

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

May 21, 2015
8:30 AM
Athens City Hall
210 Dottie Bednarko Dr.
Athens, IL 62613

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of minutes from last meeting (03/19/2015)

Self-introductions

*Recognition of LEPC Members
Welcome to Visitors*

New Business

*Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County
Meeting Schedule for Next Year (9/17/15, 11/19/15, 1/21/16, 3/17/16, 5/19/16)
Inland Sensitivity Atlas for USEPA Region 5*

Old Business

*Report on Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study
Winnebago Co. LEPC Conference / April 15 – 16, Rockford
Eddy Weiss, Chasing4Life Team
Youta Kanasaki, Fukushima Nuclear Disaster
Mark Maday, UPRR-Hazmat Mgr.
Tabletop Exercise
Hazardous Material Emergency Planning Grant
Filing of 2014 Tier 2 Reports
148 Reports Expected
Possible Part-Time Assistance for Reviewing Reports
Website for Sangamon Valley LEPC (plus Twitter since May 1)*

Other Business

*Other Business New or Old
Public Comment
September Meeting at OEM Building
Motion to Adjourn*

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 21, 2015

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the Athens City Hall, 210 Dottie Bednarko Drive, Athens IL 62613.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: Jeph Bassett, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); Carrie Brazil, Curran Gardner Public Water District (CGPWD); Mike Burg, Menard County EMS; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Joe Crowe, Athens - Fancy Prairie Fire Dept.; Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Jaime Davis, American Red Cross; George Krebs, Illinois EPA; Jason LeMar, Menard County GIS; Ralph Long, Illinois Air National Guard (IANG); Mike Moos, Sherman EMA; Chris Richmond, SFD; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Katrina Schroeder, United Way of Central Illinois; Laura Valente, IANG, and Diana Wade, Sangamon/Menard County Department of Public Health.

Approvals of the Minutes - Minutes from the previous LEPC meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Joe Crowe and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 19, 2015.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made. Seven visitors were present: Jim Johnson, SFD; Mike McCarthy, CGPWD; Prezley Duncan, St. Louis University; Greg Michaud; Johnson, Depp & Quisenberry (JDQ); Molly Berns, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) and Lori Canterbury and Bob Flemming, IL Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). All were welcomed.

New Business

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County – The entire plan for Menard County with highlighted updates recommended by the Chair and Mike Burg was distributed by e-mail ahead of the meeting. The Chair discussed changes appearing on 6 of the 20 pages in the plan. Further changes on 2 more pages were recommended as part of the review. A motion was made by Chris Richmond, seconded by Jason LeMar and approved unanimously to accept the updated plan with changes to 8 of its 20 pages, as discussed. A new Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County, dated May 21, 2015, will be distributed to all members with these minutes and then be distributed to all fire departments in Menard County, IEMA Region 6 and the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC).

Meeting Schedule for Next Year – The Chair offered dates of 09/17/15, 11/19/15, 01/21/16, 03/17/16 and 05/19/16 for next year's meeting dates. These dates continue to have us meet on the third Thursday of an odd month. A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to accept the third Thursday of September, November, January, March and May for next year's meetings. The September meeting will be at the OEM Building. We also intend to again return to Athens for next year's May meeting.

Inland Sensitivity Atlas (ISA) – USEPA Region 5 has an ISA, dated 2011, that is being updated by a vendor who contacted Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS, for county information to add to a 2015 update of the ISA. Jason LeMar was subsequently contacted. The Chair spoke with this vendor to request the 2011 ISA and to clarify the definition of an inland sensitive area. The ISA is to include government managed lands along waterways with flora and fauna sensitive to the effects of chemicals which might be introduced from a release. Thru GIS, data on ownership and contact information are tied to the parcels. The 2011 ISA did not pursue county and local governments for their managed lands. The Chair wishes to also send the vendor information about some privately owned lands along waterways with public use that would offer diminished recreation opportunities, if their grounds needed remediation after a chemical release into the waterway. Molly Berns has information on county-owned land from federal mitigation buy-out programs. Chris Richmond identified a city-owned conservation area adjacent to Lake Springfield at Lick Creek that also meets the criteria. George Krebs shared some knowledge that the ISA also locates endangered species that are in or near waterways for prioritized response actions following a release that might threaten. This topic was shared with the committee to inform them of this project and cooperative activity by the LEPC. Accumulating this data could help us with our vulnerability assessment that will be included in the Commodity Flow Study that we are pursuing.

Old Business

Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study (CFS) – The committee was told that after having State's Attorney's office review, a 6-month contract with JDQ was signed by the Chair, as authorized last meeting to initiate a CFS. Greg Michaud made a report of data gathered during the spring truck count at 10 different locations along Illinois and interstate highways in the most densely populated portion of our planning district that SSCRPC has defined as the Springfield Area Transportation Study. Greg explained the JDQ methodology for making truck counts that has developed over several years with numerous clients. The final report to the LEPC next September will break data down by the different counting sites. No good rail data has come in to us yet, since being requested in April.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – We had 6 LEPC members at the Winnebago County LEPC Conference on April 15 & 16. This number helped us conduct the tabletop exercise based on our local plan, because the 6 of us could work together on a scenario that made sense for our planning district. Diane Wade attended using a Public Health grant. The Chair, Ralph Long, Chris Richmond, Jeph Bassett and Larry Graf were reimbursed by the HMEP grant for conference expenses. A railroad representative from Union Pacific spoke each day and may give us some help to secure our rail data for the CFS. The first morning's keynote speaker would be an excellent source for exercise design, if we ever get grant funding to pursue a full scale hazardous material exercise. The second keynote speaker shared post-tsunami rescue strategies, highlighting helicopters, that again showed themselves to be true for earthquake rescues in Nepal since we returned from the conference.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant (HMEP) – Our grant application for next Federal fiscal year (FFY) was returned to us for modification because our target budget was cut by about 20% and a new rule was invoked to limit any conference to just 2 attendees. We resubmitted and it was accepted, but our actual allocation will not be known until summer. Our grant for this FFY has been used to pay for SFD digitizing our site plans as an independent planner, for the conference, for office and postal supplies and for the CFS between April and September. By the beginning of September, we will know what remains unspent from the grant.

Filing of Tier 2 Reports – Difficulties with updated software for Tier 2 Manager that Kevin Sledge told us about at the last meeting leaves us with an imprecise count on this year's collection of Tier 2 Reports. Lori Canterbury spoke about several different reporting formats that the SERC accepted from filers in the last days before the March 1 deadline. These filings are still not reflected on IEMA's website. The Chair asked the committee for permission, as given last year, to hire a part-time independent planner during September, to compare our completed plans against Tier 2 data, recognizing that the Tier 2 data is not as well organized this year. A portion of the minutes from May 15, 2014, were read aloud identifying how \$25/hour was chosen as a reasonable compensation rate. A motion was made by Joe Crowe, seconded by Ralph Long and approved unanimously to authorize contracting with a second independent planner on a part-time basis for a rate of \$25/hour, not to exceed funding that remains available from our current HMEP grant, to organize and compare current Tier 2 data with our completed plans

Sangamon Valley LEPC Website – Just before April 1, the new website for Sangamon Valley LEPC became available at <http://co.sangamon.il.us/departments/m-r/office-of-emergency-management/sangamon-valley-lepc>. On May 1, Sangamon County OEM began using Twitter at @Co_Sangamon_OEM. The agenda for this meeting was made available via Twitter on May 14 and 20. The Chair identified a presentation by Rockford Fire Department at the LEPC Conference last month as the impetus for starting Twitter. Mike Moos led a good discussion about the pros and cons of having social media as a communications tool.

Other Business

Menard Terminal Expansion – Jason LeMar gave updated information on Growmark's expansion plans at the Menard Terminal. Two new tanks are to be constructed. He would check on water source plans for their leak testing. By e-mail, Jason says that Growmark pursued exploratory wells that did not produce satisfactory water volume. They have re-engineered their site layout to include a borrow pit for some berm construction, producing a small surface pond on-site to be immediately available for making foam in an emergency. They will also attempt to gain access to more quarry water from ponds east of Route 29.

Public Comments – Prezley Duncan addressed the committee to say that our LEPC is following topics that she had studied in getting her Bachelor of Science degree. She thought this was a great meeting.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 17, 2015, at the OEM Building in Springfield. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Chris Richmond and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 am.