



**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes April 25, 2024**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on April 25, 2024, at the Cargill Fayetteville Facility located at 1754 River Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28312

Members in Attendance:

David Richtmeyer, Chairman, HAZMAT Rep.
Garry Crumpler, Vice-Chair, Emergency Management Rep
Lou Cherry, Print and Broadcast Media
Greg Phillips, Health Rep
Robert Godwin, First Aid Rep
George White, Hospital Rep
Caleb Stoker, Operator Facilities, Hexion
Adam Buehler, Ft. Liberty
Johnny Lanthorn, Utilities Rep

Others in Attendance:

Hannah Callihan, Hexion
Daniel Davis, Hexion
Phil Harris, American Red Cross
Laura Smith, Fayetteville EM
Chini Gault, Cumberland EM
Elonda Hicks, Cumberland County Schools
Caroline Hamilton, Cumberland County Schools
Jamie Williams, Colonia Pipeline Co.
Scott Schuelke, Cargill
Marc Baker, FVAMC'
Jeffery Kimmons, Public Health CC
Ondrya Mangato, PWC
Gregory Archbold, Walmart
Peter Coffey, Fayetteville VA
Abiodun Awoyemi, FSU
AnnMarie Yow, Mid-Carolina Council of Government
Mike Prevatte, NCDA



Introductions and Approval of the Minutes:

Welcomes and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The preceding meeting minutes were approved by the committee. (Motion by Greg Phillips and seconded by Robert Godwin)

LEPC By-laws:

- Garry advised the County Clerk's Office was unable to locate a signed copy of the LEPC by-laws in their records.
- Garry asks of the committee to get volunteers from industry, EM, hazmat, PIO to review by-laws. Create a short committee to review existing conditions and go through the LEPC authorization to add the components missing.
 - Laura Smith, Greg Phillips, Johnny Lanthorn (PWC), Robert Godwin, Daniel Davis (Hexion) agreed to be a part of the committee.
 - Garry will send out meeting invite to discuss bylaws.
 - Should be in place by next authorization cycle.

Emergency Planning Requirements:

- An emergency plan is in place regarding hazmat; however, all the elements are not included.
- Will make an ask of the committee to go through that to see what other information to be added on behalf of the facility.

Membership Update/Nominations:

- In the interim of a new administration member Garry will handle minute taking.
- Nomination of Colby Foster to serve as the Community Group representative (Nominated by Garry Crumpler and Seconded by Greg Phillips). The motion passed unanimously.
- Nomination of Laura Smith to serve as EM representative (Nominated by Garry Crumpler and Seconded by Greg Phillips). The motion passed unanimously.
- Nomination of Harrison Combs to serve as the Fayetteville PD representative (Nominated by Garry Crumpler and Seconded by Robert Godwin). The motion passed unanimously.
- Garry advised we have vacancies in facilities. All facilities who do not have an official representative were asked to nominate or assign a person to the LEPC. Regardless of home address, go to Cumberland County website as assign a person to the LEPC.

Cargill Facility:

- Scott with Cargill gave an overview of the hazards and safety measures of the Fayetteville Cargill Facility.
- Overall purpose is to bring in soybean via truck or rail and produce three major products.
 - Rail transport: Soybean, Crude and Finished Oil (Approx 1.3 million lbs./225-250,000 gallons, sent out daily)
 - Truck transport: Soybean, Feed product, Crude and Finished Oil



- Hazards:
 - Crush Side
 - Grain Dust
 - Hexane (60,000 gallons on site at any given time)
 - Bulk material handling (four large tanks, doors opened once per year)
 - Refinery side
 - Ammonia (two large compressors), serviced by Colonial Webb 3-4 times per year.
 - Acid tanks, Costic and Nitrogen
 - Bulk material handling (30 tanks)
 - Methane received from landfill via underground pipe.
- First responder consideration:
 - Fire systems throughout the plant.
 - Hazardous areas:
 - Water baler system
 - Deodorizer
 - Extraction area:
 - Foam baler system.
 - Creek runs under refinery, environmental considerations, and secondary containment.
 - Only consumption users of the methane from the landfill
- Safety Practices:
 - Mandate PPE, hard hat, safety glasses, steel toe boots, long pants, special provisions in extraction yard, gloves must be on person.
 - Two reportable accidents in past year.
 - Take a whole event approach when reviewing incidents and how to prevent recurrences.
 - Overflow base for river overflow:
 - Refinery is overflow is contained in dike; most is filtered back into process.
 - Protocol in place to notify EM and/or PWC of any issues.
 - Typically, in plant operations, there are 10-12 crew members on site, dispersed throughout the plant. Not likely to have a medical matter that would impact all at once.
 - Annual quality shut down is done where they steam/air purge everything (could have up to 150 contractors on site), this could increase EMS needs during catastrophic release.
 - Confined space entry permits are being handled via the FFD website.
 - Note: any facility who does confined space entry, important that those forms are completed.
 - Table top this year, next year will do a physical confined space exercise.



Facilities Update:

- Hexion: Prepping for upgrade of equipment in the next month.
- Fort Liberty: Prepping for All American week next month.
- Hospital: Prepping for All American week and hurricane season.
- Veterans Group: Currently working on reliance and recovery grant. Big push to get municipalities engaged with Emergency Management.
- Red Cross: Assisting with fire fatalities, going behind that and getting neighbors prepared with smoke alarms and resources. Coordinating with fire departments to make those available.
- Schools:
 - VA: ongoing preparedness effort for hurricane season, Exercise in June. Fire pump has not been repaired. Emergency Department still getting upgrade.
 - Walmart: Location in Hope Mills going through major overhaul over the next several months. Working through evac plans and hurricane prep. Will have FD come back out to review. Garry requests walk through of facility and opportunity to take photos, also request facility overview at a future LEPC meeting.
 - Fayetteville State: Planning for commencements next month.
 - Colonial Pipeline: Normal maintenance
 - NC Dept of Agricultural.: Had two responses this past winter, HIPATH agents of influenza on two farms in Lenoir and Duplin counties, cleared on April 9th. Did transfer to herd of dairy cows. Pasteurization is killing the virus, did find traces in milk that is the dead virus.
 - Fayetteville City EM: Introduction of Laura Smith as new Fayetteville City EM coordinator
- Public Relations: Would like to discuss a video project on LEPC and what it does and their experience. Will ask for people to talk on video.
- Public Utilities: EPA came in and lowered the amount of limit that PFAS can be in the water. Board of commissioners and PWC made announcement to run water out to Greys Creek community with a focus on two elementary schools. Power outages from POV on the road. Prep for hurricane season. Tabletop coming up to open up EOC to go through mock drills next Wednesday.
- Hospital: Expansion should be done early next year. Two helipads are being added on top of the new additions. Fire suppression system will be first in US which is nothing but water. Start construction on village drive education building and risk management. Planning some exercises, looking to do some system wide exercises.
- Motiva just added a spur line on back side to bring in ethanol. Now being brought in via rail, 3-7 rail cars full of ethanol per week off loading into Motiva facility. Looking to have rep come in and get a tour of the facility.



Tier II Reporting:

- Done yearly for first responders to have more information on facility, what hazards they may face if they haven't been to the facility before. In addition, offers emergency contact information, occupancy, and location details.
- Review of issues where NCEM added field to show fire district, most have been corrected.
- Review of how to complete the form: note of importance that phone number can not go to an automated line at any time.

HMEP EOC Exercise:

- Garry advise a RFQ to hold an exercise at new facility, no date and time at present, but everyone in the room is invited.
- Will mostly impact PWC and city staff.

Additional Comments:

- Those nominated to complete application for the position as well as the other facilities to have them pushed through to the commissioners meeting.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was unanimous.