

LaSalle County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2015 10:30am

Attendees:

Bethanie Albrecht – LaSalle County Health Dept.	Mark Gebhardt – American Red Cross
Rob McGraw – OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center	Jay LeSeure – WCMY/WRKX Radio
Connie Brooks – LaSalle Co. Emergency Management	Joe Deters – Nicor Gas
George Wilson – Nicor Gas	Mark Thorson – Kinder Morgan Pipeline
Whitney Treadman – REG Seneca LLC	Joe Skaff – REG Seneca LLC
Lance Siebert – Cristal Metals	Matt Stafford – LaSalle Co. Environmental Services
Fred Moore – LaSalle Co. Emergency Management	Steve Haywood – Ottawa Fire Department
Andy Borkowski – Ottawa Fire Department	Jeff Arthurs – IL Valley Community Hospital
Bernie Anderson – Nicor Gas	

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

Old Business:

July 1, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed - Motion made by Joe Skaff to approve July 1, 2015 meeting minutes as presented; second by Steve Haywood, all ayes, motion carried.

Spill reports were received and information disseminated at meeting as follows:

August 18, 2015 Sanitary Sewer Water from PQ leaking into Clark's Creek in Utica

September 28, 2015 Diesel Fuel (approx. 70-75 gallons) due to vehicular accident on IL Route 71 North of Ottawa – contractor hired for cleanup

-o- FOIA requests received last quarter

FFY2015 HMEP Grant Update – Still waiting on signed grant contract from IEMA in order to begin truck counts for Commodity Flow Study (CFS)

New Business:

Joe Deters from Nicor Gas gave a presentation on Nicor; talked about Investing in Illinois Program in replacing aging infrastructure under the Natural Gas Consumer Safety & Reliability Act and 2016 will be the first of nine (9) years; to help the utility pay for this infrastructure update, customers on average will see \$0.17-0.27 per therm per month increase on their bills

Plant Updates:

Joe Skaff @ Renewable Energy Group (REG) reports that REG Seneca, LLC has gone 427 days without an OSHA recordable and there have been no environmental reportable incidents.

Lance Siebert @ Cristal Metals reports no recordables and no environmental issues; batch process construction continues.

Mark Thorson @ Kinder Morgan Pipeline no incidents to report; conducting system check north of Ottawa

LEPC Business Plan: A “draft” LEPC Business Plan was distributed to members requesting feedback by December 14, 2015; this plan was previously requested by the LEPC in response to Tier II reporter donation requests for LEPC activities.

Regionalization: According to LaSalle County EMA, there has been a push toward regional approach to meetings; groups of the same people attend a multitude of meetings across the state and the intent is to decrease the overall number of meetings that people attend and still meet the same objectives; LaSalle County Citizen Corps that met semi-annually separate from the LEPC, yet included a number of the same members as the LEPC will now be included in the LEPC meetings.

Miscellaneous:

The 2015 LaSalle County LEPC roster registry on file with IEMA was distributed for updates for the 2016 LEPC.

2016 LaSalle County LEPC Meetings will continue on a quarterly basis, first Wednesday at 10:30am at the LaSalle County EMA building in Ottawa on the following dates: January 6th, April 6th, July 6th, and October 5th

According to the LEPC By-laws, an election of a Chairperson occurs in 2016, so please contact Connie Brooks at cbrooks@lasallemounty.org if you are interested in or want to nominate someone for the January 6, 2016 LEPC Chairman election.

Public Comment:

No members of the general public in attendance

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fred Moore; second by Mark Thorson; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Next meeting is January 6, 2016 at 10:30am, same location.

Submitted by,

Connie Brooks, LEPC Secretary
LaSalle County EMA Director