



Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2018

11:00 AM

La Porte ISD Support Services Building, located at 2015 Sens Road, La Porte, TX

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Approval of Minutes from Prior Month

Committee Reports

- Emergency Communications: Kristin Gauthier
 - A. Incidents
 - B. Reverse Drills
 - C. E-Notify Updates: Dan Heiken
- Emergency Response and Resources: Richard Bass
- Hazardous Materials Facilities Liaison: Burch Estes
- Planning: Dena Mahan on behalf of Lance Hardcastle
- Public Education & Information: Dena Mahan
- Membership Committee: Clayton Hackett
- Treasurer's Report: Sydney Kennedy
- Golf Tournament: Jeff Suggs

Old Business

- 2018 Meeting Presenter Schedule: Ray Cook
- Membership Dues and Contact Information Update Forms: Sydney Kennedy
- Tier II Reports: Dena Mahan

New Business

- Household Hazardous Waste Day Date Change
- Industry Hurricane Workshop: Kristin

Presentations

- Presentation by Jeff Tippit, LPPD - DOT Officer

Good of the Order

Adjournment



Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

Call To Order

Raymond Cook called to order the regular meeting of the LEPC on February 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at 2015 Sens Road, La Porte, Texas.

Introductions

Introductions were made around the room. Members are reminded to sign in at the back of the room.

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion by Richard Bass, Kuraray EVAL, was made to accept the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Jeff Lichon, Dow, seconded the motion. A vote was taken; Motion carried.

Reports

a. Emergency Communications – Kristin Gauthier:

1. Incidents –

January 26, 2018 – City of La Porte Siren Malfunction – Siren going off on Farrington Blvd. at 4:45 a.m. with unknown tone. The City initially believed it was coming from industry, but also considered whether or not it could be a City siren on Farrington Blvd. Just before 7:00 a.m., the siren went off again. It was confirmed as the Farrington siren, so Parks Maintenance immediately went to the site to disconnect the siren. Vendor came out that day to repair. Shortly after 7 a.m. the public was made aware of the issue via social media and the phone notification system. Per a new maintenance agreement, the sirens will be checked every 6 months.

January 31, 2018 – Odor Issue – very strong rotten egg/sewage odor on the West side of La Porte and Deer Park, which caused much concern for residents of La Porte and Deer Park. Fire Department narrowed down the smell to a cleaning facility off of Underwood. Harris County Pollution Control was notified, and responded to the incident. Please help the City identify the source of odors when they are present.

a. Level 3: January 22, 2018 – A Solvay representative explained that they experienced a fire in a portion of their cooling tower. Maintenance was scheduled to work on a water leak in the area and while maintenance was there, sparks flew and ignited plastic, causing the fire black smoke to drift south over 225. On-site emergency response team managed the fire and stopped it from spreading. There were no injuries or chemical releases. 25 minutes elapsed between fire starting and Level 1 notice going out; 8 minutes later this was corrected to a Level 3. EOC had been relocated less than a week prior, which led to delay. This has been since corrected, and a poster is being designed to address some of the E-Notify issues. Did not receive Level 3 until 3:48 p.m. from the notification was submitted by INEOS. Kristin stated that follow up is important in making sure notifications have gone out. Without E-Notify, call dispatch and let someone know what is taking place. Donald Ladd stated the importance of getting the City accurate information as soon as possible, because we need to provide that information to the public and media.

b. Level 2: January 18, 2018 – Altivia representative explained that Altivia experienced a chlorine leak from a rail car PRV. On-site hazmat team responded to the incident. It took about two and a half hours for the facility and railroad to figure out what was happening: a needle valve had been open from the supplier to the site. Air monitoring was conducted throughout the facility. Sent in two follow up E-Notify messages prior to the All Clear, and Kristin spoke with Derrick several times – good communication.

c. Level 1: Accountability – sirens, noise, odor, flaring, smoke, etc. We are accountable to the public. They are very engaged, especially with social media. Help us stay ahead of communications by giving us the information we need to keep the public informed.

2. Reverse Drills – Shaye Lister:

- a) **1/2/18 – Southern Ionics:** Facility was contacted by Dispatch. They submitted an E-Notify at 10:06 a.m. An All Clear was submitted at 10:13 a.m. No issues.
- b) **1/11/18 – Zeon Chemicals:** Facility was contacted by dispatch. They submitted an E-Notify at 20:17. An All Clear was not submitted.
- c) **1/16/18 – Total Petrochemicals:** Dispatch attempted to contact facility, however they were unable to speak with anyone, no operator was available and at 02:00 they reached the voicemail.
- d) **1/24/18 - Athlon:** Facility was contacted by Dispatch. No E-Notify or All Clear submitted.
- e) **2/6/18 – INEOS Oligomers:** Dispatch attempted to contact facility, however they were unable to speak with anyone, no operator was available and at 02:00 and 02:02 they reached the voicemail.

3. E-Notify Update – Jeff Suggs: Grammatical errors in the system need to be fixed, modifications to wording as well. Send feedback/needed modifications into Dan Heiken.

- b. **Emergency Response & Resources – Richard Bass:** La Porte High School needs a Shelter-in-Place Assessment team to review their procedures. Richard is looking for 3 more volunteers to see how the LEPC can help.
- c. **Hazardous Materials Facility Liaison – Burch Estes:** Hopeful to hold a Household Hazardous Waste Day, tentatively scheduled for April 21st. Sign-up sheet was passed around for help in handling the materials that come in from the community. Can use anyone, but do need volunteers that are Hazwoper certified.
- d. **Planning – Lance Hardcastle:** Planning Committee met directly before the LEPC meeting. Committee is currently looking at how to best utilize the data being gathered by Texas A&M. Committee needs more volunteers, specifically those who have a history in submitting Tier II data, a knowledge of industrial hygiene or have conducted a PHA. Meetings take place once a month. Action plan moving forward consists of educational process development. Shelter-in-place is being looked at, as well as surveying the community in terms of community outreach feedback.
- e. **Public Education & Information – Dena Mahan:** Meeting next month. Spring is Wally Wise season, so volunteers will be needed. Sign-up sheet was passed around for Mardi Gras on Main volunteers, which will take place on February 17th.
- f. **Membership Committee – Clayton Hackett:** Needs more volunteers for this committee.
- g. **Treasurer's Report – Kristin Gauthier:** In January, we took in receipts in the amount of \$52,117.00. Total disbursements equaled \$45,906.57. The total available funds as of January 31, 2018 were \$109,380.91. Receipts included annual contributions and donations for the 30th anniversary. Disbursements included January meeting lunch, secretarial services (\$10,000), TCEQ grant (\$35,000), office supplies and committee appreciation.
- h. **Golf Tournament – Robert Eldridge:** Flyers located on back table near sign-in sheets, tournament is to take place on Thursday, March 22nd. By March 16th door prizes, goodie bags and sponsorship need to be turned in. Volunteers needed for putting these together.

Old Business

- a) **2018 Meeting Presenter Schedule – Ray Cook:** Sign-up sheet passed out. Need overviews of facilities. Vendor companies can give presentations and sponsor lunch. Kristin made a call for topics that people are interested in for outside representatives to be called in, if wanted.
- b) **Membership Dues and Contact Information Update Forms – Kristin Gauthier:** Dues should be received by the March meeting. Forms located in back of room and emailed out. Credit card payments are available. Correct 24-hour numbers needed for contact information. Membership form has to be done online, and the link will be emailed again.

- c) **Tier II Reports – Dena Mahan:** Tier II Reports are due into the LEPC, State and Fire Department by March 1st. Email to the state, copy LEPC on email, which will satisfy your reporting commitment. Email receipt will be sent.

New Business

- a) **Recognition of Bill Bower for his service to the LEPC – Jeff Suggs:** Bill Bower was recognized for his 26 years of service to the LEPC. He was gifted an Amazon gift card and crystal clock.

Presentations

- a) **Presentation by Dale Upchurch, Dow Chemical Bayport Operations:** Dale provided an overview of the Dow Bayport facility.

Good of the Order

- a) **PIO/JIC Training Rescheduled – Kristin Gauthier:** Training was cancelled last month due to ice storm. This has been rescheduled to February 20th. Flyers in back, roughly 8 spots available. Turn in registration as soon as possible. All modules must be taken, this will be hosted at the La Porte Police Department.
- b) **Committee Support – Ray Cook:** Members are encouraged to join subcommittees, especially if you have a particular area of expertise that would be beneficial to the various LEPC projects.
- c) **Witt O'Brien's Annual Free Compliance Workshop –** April 12th with more intermediate levels than before. There will be discussions on planning and enforcement. Flyers were made available in the back of the room, and will be emailed with the meeting follow-up.

Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mark Turvey, Lubrizol Bayport. Richard Bass, Kuraray EVAL, seconded the motion and it was passed. Meeting adjourned @ 12:04 p.m.

LA PORTE, MORGAN'S POINT, & SHOREACRES LEPC **TREASURER'S REPORT**



REPORT DATE: March 8, 2018

BALANCE AS OF LAST REPORT: February 8, 2018

Checking Account Balance	\$ 109,380.91
TOTAL FUNDS:	\$ 109,380.91

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

	\$ 23,466.65
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DISBURSEMENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

	\$ 51,176.59
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Checking Account Balance as of February 28, 2018	\$ 81,670.97
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS as of February 28, 2018	\$ 81,670.97
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Sydney Kennedy
LEPC Coordinator

Company	Representative Present?
Air Gas	Yes
Air Liquide - Bayport Complex	Yes
Air Liquide - La Porte	No
Air Liquide - La Porte ASU	No
Air Products, L.P. - La Porte	Yes
AkzoNobel Chemicals - Pasadena	Yes
AkzoNobel Polymers - Independence Pkwy	Yes
Albemarle, L.L.C.	Yes
Allen Hayes, Citizen	Yes
ALTIVIA	No
AMPAC Fine Chemicals	Yes
Athlon Solutions	Yes
Baker Petrolite - Pasadena	No
Barbara Norwine, Citizen	No
Bayport Industrial	No
BRASKEM, PP Americas	No
CBSL Transportation	Yes
Chem-Coast Inc.	No
Chemours	Yes
City of La Porte	Yes
City of Morgan's Point	Yes
City of Shoreacres	No
CTEH	Yes
Dana Suttles	No
DB Western, Inc.	No
Dow Chemical - Bayport	Yes
Dow Chemical - La Porte	Yes
Dow Pipeline	Yes
DuPont - La Porte	No
E.R. Carpenter L.P.	No
Enterprise Products Operating L.P.	Yes
Equistar Pipeline	No
Eurecat U.S. INC.	Yes
EXEL Inc.	No
EXXONMobil Pipeline Co.	No
Garner Environmental Services, Inc.	No
Gas Innovations	No
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	No
Greif	No
Gulbrandsen Technologies	Yes
HARCROS Chemicals	Yes

Haz Mat Special Services	Yes
Highway Transport Chemical LLC	No
INEOS Olefins & Polymers USA	Yes
INEOS Oligomers	Yes
Intergulf	Yes
Invista	Yes
ITC	Yes
Jacobson Warehouse	No
Kinder Morgan	Yes
Kuraray America EVAL	Yes
Kuraray America POVAL	Yes
Kuraray America Septon	Yes
Kuraray La Porte	Yes
La Porte ISD	Yes
Lhoist North America	No
Linde Gas, L.L.C.	No
Lonestar Ecology	Yes
Lubrizol - Bayport	Yes
LyondellBasell - BYO	No
LyondellBasell - Choate	No
LyondellBasell - La Porte	No
M&M Protection	Yes
Melton America, Inc	No
Nissan Chemical - Houston/Pasadena	No
Noltex	Yes
Odfjell Terminals	No
Oxyvinyls-Houston Operations (LP/Battleground)	Yes
PeroxyChem - Pasadena	Yes
Port of Houston	Yes
Praxair Inc	No
Richard Nguyen, Citizen	No
San Jacinto College District	No
Shell Pipeline	No
Solvay	Yes
South Coast	Yes
Southern Ionics	No
Total Petrochemicals	Yes
Trecora Chemical	No
TYCO (Pentair)	No
Zeon Chemicals	Yes

Company	Representative Present?
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American Red Cross	No
Bayshore Medical	No
Centerpoint	No
City of Deer Park	No
City of La Porte - Fire Department	Yes
City of La Porte - Fire Marshal	No
City of La Porte - Police Department	Yes
City of Pasadena	No
City of Webster	No
Detection & Measurement Systems	No
E-MERGE	Yes
Green Light Safety	Yes
Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority	No
Harris County	No
- - - OEM	No
- - - POLLUTION CONTROL	No
- - - PUBLIC HEALTH & ES	No
- - - SHERRIFS OFFICE	Yes
Harris County - Commissioner - Pct 2	Yes
Kaneka North America	Yes
North Channel LEPC	Yes
OMI Environmental Solution	Yes
TCEQ	No
Texas General Land Office	No
Texas Industrial Medical	No
Texas Parks & Wildlife	Yes
Union Pacific	No
US Coast Guard	No
Veterans HSE, LLC	No