



Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2012

Call To Order

Linda Blais called to order the regular meeting of the LEPC on February 9, 2012 at 11:05 a.m. at 2015 Sens Road, La Porte, Texas.

Introductions

Introductions were made around the room. View the attendance list @ www.laportelepc.org.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion by Randy Royall, Chevron Phillips was made to accept the January 12, 2012 meeting minutes. Tim Buchanan, INEOS seconded the motion. A vote was taken; Motion carried.

Reports

- a) **Emergency Communications** – Jeff Suggs; no report at this time.
 1. Incidents – none to report at this time.
- b) **Emergency Response & Resources** – Tim Mann; no report at this time.
- c) **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison** – Chairperson vacant at this time; potential candidate.
 1. Membership Committee – Jeff Suggs; no report at this time.
- d) **Planning** – Don Price; continue working on school project. Committee will meet at end of month.
- e) **Public Education & Information** – Bill Bower reported SIP Day Care Training will be held March 29, 2012 at the La Porte ISD Support Services building.
- f) **Treasurer's Report** – Balance as of January 31, 2012 is \$50,212.85. Receipts of \$63,115.76 (contribution work sheets, golf tournament reimbursement and grant). Disbursements of \$25,457.68 include \$25,000 to Emerge, \$367.00 – LEPC Meals, \$68.00 – laminate WW posters, \$8.80 – stamps and \$14.11 – electricity.
- g) **Golf Tournament** – Alton Porter, Gas Innovations reported the committee met prior to the membership meeting today. Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 7, 2012 with a 12:30 shotgun start; room for 33 teams. Robert Eldridge, Odfjell Terminals will be the contact person for door prizes and Donna Cuevas, SSI Chusei, Inc. will be the contact person for the goody bags. Items for the door prizes and goody bags are needed. Proceeds from the golf tournament will be used for Emergency Information/Awareness Signs in the City Parks and Neighborhood. Thanks to Kuraray America and LyondellBasell for being Silver Sponsors. Have commitments for 22 teams.
- h) **Reverse Drills**

Linda Blais, LyondellBasell
Plant received notification on January 25th at 20 am. EOC set up and all clear issued. Issues to resolve in the event of an event: (1) where to house families, press (2) designate person to check roads

Clayton Hackett, Southern Ionics

Plant received notification at 2 am today. Notifications made by 2:18; did not put on CAER line.

Old Business

- a) LEPC Contribution Worksheet: Melisa Boaze. Worksheets must be returned by March 1, 2012 along with contribution; please remember to include all resident nested contractors. About 25% of the dues have been received.
- b) Tier II electronic copies are due to Jeff Suggs by March 1, 2012.

New Business

- a) Chris Black, Total Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc. presented an overview of their plant and products they make. Total petrochemicals is the largest producer of polypropylene with their plant yielding 2.4 billion pounds per year. A total of 340 employees including nested contractors. Their end products include a lot of absorbent fibers...diapers, pads, medical products and hard plastic, car parts, windshield wiper fluid, car seats and chairs.

Announcements

Madalyn Ferrell, Robert Kirk – U S Department of Homeland Security

The Chemical Sector-Specific Agency will host a classified briefing for cleared members of the Chemical Sector on March 1, 2012 in Houston, Texas. Speakers from across the U S Intelligence Community will brief on the latest threats and developments that affect the chemical sector.

The briefing is highly anticipated by many in the Chemical Sector who hold security clearances, and is near maximum capacity. However if you have a SECRET-level clearance and are interested in attending, you can contact Robert Kirk at Robert.kirk@hq.dhs.gov and ask to be put on a waiting list. A SECRET-level security clearance and being on the registration list is required to attend this briefing.

If you do not currently hold a security clearance, you may qualify for one if your primary job responsibilities involve physical and/or cyber security, and if your company does not already hold multiple clearances. The Chemical Sector-Specific Agency does sponsor individuals for security clearances; however this program is currently on hold and awaiting approval before accepting new applicants. In the interim, you can correspond with your local Coast Guard or FBI Office to see if they would sponsor you for a security clearance based on your work duties and responsibilities.

Rick Anorga, Sheriffs Department

If any member(s) may be interested in forming a group to meet on commodity loads with Texas Department of Transportation and law enforcement, please contact Rick.

Debbie Valdez, Harris County Commissioner Precinct Two

Lynchburg Ferry is currently undergoing U S Coast Guard inspections until February 14, 2012. Inspection requires only 6 vehicles or 6 passengers plus crew on ferry at one time, plus only one ferry can be operating. In March for three weekends (not determined yet); the Washburn Tunnel will be closed for maintenance for the entire weekend.

David Wade, Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

136th Annual State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association (SFFMA) Training Conference and Convention scheduled for June 9-13, 2012 at the Crown Plaza Houston Hotel and Reliant Park (Saturday agenda only). Over 60 companies showcase their products and services. The following are just a few of the product and service categories represented: firefighting equipment, fire apparatus, parts, maintenance, software, video training, fire fighting chemicals, industrial, safety & rescue equipment and emergency response. For more info visit: www.sffma.org

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David also reported Southeast Regional LEPC 2012 Safety Fair will be held June 9, 2012.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed. Meeting adjourned @ 11:45.

LB:jsh

2012 Monthly membership meetings:

March 8	August 9
April 12	September 13
May 10	October 11
June 14	November 8
July 12	December 13