

# LaSalle County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2015 10:30am

## Attendees:

Jeff Arthurs – IL Valley Community Hospital

Bethanie Albrecht – LaSalle County Health Dept.

Mark Gebhardt – American Red Cross

Jeff Brodbeck – OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

Connie Brooks – LaSalle Co. Emergency Management

Laurie Shields - Pilkington

Joe Skaff – REG Seneca, LLC

Fred Moore – LaSalle Co. Emergency Management

Mark Thorson – Kinder Morgan Pipeline

Kristine Metzke – Carus Corporation

Tom Smith – Enterprise Pipeline

Bruce Hucker – IL Dept. of Transportation

Gina Meehan-Taylor – Ameren Pipeline

Sara Echols – American Red Cross

Emily Krettler – American Red Cross

Steve Haywood – Ottawa Fire Department

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am.

## Old Business:

October 8, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes - Motion made by Bruce Hucker to approve October meeting minutes; second by Jeff Brodbeck, motion carried.

Spill reports were received and information disseminated at meeting as follows: 1 in November and 2 in December

-o- FOIA requests received last quarter

IEMA has updated their website including the Tier II reporting; website was reviewed during meeting; Tier II Manager is not back up yet.

The Commodity Flow Study (CFS) truck counts were not done during the fall due to no HMEP grant for project funding; an email was just received on Monday, January 5, 2015 that our application had been approved, but still waiting to hear how much the grant award will be; we applied to complete Fall and Winter truck counts, but we'll be applying for the Fall portion in next year's grant; we also applied to bring CAMEO (Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations) both Basic & Advanced classes to LaSalle County.

## New Business:

Gina Meehan-Taylor from Ameren gave a presentation and demonstration to the LEPC on Ameren's pipelines in LaSalle County.

### Plant updates:

**Joe Skaff @ Renewable Energy Group (REG)** reports that they have gone 153 days without an OSHA recordable (since 8/5/2014) and there have been no environmental issues to report.

**Laurie Shields @ Pilkington** reported that during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2014, Pilkington sustained 1 OSHA recordable incident. On October 31, an employee was cleaning out a vent pipe used to discharge adipic acid

fumes from the workplace. As the excess adipic acid residue was being removed, a small amount was released into the air and into the eyes of the employee, causing minor irritation. The employee rinsed his eyes and was taken to an optometrist for observation. Although no injury to the eyes was detected, the doctor prescribed medication as a precautionary measure. In the future, employees will be required to wear safety goggles when performing this task.

On October 31, 2014 a high potential near miss occurred at the plant. A shipment of a pyrophoric gas was expected to be delivered to the plant during the afternoon. The shipment was delayed until after normal business hours so instructions were given to locate the trailer on the chemical pad, remove the access doors to ensure the trailer was in the correct position, and do not connect the chemical feed lines. The Shift Supervisor decided to go ahead and connect the lines, and this was accomplished without incident. However, he did not follow the required safe operation procedure which increased the potential for fire or related injury. This was a non-routine task and the Shift Supervisor did not know the correct procedure. In the future, a LOTO device will be placed on the feed lines secure the feed lines and prevent access.

Pilkington had a minor chemical release on December 2, 2014. A flexible hose failed and leaked a corrosive chemical above a bulk storage tank. The leak occurred indoors and the chemical was not released into the environment. All flexible lines will be inspected each time the tank is empty and changed out, and new lines will be installed annually.

**Kristine Metzke @ Carus Corporation** reports 26 days since last recordable injury – thermal & chemical burns on R leg due to splashing – equipment modification to prevent; Carus wins Governor’s Award-recognized by Pat Quinn for their achievements in energy conservation by awarding them the IL Governor’s Sustainability Award. Carus received this award because they reduced energy consumption 28% in just five (5) years at the LaSalle Manufacturing facility; this award is given annually to Illinois organizations that demonstrate a commitment to environmental excellence through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices.

Confined space rescue team training occurring today & tomorrow; HIRACS conducted on January 5<sup>th</sup> for Hot Oil System; Table top drill for exercising Emergency Action Plan will be on January 16<sup>th</sup>; Retubing of gas boiler began in December – ongoing until April 1<sup>st</sup>; production demand remains high going into 2015

### **Pipeline Updates:**

**Enterprise Pipeline** – Tom Smith gave a brief overview of Enterprise pipelines in the area

**Ameren Pipeline** - presentation

**Kinder Morgan Pipeline** – Mark Thorson gave a brief overview of Kinder Morgan pipelines in the area along with the Northern IL Pipeline Association (NIPA) and their upcoming responder educational seminars

### **LEPC Vice-Chairman & Secretary Elections:**

Jeff Arthurs nominated Bruce Hucker to remain as Vice-Chairman; second by Jeff Brodbeck; no other nominations; all ayes – motion carried. Bruce Hucker is Vice Chairman.

Bruce Hucker nominated Connie Brooks to remain as Secretary; second by Kristine Metzke; no other nominations; all ayes – motion carried. Connie Brooks is Secretary.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Nothing at this time

### **Public Comment:**

No members of the general public in attendance

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Skaff; second by Kristine Metzke; motion carried.  
Meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.

Submitted by,

Connie Brooks, LEPC Secretary  
LaSalle County EMA Director