

Adams County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Armour-Eckrich Meats LLC  
2001 Summit Avenue  
Hastings, NE

Minutes of March 24, 2009 Meeting

Members present: Steve Ardiana Shelly Boden, Dick Christensen, Steve Eddy, Ronda Ehly, Jeremy Groves, Jack Hynes, Jill McMahon, Jim Morgan, Dana Odom, Phil Odom, Bob Rose, Barb Shaver, Chief Thoren and Loren Uden

Members absent (excused): Steve Kisner, Bill Loutzenheiser

Meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by the Chairperson

Mr. Steve Ardiana and Armour Eckrich Meats were thanked for the use of their meeting room and for the lunch provided.

The agenda was approved by general consensus.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009, meeting was made by Steve Eddy, was seconded by Jim Morgan and was unanimously approved by the committee.

**Hazardous Materials Awareness Week/Severe Weather Awareness Week**

In association with the Nebraska Hazardous Materials Symposium (March 27-29) and as promoted also by the Nebraska SERC, Governor Heineman has declared March 23<sup>rd</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup> as Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. NTV and KHAS-TV have already given recognition to the event. Thanks to Loren Uden, funding has been approved for the Adams County LEPC table at the NHMA Symposium. Severe Weather Awareness Week is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Shelter-in-Place Kit Project**

As can be seen from the newspaper ad (copies provided) which will run from March 24<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive, the Shelter-in-Place Kit giveaway events are scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> at Orschelns, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Big G Ace, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Walmart and April 4<sup>th</sup> at Allen's. Each kit will include bottles of water (4), duct tape, plastic sheeting, a pair of scissors, a first aid kit, light sticks (2), hand sanitizer, medical masks (2), crayons, a package of disposable latex gloves, an Emergency Preparedness Guide and various other educational materials. Loren Uden showed an example of the tag that will accompany each kit to recognize the participating retailers and the sponsoring agencies.

Jeremy Groves stated that he had Walter Walleye coloring books that could be contributed to the educational packet and Jim Morgan stated that SHDHD would also provide copies of the Disaster Preparedness, Preparation Guide for Emergencies. Steve

Eddy volunteered to provide a NOAA Weather Radio brochure for inclusion in the packet.

The assembly of the kits will take place on Thursday night at the Lincoln Park Fire Station, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jill McMahon has lined up a group of high school students to assist with the assembly. As additional volunteers may be needed for both setup and kit assembly, a signup sheet was passed around.

Volunteers will also be needed to staff the table at each location next week and a signup sheet was passed around accordingly.

Additionally, it was requested that if you have any opportunity to promote the giveaway event that you do so. Uden has already been on the KHAS-TV Noon Show for that purpose and will do likewise for NTV on Thursday. The Hastings Public Access Channel has agreed to include a revised version of the newspaper ad on their bulletin board. HPAC will also air "Kids Shelter-in-Place" at 10:00 p.m. on March 25<sup>th</sup>, "Shelter-in-Place. Know What to Do" on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and "Local Emergency Planning Committees. Guarding the Safety of Your Community" on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 p.m. and on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

### **Website, [www.adamslepc.com](http://www.adamslepc.com)**

Christensen encouraged all LEPC members to check out the Adams County LEPC website at [www.adamslepc.com](http://www.adamslepc.com) and added that Shelly Boden has done an excellent job in building the website and making it interesting. If possible a link should be added to the site to the Chemical Safety Board's "2005-2008 Safety Videos".

### **Tier II Reporting for 2008**

To improve information handling, the Adams County LEPC requested (by letter) that all Tier II Reporting facilities submit their report for 2008 electronically to the Adams County LEPC or to the Adams County LEPC and HFD (depending upon location). To date, 59 reports have been received (many electronically), with 7 pending. A report was received from CPI regarding a new ag chemical storage location at S. Heartland Avenue. The Aurora Coop also has initiated a large ag chemical storage operation out of the old dry fertilizer storage building on the property of Equalizer Midwest, Inc. No report was received for this operation.

Appropriate follow-up will be made with all non-reporting facilities.

### **School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (SC3)**

The School Chemical Cleanout Campaign (under the management of Keep Nebraska Beautiful) has finally begun, with chemicals being removed from schools in ESU #1 and ESU #8. ESU #9 will be in the second round of chemical removal and has already obtained the Flinn Chemventory Software for tracking chemicals and has provided teacher trainer in the use of the software. For more information on this program, check the website [www.NebraskaSC3.org](http://www.NebraskaSC3.org).

## **Miscellaneous**

Shelly Boden mentioned that she had been contacted by a city employee about the shelter-in-place concept and that consequently she has begun a project to provide shelter-in-place kits for the city and county buildings. Tonya Ngotel has given an initial verbal approval to the funding of the project.

Phil Odom emphasized the capability, availability and willingness of the Hastings Public Access Channel to help get information out to the public.

Jack Hynes mentioned that he had observed a CENEX employee using a cell phone while unloading fuel at the gas station in Clay Center.

## **Upcoming Events**

Jeremy Groves mentioned the 40 hr Hazwoper training has been scheduled for the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> and will require participation of 12-25 persons. Industry personnel may be able to attend if there are openings and with LEPC support.

Jim Morgan mentioned a tabletop exercise scheduled for July to involve minorities and pandemic flu.

Loren Uden mentioned the NWS Storm Spotter Training to take place on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church and the presentation "Warned and Informed" to be given by John Utech at 7:00 p.m. on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hastings Middle School. Phil Odom suggested that Mr. Utech be asked if it would be ok to tape his presentation for airing on the HPAC and mentioned that the HPAC has the personnel and equipment to perform the taping. Uden also mentioned draft review of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to take place on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Hastings Police Department.

Uden also mentioned that on April 20<sup>th</sup> a full scale exercise will take place at the City Auditorium which will involve a biological incident and will have the Hastings Fire Department, the Grand Island Fire Department and the 72<sup>nd</sup> WMD Civil Support Team as players.

The Regional LEPC Conference will be held in again in Kansas City, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Two persons from each active LEPC can attend with registration, mileage and lodging paid for.

## **Next Meeting**

The next LEPC meeting will be the annual meeting, scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Fire Station (if available).

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. by general consensus.