Adams County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
April 27, 2015

Minutes

Attendees List: Please see attached.

Thank you to **EPC Energy Services** for providing lunch!

The meeting was called to order by Abel Montoya, Co-Chair at 11:02 am. An introduction of attendees was completed.

The February 23, 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved after a motion to approve by Karl Smalley and a 2nd by Glenn Grove.

**Legislative/Regulatory Update – Christine Francescani**

Christine gave a rail tank car update. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration recently released two advisory notices, Notice #15-7 and Notice #15-11. These notices were reminders that railcars should include certain information/markings for Emergency Responders related to the materials being transported.

**Continuing Business**

Framework for conducting HVA

Heather McDermott – announced that a grant has been submitted to purchase the PEAC software that was presented at the February meeting. The grant scored high in the scoring system and most likely will be funded. We should know by the June meeting whether or not it was approved.
ESF-10 Annex

Richard Atkins – discussed the ESF-10 (Hazmat Annex) that had been distributed earlier for review. Numerous changes and comments have been submitted and incorporated into the Annex. The final version will be sent out next week to the agencies that play a role in the Annex for signatures.

Spill Mitigation/Reporting

Richard Atkins – discussed the issues with the current spill reporting which involves:

1) Lack of getting reports;
2) Who gets the report and when; and,
3) Lack of information or correct information.

This discussion led into the next topic which was a demonstration on a new GIS-based computer form for spill reporting developed by Adams County and was presented by Charles Osterman.

Charles walked the group through the program which can be found on the County’s website by doing a search for spills and then chemical spill reporting form. There are many, many fields of information to be completed and the group was asked to review the provided hard copies and check whether a field should or should not be included in the form. These forms should be returned to Richard. There is also a location map at the bottom of the form. The purpose of the form is to fulfill the requirement of a spill notification to the LEPC and is intended for industry reporting (not citizen reporting).

Lunch and a Presentation was provided by EPC Energy Services

EPC is an engineering firm who is distributing a product to clean up petroleum based products. CAS-100 is a polymer powder which
absorbs petroleum products and becomes a gel-like material which can easily be handled for cleanup. It is hydrophobic so doesn’t absorb water and once the petroleum product is collected by the polymer it can be properly disposed of in a landfill or incinerated. A demonstration of the CAS-100 product was completed. The product comes in sizes ranging from a 1 pound container to tons. EPC Energy is promoting pro-activity rather than reactivity and believes that if industry has the product on-site and ready for use it will drastically reduce cleanup effort and time.

Public Education & Outreach

Rob Martinez reported that the LEPC brochure has been turned over to the Graphic Arts Department and it should be completed by the June LEPC meeting.

Facility Emergency Planning

Richard Atkins discussed the Tier II Report Submittal requirements. In 2013, there were 475 facilities submitted Tier II reports to the Adams County LEPC. In 2014, to this date, there have been 635 submittals. The large jump in facilities is mostly due to oil well storage tank reporting. With this many facilities reporting to the LEPC, we should have more industry participation in the LEPC?

The county has narrowed the list of facilities that have not reported their Tier II data down to about 30 in Adams County. This number is based on assessor information and previous reporting facilities. Dawn Riggs, Adams County OEM Administrative Assistant, has been instrumental in managing this program. The County may coordinate with the local Fire Department during their annual facility inspections in the future to remind facilities of the requirement to submit Tier II data.
New Business:

Lisa Ciazza, from the Aurora LEPC, gave a briefing and advised that their committee met about two weeks ago and have formed three working groups to focus on specific projects/audiences.

Jon Brown advised that Sinclair Transportation has begun construction at the terminal on 96th Avenue to provide additional storage. He also mentioned that a pipeline training class was scheduled for Thursday night at 6pm in Strasburg.

Additional Comments

The next Adams County LEPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015, from 11 am – 1 pm, at the Adams County Government Center.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

NOTE: Sinclair Transportation has volunteered to provide lunch for the June meeting.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Deanne Kelly, Tri-County Health Department, LEPC Secretary.