

Pierce County LEPC Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2017

Attendance:

Richard Schroedel, Pierce County DEM
Kelly Kiyohara, Pierce County DEM
Debbie Bailey, Pierce County DEM
Donna Vitale, Pierce County DEM
Pete Hartmann, WA State EMD
Susan Forsythe, WA State EMD
Ron Holcomb, Dept. of Ecology
Angela Harkins, Dept. of Ecology
Ty Clark II, WA Air National Guard
Heidi Rock, Multicare Health Systems

Scott Presten, Multicare Health Systems
Cindy Miron, TPC Health Department
Marty Kapsh, Port of Tacoma
Gerry Aiola, Port of Tacoma
Louis Cooper, Port of Tacoma
Ty Gaub, US Oil
Bob Ayers, Phillips 66
Jim Jaques, East Pierce F&R
Jay Sumerlin, West Pierce F&R

Meeting Information:

Start Time: 13:42 – Adjourn: 15:00

Location: 3600 Port of Tacoma Road, Tacoma, WA 98424

Introductions and Review of Minutes:

Introductions were made of all members and guests present. Meeting notes from 4/11/2017 were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Spill Updates:

The following spills were reviewed:

- Northwest Pipelines – Natural Gas leak in Sumner – March 29.
- LRI – Hydraulic Oil Leak in Puyallup – May 15
- Super Valu – Anhydrous Ammonia in Tacoma – June 7
- JBLM – 1.2 LBS Mercury from equipment in warehouse – April 18
- Unknown responsible party– 50 Gal Oil/Diesel on I-5 and into storm drain – June 9
- Costco, Diesel fuel in Sumner – June 8
- Murray Disposal – Hydraulic Fluid in Gig Harbor – June 19
- Unknown responsible party – Oil/Diesel Spill in Pacific – July 4
- Fuel under Port of Tacoma Road from 7500 Gallon Spill – long ongoing cleanup project.
- There was no hazmat incident with the Steilacoom Train Derailment. It was a minor issue but had a large potential for a spill. They will be doing an After Action Review. Anyone from the LEPC is welcome to attend. Jay will let everyone know when it is.
- 3 Sisters Update: Pictures were reviewed of the work done at the 3 Sisters site. Concrete is being poured today. The new system will have an automatic shutoff if there is a change in system pressure. They are talking about using a battery system and/or solar power so the fuel lines are not running all the time.
- A hazardous materials call at the Ikea on 196th & Canyon. They were taking pallets off a trailer with a forklift, ran over some white powder which went up into the air, they felt ill and went to the hospital.

Webpage Update:

The Pierce County LEPC webpage is outdated. It is located at: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/2397/Local-Emergency-Planning-Committee>. This could be a place to post meeting information, notes, handouts, presentations, forms, electronic filing information link and a spill reporting link. We could put contact lists but members would rather the contact lists be kept internally not made public. SERC information could be posted. If you think of anything else that would be helpful to have on the site, please email Kelly Kiyohara at kkiyoha@co.pierce.wa.us.

State/Tribal LEPC Conference Overview:

Kelly, Richard, Marty and Ty attended the State/Tribal LEPC Conference and highlights are as follows:

- Mosier Oil Train Derailment – state, federal, tribal perspective/experiences. Kelly has the presentation and can send it by email. If anyone is interested, please let her know.
- Pasco Sanitary Landfill Fire – detection and tactics of attacking the fire near hazardous materials section of the landfill. The fire was underground.
- Geographic Response Plans – The Dept. of Ecology is working on plans for a number of watersheds to include the Puyallup and White watersheds. There was a presentation from Susan from the DoE. We are hoping to have her come present to this group.
- HMEP grants – potential changes in allotments, reduction in grant funding. This is the pot of money that we have used for Debbie to do mapping and smaller projects like hazmat.
- The Hanford Tunnel Response – described how they mitigated through the PIOs and the challenge in quickly alerting people and then letting them know they do not need to do anything.

The conference was very helpful in the networking, presentations and learning what is going on elsewhere.

Kent LEPC Visit/New Tools:

The City of Kent has a database in Access for the Tier II submissions. It would be very beneficial with a lot more data and a lot less work and better tracking. Documents can be attached and form letters are available for reminders or incomplete submittals. The only problem is that Pierce County does not allow the use of the Access program. Kelly is wondering if this tool could be housed at a local fire department. This system would be able to provide reports of spills for specific companies or Tier II reporting. Jay Sumerlin said he will check to see if West Pierce F&R allows the Access program and if it is possible to house there.

Member Updates/New Business:

Hospital Hazmat Update: In the past, the hospitals received a grant that provided hazmat decon. That grant is no longer available. The hospitals are trying to revamp the decon teams but need to know where to go for training. Suggestions are: resources through the state, the National Training Consortium and the Pierce County Hazardous Incident Teams – Tony Judd is the lead.

Lakewood Water has had incidents with firefighting foam for quite some time. There is currently an issue at JBLM with small quantities of the firefighting agents that were used before the 1990s found in some of the wellheads. After a review by West Pierce F&R, they are confident that those chemicals are not used enough now to cause a problem.

The Pierce County Hazardous Incident Team (PCHIT) received a grant for getting prepared for a train derailment spills and purchased:

- Foam in trucks so they are now set for delivering a lot of foam at once to remote areas.
- A pallet of alcohol resistant foam which is available at the station.
- They also got a tote of foam for training.
- A program called “Link” which attaches to monitoring equipment and wirelessly sends the information from that monitor to the command post. They are training on them now.
- PCHIT at Graham Fire got Kelso Kits which are easy to use and much more intuitive. They also got more air mount monitors.
- One thing they wanted to buy with the grant was a portable gas chromatograph. They are about \$275,000 but they take about \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year to maintain. The grant money may be available at the onset but the ongoing cost is overwhelming to the budget.

The Pierce County Health Department and NW Healthcare Response Network has been working on the issue of a buildup of solid bio-hazardous materials that would come out of the hospitals during a large scale incident. During an incident like an earthquake, if Stericycle cannot get to them, how do they deal with it? They are looking at the possible technology that cruise ships have that may work. This may be a good subject for next year’s LEPC Conference or for a topic during an exercise. Cindy mentioned an exercise where they developed the concept of operations. The water and solid waste folks will have the information.

Mapping project: the database has been built so she will be bringing that in on the GIS to do the mapping. This project has an in kind match for the grant. Please fill out the form if you haven’t done so already.

Good of the Order:

On Sunday, about 100 protesters walked from Seattle to the Port of Tacoma to protest the Liquid Natural Gas plant. It was a peaceful protest with no problems except that they were blocking the roadway and had natural environment speeches for about an hour.

There have been nightly protests along the Puget Sound Energy natural gas pipeline construction and will continue to have them until it is finished in 2019. They are peaceful protesters for now but can see them making more of an issue or problem in the future.

“The Great Shakeout” is coming up on October 19th at 10:19 AM. It is a great time to exercise plans or evacuation drills. The website for resources is:

https://www.shakeout.org/downloads/shakeoutdrillmanualbusinesses_v2.pdf

You can also call Kelly for some ideas.

Meeting adjourned: 1500.