

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2016

During calendar year 2016, the Sangamon Valley LEPC convened regularly scheduled meetings on five occasions: January 21, March 17, May 19, September 17 and November 17. A quorum of our membership was present at each of these meetings. Meetings were held at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (3, January/March/November), Athens City Hall (1, May) and the Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management (1, September).

The January LEPC meeting was attended by 17 members and 5 visitors. It provided the Chair, David Butt, with the opportunity to present to the committee the 2015 LEPC Summary Report which was reviewed and approved for submission to the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC). The LEPC also heard a presentation on construction progress at Growmark's Menard Terminal, north of Athens. Both of the new 3.5 million gallon fuel tanks were completed. They still needed painting and to be leak-tested before being put into service. We were told that one will hold gasoline and the other diesel fuel. The contractor for our Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS) was not present, but the Chair told the committee that truck-counting for the winter quarter was being completed during the month. We will have the opportunity to look at variations across all four seasons after the new data has been compiled.

The March LEPC meeting was attended by 19 members and 2 visitors. Annual Tier 2 Reports are requested from all filers by March 1. All 13 of the expected reports from Menard County had been received, but several were late from Sangamon County filers. By the mid-month meeting, only the Tier 2 Report of Henry Technologies was still needed from the 123 expected for Sangamon County. Our CFS contractor explained highlights of the winter truck count to the committee. This fulfilled our CFS contract, but Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) had begun negotiation to further the study by contracting for a 2016 spring truck count and a vulnerability assessment for transported hazardous materials in our area. Vulnerability assessment requires that we have defined our critical facilities. Springfield Fire Department (SFD) had begun a process to map critical facilities using ArcGIS maps, but it would change its undertaking to meet our needs, if we are to better define them. A future meeting with SFD was scheduled. The LEPC made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted. The updated plan was dated March 17, 2016, for distribution to LEPC members, all fire departments serving the county, IEMA Region 6 and the SERC.

The May LEPC meeting was attended by 18 members and 4 visitors. This was the eighth year that we held our May meeting in Menard County. It is something that we intend to continue. The committee made its annual review of the Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Menard County as required by EPCRA. Revisions to the plan were accepted and the updated plan was to be distributed. A report was given on the annual Midwest Emergency Preparedness and Response Conference in April, including how our 4 attendees worked through a tabletop exercise (TTX) on its final afternoon. Five LEPC members also participated in a TTX with Growmark that looked at a number of release scenarios adjacent to the loading rack at Menard Terminal.

SFD Captain Jim Johnson described an infrastructure and critical facilities mapping project that we hope to fund with the next Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) grant. Its grant application had just been filed for a 36-month performance period, beginning in October. The other project that we hoped to fund during the next HMEP performance period is the continuation of our CFS. A spring truck count was funded by one of SSCRPC's grants. It used 12 months of our data, but the final report was not written on behalf of the LEPC. Finally, the Chair told the committee that the 136th and final Tier 2 Report that was due to us by March 1 was received before the end of that month. Lastly, Mark Newton, of the Union Pacific Railroad, announced that his company would be sponsoring TransCAER® training, focusing on Chlorine, over several days in summer at Springfield. That training was successfully held August 24 – 27.

The September LEPC meeting was attended by 17 members and 12 visitors. It was our annual meeting giving the public an opportunity to review planning documents and ask questions. A public notice to this effect had been published and we were quite pleased with the large number of visitors present. Our transportation planner from SSCRPC had announced her retirement. The Chair highlighted how our work on the CFS had made for a strong local relationship between LEPC, SFD and SSCRPC. Our top accomplishment was a \$400K project to improve a dangerous I-72 exit ramp onto South Sixth Street, which was announced last May. It had been under construction since July to lessen the pitch of the grade coming down from the highway overpass and was now completed. We also talked about a concern for a Tier 2 EHS facility on Color Plant Road with storage of chemicals in portions of its site that are within the floodplain. A SERC representative attended our LEPC meeting, telling us that Illinois had been funded for the next 36-month period of the HMEP grant. Illinois has less federal funding, but there are far fewer HMEP applicants. Our application was for \$149K across 36 months.

The November LEPC meeting was attended by 16 members and 4 visitors. The Chair began the meeting by telling the committee that just a week before, we were allocated our full HMEP grant request of \$149K. We had already executed our grant agreement. Over \$40K of our allocation is intended to go toward a Marplot-based updating of our HazMat planning. Captain Jim Johnson has the lead for the mapping project, with SFD being treated as a third party organization, as allowed by 2 CFR 200.306(f). Over \$100K of our allocation is intended to go towards truck-counting of hazardous materials, covering a multi-county area (Sangamon, Menard and Christian), as required by terms of the application. The Chair will interact with railroads to obtain hazardous materials car counts, as the local contribution toward our larger CFS. The remainder of the November meeting provided an opportunity for committee members to participate in a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) activity. By its design, there are many backgrounds represented on an LEPC. We intended to use this diversity to obtain varied perspectives of the risks we face across our planning district. Electronic copies of the matrices used in the activity were distributed the next day with meeting minutes. Feedback from our members is still being collected ahead of our January 2017 LEPC meeting.

The month of December was spent preparing for the continuation of our CFS. The larger funding associated with the multi-year HMEP grant added steps to the procurement process. By year's end, a Request for Proposal on this project was posted on Sangamon County's website and Legal Notice seeking such proposals was run in the newspaper.

Respectfully submitted,

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LEPC Chair