

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

October 7, 2014

Richmond County Health Department

Present: Tommy Jarrell, Donna Wright, Bob Smith, Karen Messana, Karen Bellamy, Jessica Morrell, and Holly Haire

Meeting called to order by Tommy Jarrell, Health and Human Services Director

Previous meeting minutes approved as written with noted typing correction by Karen Messana with a second by Donna Wright.

Old Business:

-Note: No meeting was held on the scheduled July 8, 2014 date.

Update on the HMEP - Presented by Donna Wright

- Assessments on Trinity, CSX, Duke Energy, and Cascades continue.
- Suburban is now closed.
- Original plans inaccurate; plans rewritten/revised.
- Plans have identified resources and gaps in agencies involved.
- Exercise planned to be held at one of the facilities.

Karen Messana discusses how information in new chlorine studies can affect emergency management.

New Business:

HAZ MAT Report for past 6 months- Presented by Donna Wright

- 14 Gas Leaks
- 2 Fuel Spills
- 2 HAZ MAT incidents
- 1 Bomb Threat
- 5 Train Derailments; Tankers Overturned (Three empty and two leaks).

Group Discussion:

Donna Wright and Holly Haire will update the email distribution list by next meeting.

Tier II facilities will begin paying fees based on the number and type of chemicals housed on location.

Emergency Management and Richmond County Human Services will partner to exercise sheltering plans.

New Richmond County website will link LEPC to community; suggestions welcome.

Karen Messana updated group on new happenings at Trinity; less rail cars will be stationed on site due to new manufacturing procedures.

Donna Wright will try to schedule a Public Information Officer course to be held in Richmond County in the near future.

Next meeting January 6, 2015 at the Richmond County Airport

Meeting adjourned.

Compiled by Holly K. Haire, REHS