

**New Hanover County LEPC**  
**Meeting Minutes**

October 10th, 2001

**The following persons were present:**

Burns, Wayne	NHC Fire Services
Cannon, Donnie	VOPAK
Church, Ray	NHC DEM
Forestell, John	New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Harts, Stan	UNCW
Hollinger, Bob	Occidental Chemical
Jackson, Mark	Southern States Chemical
Jacobsen, Melinda	NHC DEM
Marlow, Paul	NHC DEM
Morgan, Diana	UNCW
Ollis, Phil	General Electric
Pridgen, Frankie	NHC Fire Services
Strickler, Herb	General Electric
Summers, Dan	NHC Emergency Management
Tyndall, Keith	Carolina Power & Light
White, Lisa	KoSa

**Welcome and Introductions:**

- A full LEPC Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at the County Fire Station #51 on Highway 421 at 8:00 A.M. Dan Summers of NHC Emergency Management, welcomed LEPC members to the meeting. Dan thanked Frankie Pridgen and Wayne Burns for facilitating the meeting and providing refreshments. Frankie welcomed the group to County Fire Station #51. Dan passed out an agenda and went over the minutes of the August LEPC meeting. Introductions and brief updates were given by all present.

**Updates and Administrative Items:**

- Dan stated that the position of Assistant to the Director of New Hanover County Emergency Management is now available. The hiring notice has been made public.
- Dan stated that a terrorism grant is in progress for New Hanover County. The grant will involve domestic counter-terrorism planning, training exercises, and LEPC participation next year.
- Dan gave a detailed update on the Dialogic system. Mike George will be programming the system to notify LEPC members of meetings and similar items of

importance.

- Dan stated that the LEPC web site ([www.nhclepc.net](http://www.nhclepc.net)) is now up and running. Mike George has added enhancements to the web site. Mike is looking for some assistance in web site construction and maintenance.
- Dan mentioned that there has been interest in setting up a Household Hazardous Waste Day in New Hanover County during the March/April 2002 timeframe. However, funding for the event will be extremely tight and Ray Church will be looking for a lot of help to make this happen.
- Dan stated that Mike George is in the process of setting up a spill notification form on the new LEPC web site.
- Dan also pointed out the need for a special meeting to address LEPC member liability. Dan emphasized the importance of keeping the LEPC roster current.
- Herb Strickler announced that there would be a General Electric NRC drill in November and New Hanover County Emergency Management will be involved.
- Dan stated that an emergency response training program on terrorism will be hosted by FEMA next year between January 27 - February 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 65 people from New Hanover County will attend the program.
- Dan provided a brief security update to the group. Dan stated that there are no current threats of terrorism in New Hanover County and his Department has been very busy communicating with the Federal Aviation Administration, the Coast Guard, the State Ports, etc.
- Bob Hollinger distributed an EPA fact sheet to the group regarding "LEPCs and Deliberate Releases: Addressing Terrorist Activities in the Local Emergency Plan". The publication comes from EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office and covers how LEPCs can incorporate counter-terrorism issues when local emergency plans are reviewed and updated.
- Dan passed out a master list for standing committee assignments and asked people to volunteer to serve on a committee. Dan emphasized the need for full participation on these committees to make them successful.

#### **New Business:**

- Dan informed the group that an EPCRA and 112R workshop will be held at the Wilmington Area Contractor Safety Council on Thursday, January 10, 2002. The cost will be approximately \$100.00 per person and the class will last from 6 to 8 hours. Stan Harts is attempting to develop a mailing list for distributing the EPCRA workshop brochures.

- It was noted that there is a need to set next year's scheduled LEPC meeting times and dates because of public notice requirements due in January, 2002.

### **Program:**

- Paul Marlow of the New Hanover County Department of Environmental Management gave a very informative presentation on DEM's management of the disposal of solid waste in New Hanover County and discussed the management of household hazardous waste. There are basically two methods of disposal. The first method is the municipal solid waste landfill and the second is WASTEC, the Waste to Energy Conversion facility. Both are located on Highway 421 North. The county's landfill meets Subtitle D requirements and has primary and secondary liner systems. The landfill receives approximately 600 tons per day of solid waste. The bulk of the solid waste disposed of at the landfill is construction and demolition debris. The county's growth rate and operation of WASTEC will determine the life span of the landfill. WASTEC has a 500 tons per day capacity and results in a 90% reduction of waste by volume. The WASTEC facility meets all EPA Clean Air Act emission standards and the remaining ash is beneficially used at the county's landfill. Paul also listed the county's drop off sites for recycling such items as magazines, cardboard, plastic, glass, used oil, and aluminum.
- Paul Marlow then discussed the management of household hazardous waste in the county. Household hazardous waste is defined as any solid waste generated by a household, which has hazardous characteristics such as flammability, corrosivity, toxicity, etc. Paul then gave examples of household hazardous waste such as batteries, electronic components, paints, pesticides, gasoline, paint thinner, propane tanks, and charcoal lighter. There have been two Household Hazardous Waste days with the last one held in 1998. These events were volunteer efforts supported by local industry and the county. The largest volume items collected were paints, tires, batteries, and pesticides. Currently there is no funding available in NHC DEM's budget to hold a household hazardous waste collection day as well as no funds available for a manned collection site. Paul stated that the LEPC's role in household waste management should be explored. Ray Church stated that the cost of holding a collection day would be approximately \$5000.00. The LEPC discussed specific things that need to be planned ahead of time before holding a collection day. Dan stated that a possible location for the event would be the county's garage complex. Ray will head up the planning efforts for a future Household Hazardous Waste Day.

### **Adjourn**

- Dan stated that Mike George would post the sign up sheet for the standing committee assignments on the LEPC web site in the near future. Dan then adjourned the meeting and thanked the group for attending.