

SANGAMON COUNTY LEPC

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AGENDA

September 18, 2003

8:30 AM

Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting called to order by David Butt, Chairman

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (06/05/2003)

Recognition of LEPC members and visitors

New member: Mike Moos, Village of Sherman ESDA Coordinator

Old Business

Report on SCR scrubber and NH3 storage at Kincaid Generation & CWLP

Report on FEMA Local Emergency Operations Planning Grant

Report on DOJ's Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy Program

Other

New Business

Notifications, incidents and other filings since last meeting

Proposed meeting dates for next fiscal year (3rd Thursday of odd months)

11/20/03, 1/15/04, 3/18/04, 5/20/04, 7/15/04 & 9/16/04

Other

Next meeting: To be determined, see above

Motion to adjourn

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Minutes of the Sangamon County LEPC Meeting – September 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, 1035 Stevenson Drive by David Butt, Chairman. Members present were: David Butt, Sangamon County ESDA; Tom Fraase, Sangamon County Board; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (Retired), Bryon Honea, Illiopolis Police Department; Mike Moos, Sherman ESDA; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Anu Singh, Kincaid Generation; and Kevin Switzer, Springfield Fire Department.

After self-introductions were made, the chair recognized Mike Moos as our committee's newest member. Mike is the ESDA Coordinator for the village of Sherman.

Kevin Switzer made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2003, Sangamon County LEPC meeting as presented, seconded by Matt Helms. The minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

Old Business

Anu was asked to give a report on this year's selective catalytic reduction (SCR) of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions at the Kincaid Generation plant. For background, this plant is less than 2 miles into Christian County, east of Pawnee, with 2 boilers which each produce over 600 megawatts of electricity which is purchased by Exelon. Until at least 2010, clean air standards require reduction of NOx emissions between May and September. SCR uses anhydrous ammonia (NH₃) to reduce NOx (NO and NO₂) to nitrogen gas (N₂) and water (H₂O).

Anu said that even though September is not quite over, the SCR has been shut down for the year. While it was operating the SCR, Kincaid Generation received one truckload of NH₃ daily. Its vendor is in Mattoon, thus none of these shipments traveled through Pawnee. The same vendor is expected to supply NH₃ next year as well. Kincaid Generation had no reportable incidents with its storage and use of anhydrous ammonia.

Matt gave a report on his activities under the FEMA Local Emergency Operations Planning (LEOP) Grant. He is more than two-thirds of the way through his contract with Sangamon County. His task is to write a weapons of mass destruction (WMD) annex for Sangamon County's emergency plan. Matt has completed all his interviews with fire departments in the county. He is 2 shy of being completed with all the police departments in the county. He has appointments set up with Illiopolis Police Department and Springfield Police Department; also with special facilities CWLP, Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital. Matt showed the questionnaires which were completed at the interviews he had conducted.

The chair explained to the committee how Matt's work ties in with our LEPC. Through the end of his contract (October 31st), Matt is exclusively focusing his attention on WMD. Next year, Matt can use what he has learned from this project and work on a hazardous materials annex for the plan.

The chair next briefed the committee on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Homeland Security Assessment and Strategy program. A full assessment of Sangamon County will be made by a team which includes from the LEPC: David Butt, Ray Cooke, Matt Helms and Kevin Switzer.

For background, the committee was taken back 3 years ago when the last assessment was made. The State of Illinois is the actual grantee from DOJ. How the State used or released grant funds to subgrantees was explained.

The chair noted that Matt Helms was a main participant in the last assessment while working for Springfield Fire Department. Information on fire and police departments that Matt has gathered and submitted while working under contract will be useful during this assessment. However, the chair made clear that any work that Matt does as an LEPC member for the Sangamon County assessment team is separate from his LEOP activities where he must retain his independent contractor status.

New Business

The chair told the committee that a new emergency plan for Garrett Aviation was received in July. He then asked Bryon to speak about several intentional releases of a sugar-based, ice cream byproduct in rural Sangamon County near the Illiopolis water wells adjacent to the Sangamon River.

A mystery began when dead vegetation was found near the wells by a village employee with a clue being a piece of hose that indicating that someone had deliberately discharged a liquid or slurry. A fortunate surveillance of the area caught a farmer from Macon County releasing the whey along what he perceived to be an abandoned roadway. The Illinois EPA has cited this farmer and others to get the affected area cleaned up.

The chair thanked the committee for allowing him to postpone our August meeting to today which is the third Thursday of September. He asked if the committee would be comfortable having the meetings for our next fiscal year on the third Thursday of odd numbered months.

A motion was made by Tom Fraase to have the meetings of our 2004 fiscal year be on November 20, 2003; January 15, 2004; March 18, 2004; May 20, 2004; July 15, 2004; and September 16, 2004. Mike Moos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Meetings will continue at the State Fire Marshal's Office in the west conference room with 8:30 am start times.

Therefore, our next meeting will be November 20, 2003. A motion was made by Matt Helms to adjourn with second by Kevin Switzer. It carried unanimously and adjournment was at 10:04.