LEPC Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024 0900-1000

Hybrid meeting in person and Zoom

1. Chair Schipper called meeting to order at 0902.
2. Having a large number of new attendees, Chair Schipper changed up agenda order to get introductions in first. See attachment for those in attendance.
3. Motion to approve/amend agenda by Ryan-Hydrite second by Brad-BHC
4. Hydrite commented to amend section 6 of October 2023 minutes to reflect that they are equipped to handle their own spills for the most part but not fires. Tyson Fresh Meats made correction that they too are a CFATS facility on the fresh meats side only.
5. Joe A. talked about ESF-10 requirements. Described what ESF-10 entails. Explained what Tier II reports are and why they are required. Also said that EPCRA mandates annual ESF-10.

Schipper- Tier II is a yearly requirement and available to the general public. They are due by August 1st annually. DNR takes care of and manages Tier II lists. The biggest changes generally seen from year to year is the Point of Contact for entities. Schipper asked for a motion to approve our ESF-10 but got no motion. The partners would like to review the ESF-10 before voting on it. They said they need more information from Mindy. Mindy is currently in another meeting so we will table this for now and have her send out the draft to all partners to review. If any corrections or additions are needed, please respond with those ASAP. This needs to be turned in to the state by August 1st.

1. Link to Iowa DNR list through EPCRA provided in agenda. Only 9 spills reported in Black Hawk County over the past year. Joe A.- talked about the survey that he sent out awhile back that had four questions for all EMs. There were 495 total spills reported in Iowa over the past year. Those are only the ones reported to DNR remember. Mork – “If we had someone come in that we had to decon and the chemicals were washed off the person and into the drains, is that reportable?” Joe A- That would be a good follow up question for the DNR. They would have the insight on that.
2. “Popcorn thought”- Anything to the benefit of this group. Ryan-Hydrite said that the fire department had responded out there to a false alarm. While there he questioned when last time FD had done a walkthrough. He would like to get with FD to get one scheduled here soon. Tyson Fresh Meats would also like to schedule one. Schipper will email both partners information of who to contact to get that set up. Joe A. handed out updated map of HazMat response areas with list of HazMat Groups’ areas. He noted that one county in Iowa-Taylor is not covered by a HazMat Team. This is due to the county be primarily rural. If they need a response, they would contract it out. These maps are drafts right now but he will be sending out finalized ones to everyone. Schipper- Different HazMat teams have different rules as to when and who can request them. NIRG can only be requested by a public safety agency such as a fire department or Emergency Management. Here the fire department responds first then would request HazMat. That’s the same with all other 10 counties in the NIRG response area.
3. Check out our Facebook page! If you would like us to put something on there that would benefit the group or the public, let us know. Would love to see pictures and write-ups of trainings and information about upcoming trainings.
4. Hydrite is building a new loading bay and truck wash but all contained. Skinner- CN is acquiring the Iowa Northern Railroad by end of the year. At which time, CN will own all rail roads in Black Hawk County. Aaron S.- Starting a project w/ Skinner and Deshawn Herrera(CN’s Dangerous Goods officer) to work with PD and FD for rail yard planning. This would be the first teir. The second tier would be planning with Waterloo Schools in particular East High. Skinner talked about his duties and coverage area as CN railroad police. They are also going to be hiring a second officer. Mork asked if other partners are addressing cybersecurity as that is top on his list right now. Hydrite said that they have a pretty robust cybersecurity program that is testing them constantly. He could not go into details but said they take cybersecurity very seriously.
5. Next meeting will be in the Fall. December?
6. Motion to adjourn- Ryan-Hydrite. Second by Emily-Hydrite

ATTACHMENT A

**Black Hawk County LEPC Meeting attendees** July 9, 2024

**In-person**

Mike Schipper – Waterloo Fire/HazMat Team

Matt Mayner – Black Hawk County EMA & Public Health

Joe Ascherl – HSEMD

Brian Johnson – HSEMD

Tom Skinner – CN Railroad

Nathan Mork – MercyOne

Brad Metcalf – BHC

Jared Parmater – BHCPH

Charles Kovach – Hydrite

Ryan Arnfelt – Hydrite

Helen Helfer – Hydrite

Robin Mueller – Tyson Fresh Metas

**Virtual**

Nicole Rowan – Unity Point

Jim Dally – UNI PD

Tom Bicket – Amateur Radio Group

Adam Thacher – DOT

Aaron Spickermann – CN Railroad

Ben Timmer – Eurofins Environmental

Cheryl Ewers – MidAmerican

Daniel Brown – Tyson Fresh Meats

Dave Mentel – Birch Cabinets

Duane Parizek – National Guard

Gordon Krueger – UNI

John Zolondek – CF Fire

Wil Manweiler – Dunkerton COOP

Melanie Fisher - MercyOne