

# LaSalle County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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

Bernie Anderson – Nicor Gas

Joe Skaff – REG Seneca, LLC

Chris Cleveland – Alliance Pipeline

Kristine Metzke – Carus Corporation

Michelle Kohr - Sabic

Steve Haywood – Ottawa Fire Department

Scott Johnson – Carus Corporation

Whitney Treadman – REG Seneca, LLC

Brian Marcinkus – Flint Hills Resources

Nick Berning – Alliance Pipeline

Bruce Hucker – IL Dept. of Transportation

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

## Old Business:

January 7, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed with no changes - Motion made by Jeff Brodbeck to approve January meeting minutes; second by Joe Skaff, all ayes, motion carried.

Spill reports were received and information disseminated at meeting as follows: 2 in January, 1 in February, and 3 in March

-o- FOIA requests received last quarter

## Plant Updates:

**Joe Skaff @ Renewable Energy Group (REG)** reports that REG Seneca, LLC has gone 238 days without an OSHA recordable (8/5/2014 last one) and there have been no environmental reportable incidents; members of Marseilles & Seneca Fire Departments attended a facility tour on February 4, 2015.

**Brian Marcinkus @ Flint Hills Resources (FHR)** reports it's been over 1,000 since last recordable; no significant environmental issues; Attorney General and Environmental Protection Agency continue their work on April 2014 styrene incident

**Kristine Metzke @ Carus Corporation** reports one lost time injury in January when an employee injured their hand while removing a manifold from a bag house; no environmental issues; sales are very strong with most product lines running at full capacity; currently recruiting positions in LaSalle for Process Development Engineer, Pilot Plant Sodium Team Leader, Production Unit Manager for Cairox, Pilot Plant Operator for Carulite, and two Plant Operators for Cairox and two positions in Peru for Business Development Director and Regional Account Manager; celebrating centennial anniversary this year with various activities including a college scholarship.

**Michelle Kohr @ Sabic** reports no significant environmental issues; they're going to be expanding

**Bernie Anderson @ Nicor** reports new program at Troy Grove, “Investing in Illinois” infrastructure upgrade \$250m project; Streator they’ll be replacing mains and upgrading services

**Chris Cleveland @ Alliance Pipeline** reports nothing to add to his presentation

**New Business:**

Chris Cleveland from Alliance Pipeline gave a presentation on Alliance Pipelines in LaSalle County.

FFY2015 HMEP Grant Update – wrote grant for 3 projects; 1-Completion of Commodity Flow Study (CFS), 2-Threat Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) based on CFS, 3-Functional Exercise based on CFS & THIRA

**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 11:45am.

Next meeting is July 1, 2015 at 10:30am, same location.

Submitted by,

Connie Brooks, LEPC Secretary  
LaSalle County EMA Director