

Local Emergency Planning Committee

July 18, 2023

Opening

Macon Fife brought the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., he welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. Self-introductions were made, and Macon reminded everyone that anything discussed in the meeting was public record. If you have any confidential or proprietary information that you do not want shared with the public do not discuss it in this meeting. Macon requested a motion to approve May meeting minutes. Randy Dillman made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Greg Yount seconded the motion, meeting minutes accepted by consensus.

Macon reviewed the LEPC Vision & Mission statements. If you would like a copy of these statements, contact Karen Schulze at karen.schulze@basf.com.

Presentations:

Mike Jones with Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) discussed services that they can help secure during weather, fires, and major events. TDEM is its own department within the State of Texas. They have twenty-eight departments that can respond to your needs. If the county is unable to provide resources that you need TDEM can step in. Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) can provide escorts to get resources to your area. TDEM reps on scene can help expedite needs during disasters including weather, fire, etc. TDEM can bring in military, TxDPS officers and other task force resources that they can coordinate and get to you during these events. They are not there to look over your shoulder, they are there to help. Mike strongly encourages everyone to be prepared - have a plan in place and to make requests early. Keep the county and state informed of your needs.

Laura Hayslip with CHI St. Luke's presented on their capabilities. Emergency Room (ER) nurses are trained through trauma certification. They are trained in disaster, response, and recovery. These nurses can recognize symptoms with chemical exposures. TNRCC course is a requirement for ER nurses. CHI St. Luke's can handle contamination of a large number of people, they have a large decontamination tent that can be assembled within a short time. Laura will send updated contact information to Steve Rosa and this updated information will be communicated to LEPC members.

Mike Astrangelo with UTMB discussed that during a plant/chemical emergency you should contact the UTMB Emergency Room Dispatch at the main campus located Galveston at 409-772-1479. Be prepared to give dispatcher an estimated time of arrival (ETA), number of patients needing care, chemical exposed to, treatment already given, and contact number for plant Physician, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, etc. Dispatch can assist in sending patients to the hospital/campus that is best able to take care of the patient's needs.

Mark Winter with Southeast Texas Poison Control Center in Galveston talked about ways the Poison Control Center can assist during an emergency. Contact them at 1-800-222-1222 with questions, needs, etc.

Treasurer's Report:

Genelle Hurta reported that the current bank balance is \$10,780.61 as of June 30, 2023.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Right to Know Committee

Markus Trower reported that there were no new FOIA request since the May meeting.

Public Information

Markus Trower reported that there was no new information to discuss.

CAER Update:

Greg Yount reported that the CAER siren test was successful.

Reportable Spills / Releases

Markus Trower gave an update on the 10 NRC report reportable spills/releases that have occurred since the May LEPC meeting. If you have any questions on these reports, contact Markus at markust@brazoria-county.com. Please remember to follow-up with a written report on any phone notifications you make regarding spills and/or releases.

Training

Please contact Karen Schulze at karen.schulze@basf.com or Macon Fife at macon.fife@basf.com if you have training that you would like to share with LEPC members.

If you are having any type of emergency drill, email Karen Schulze at karen.schulze@basf.com for distribution to LEPC members. This helps meet some of the new RMP requirements.

For upcoming training visit Preparing Texas at <https://www.preparingtexas.org/>.

New Business:

Macon mentioned opening the committees to new volunteers. If you are interested in participating on a committee, please reach out to Macon or Karen.

Contact Karen Schulze if you have an item that you would like added to the agenda or if you would like to present your RMP at the September meeting.

Macon requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Praslicka made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Randy Dillman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Recorder: Karen Schulze

Next meeting: September 19, 2023 – Brazoria County Fairgrounds Auditorium, 901 S. Downing, Angleton, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

LEPC Meeting Information & Reminders
Updated August 17, 2023

LEPC meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. These meetings will be held at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds, 901 S. Downing, Angleton, in the auditorium. LEPC meetings will no longer be virtual.

Meeting minutes will be located on the Brazoria County web page. [Brazoria County Local Emergency Planning Committee | Brazoria County, TX \(brazoriacountytx.gov\)](https://www.brazoriacountytx.gov). Meeting attendance record will be the last page of the meeting minutes you receive. Please keep a copy of the attendance record if your company requires you show proof you attended the meetings.

REMINDER: If you will be presenting at the LEPC meeting and need access to a computer or the overhead projector, please contact Karen Schulze at karen.schulze@basf.com in advance so that arrangements can be made for proper equipment to be available.

REMINDER: Randy Dillman now has a flash drive to store RMP files. If you do not want to wait until we meet face-to-face again you can send the files to Randy at randal.dillman@ineos.com. Steve Rosa mentioned that if you want to create a Drop Box account to save the files to for Randy to retrieve from there you can. You may also mail a flash drive containing your RMP data to: INEOS, C/O Randy Dillman, P. O. Box 1488, Alvin, TX 77511

Please get with Steve Rosa before submitting your Tier II information so that you submit it in a format that is compatible with the software used by Brazoria County, steverosa@brazoria-county.com

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Name	Company/Agency
Karen Schulze	BASF
Randal Dillman	INEOS
Macon Fife	BASF
Genelle Hurta	Philips 66
Kristle Kersten	Olin Pipeline
Markus Trower	Office of Emergency Management
Steve Rosa	Office of Emergency Management
Dennis Wendland	Dow Pipeline
Cade B.	Dow Pipeline
Mike Mastrangelo	UTMB
Mark Moyan	TDEM
Taahira Guzman	Air Liquide
Jerry Escamilla	Solv Chem
Jay Kirschner	Air Liquide
Ray Garza	Shin-tech
Doug Apollo	TDCJ
Roland Bracken	Air Liquide
Kelly Bradberry	Brazosport ED
Sheryl Bitner	CPChem
Shannon Thomson	Shin Etsu
Greg Yount	SI Group
William Ince	SPR DoE
Jody Phillips	Air Liquide
Quinette Duford	TDCJ Terrell Unit
Gynna Villarreal	TDCJ Ramsey Unit
Richard Harewood	TDCJ Clemens Unit
A. J. Adams	Highway Transport
Aaron Sims	Dow
Mike Doucet	BC Fire/Hazmat
Chris Humphries	Highway Transport
Tim Garza III	Olin
Laura Hazeslip	CHI St. Luke's Brazosport

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Name	Company/Agency
Christopher Kelly	DSM
Kinzie Robins	DSM Nutritional Products
Mark Winter	SE Texas Poison Center
Bryan Sidebottom	Lake Jackson Emergency Manager
Mike Jones	TDEM
Romonica Mullins	TDCJ
Naomi Yoder	Healthy Gulf
Charles Nuttall	Ascend
Brandon Harris	Ascend
Jamie Praslicka	City of Angleton