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## **NOTICE OPEN MEETING LEPC GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023  
Time: 11:30 a.m.  
Location: PSC Training Room  
Lunch: OEM – Grilling on the patio

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, John Elmore at 12:01 p.m. The General Committee meeting minutes of April 20, 2023, meeting was shared. Mark Warnow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Aubrey Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed to approve the minutes.

The May LEPC Executive Committee minutes were also provided to membership via the meeting invite.

Introductions were made around the room.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Karen McKinnis presented the Financial Statement Report and hard copies were available. Expenses to date total \$14,109.96, expenses since the last meeting included flow study work. Hard copies were made available.

Lisa Cardone provided the MERC update which included information from the last MERC meeting. Highlights included the Hazmat conference was held the previous week, LEPC access to Tier 2 reports is coming once trade secrets are protected, next year Tier 2 payments will all be run through the electronic JetPay system.

There are 7,790 facilities in MO and 922 still need to submit their annual payment.

MERC will no longer be requiring stand alone Hazmat plans.

MERC is working to change the division of CEPF funding. The new allocations are to be 10% to training, 25% to MERC personnel and 65% to LEPCs. The LEPC portion used to be divided by the number of facilities reporting by county. The new allocation proposal for LEPCs is one third to all counties evenly, then the remaining divided by number of facilities in the county. This looks like it would be about \$1,638 for the county base then an additional \$12.31 per facility in the county.

The annual compliance check list is also going to be changed. Removing the county analysis.

MERC is going to remove the mandatory flow study for LEPC.

Remove exercise proposal review by MERC.

The CEPF CSFATS program is set to expire this July and renewals are expected in 3-year increments.

The next MERC meeting will be at the end of summer.

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HAZMAT Update; was provided by Larry. No spills have been reported since the last meeting.

Aubrey provided the IPP and Training Update. Hard copies of upcoming training opportunities were made available. There is ongoing work to get a training committee setup. The regional IPP is coming. Hazmat exercise will most likely be part of the airport full scale exercise.

Ashley provided an update on the flow study – which is with Larry for review.

Ralph called for other Old Business.

None was brought forth.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation –Aubrey Johnson presented: Operation Chem Loco

The tabletop exercise was held May 9<sup>th</sup> and consisted of four modules and tested ESF 10.

The flow study routes were identified in the exercise for rail and road.

150,000 gallons of ammonia were being transported by rail in this exercise and posed the hazmat threat and evaluated the response.

The Greene County Office of Emergency Management has a 3-D printer they used to provide scale models to use in the exercise.

The derailment in the exercise resulted in an ammonia spill and a low-level cloud.

The National Weather Service has hazmat spill resource plume mapping that was utilized during module 3 of the exercise resulting in incident location mapping.

This exercise ammonia cloud affected Springfield Underground air intake and other facilities generally between I-44 and Division Street.

The Hazmat team responded to the spill in the exercise.

Module 4 centered around implications of the spill.

The exercise After Action Report cites 2 improvements needed: Communication standards and BNSF direct phone lines for dispatch to improve response.

Aubrey showed a podcast of the exercise featuring Ralph, Larry, Chris and Aubrey.

Aubrey hosted questions and discussions from membership.

One notation of plume resource for all members was made by Steve Runnels of the National Weather Service.

John asked for Other New Business.

LEPC Budget – Karen reported that due to Logan-Rogersville Fire stepping out of Hazmat Response the LEPC budget no longer needed the line item for hazmat physicals for LR Fire. Discussion was held.

Lisa reported on a change in EPA for RMP facilities. They need an exercise plan schedule in place by December 19, 2023, and have to have held an exercise by December 21, 2026, to at least the tabletop level.

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Steve Runnels, NWS reported the NWS Chat is moving to a new format this summer called SLACK. New accounts will need to be made for all involved.

John asked for Other New Business.

None was brought forth.

John announced the next General Membership Meeting is set for August 17, 2023.

J D Landon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Cardone. A vote was held, passed and John adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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### **UPCOMING LOCAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

\*Note: training opportunities listed here are time and capacity sensitive so are subject to changes

Visit the following link to register or to see a complete and up-to-date course listing.

<http://training.dps.mo.gov/sematraining.nsf/TrainingSchedule?OpenForm>

All registrations are handled through the DPS web portal [training.dps.mo.gov](http://training.dps.mo.gov)



