pottsville Pike, Muhlenberg
  - Kenridge Road near Four Points Road, Bethel
  - 2605 Keiser Blvd, Wyomissing
  - 123 E Huller Ln, Ontelaunee. Is an active Tier II
  - 1123 Ben Franklin Hwy, Amity
  - 1124 Ben Franklin Hwy, Amity
  - 333 Buttonwood St, West Reading
  - 830 Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring
  - 720 Brownsville Rd, Lower Heidelberg Twp
  - 15100 Kutztown Rd Maxatawny
  - 15106 Kutztown Rd Maxatawny
  - 15109 Kutztown Rd Maxatawny
  - No hazmat responses documented at any of the above
- **Public Education and Information**
  - Megan Young-Kraft will email LEPC members of upcoming outreach events. Participation is encouraged by all members.
- **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison**
  - No report
- **Emergency Response and Resources**
  - No Report
- **Membership**
  - The commissioners approved for appointment John Shook, Charles Zechman, and David Levensgood.

## **Good & Welfare**

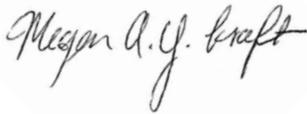
Donnie Swope reported an increase in hazmat responses. In the HMERP Assessment for 2017, there were roughly 70 hazmat responses, most of which were petroleum related

products. They only required notification to the on duty EMA/SOG supervisor. In 2018, there were over 95 hazmat responses.

Terry Sturgis advised the spotted lanternfly permits will soon be required by affected businesses.

A motion was made by Megan Young-Kraft, seconded by George Dula to adjourn. The motion passed, meeting adjourned. The next regular general meeting of the LEPC will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, June 24th, 2019 at Berks County Department of Emergency Services, 2561 Bernville Road, Reading, PA 19605.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan A. Young-Kraft".

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