

# New Hanover County LEPC Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2001

## The following persons were present:

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| Cannon, Donnie  | VOPAK                               |
| Church, Ray     | NHC DEM                             |
| Forestell, John | New Hanover Regional Medical Center |
| Graham, Joe     | U.S. Coast Guard                    |
| Harts, Stan     | UNCW                                |
| Harvell, Dianne | New Hanover County Health Dept.     |
| Hollinger, Bob  | Occidental Chemical                 |
| McMenimen, Lee  | Corning                             |
| Morgan, Diana   | UNCW                                |
| Ollis, Phil     | General Electric                    |

## Welcome and Introductions:

- An LEPC Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at the Corning Training Facility on Highway 132 at 8:00 A.M. Stan Harts of UNCW welcomed LEPC members to the meeting. Stan thanked Corning for facilitating the meeting with UNCW providing refreshments. Bob Hollinger circulated a roster for those attending the meeting.

## Updates and Administrative Items:

- There was a roundtable discussion regarding what each LEPC member is doing to heighten site security in response to bio-terrorism concerns. Stan stated that there have been some terrorism hoaxes at UNCW. John Forestell updated the group on New Hanover Regional Medical Center's plans to put procedures in place to respond to bio-terrorism from the standpoint of mass casualties and address potential anthrax exposures. John reported that there have been no confirmed anthrax cases in North Carolina to date.
- Bob Hollinger distributed the minutes of the October LEPC meeting. Bob also passed out travel guidelines issued by the Wilmington International Airport. In addition, Bob distributed a publication from the American Chemistry Council containing information on identifying suspicious purchases, materials that may be used in WMD terrorist activity, and contact information that is needed to report the activity. The FBI is asking suppliers and manufacturers nationwide to review the publication and to voluntarily report any suspicious purchases or inquiries.
- Ray Church stated that not much progress has been made since the last LEPC meeting in regards to planning a Household Hazardous Waste Day next year. Ray

stated that NHC DEM is currently working on a countywide collection system. Ray will continue to head up the planning efforts for a future Household Hazardous Waste Day.

- Phil Ollis discussed the NRC drill that is being conducted at General Electric. Both Dan Summers and Mike George of New Hanover County Emergency Management are participating in the drill at General Electric.
- Dianne Harvell of the NHC Health Department stated that the Health Dept. has recently received a great deal of information from the State to address current health concerns.
- Phil Ollis volunteered to print the EPCRA Workshop brochures when they are ready.
- Bob stated that the LEPC web site, [www.nhclepc.net](http://www.nhclepc.net), is off to a very good start and encouraged everyone to check it out. There is some very worthwhile information already on the web site such as members of the standing committees and a letter from the State giving a legal opinion concerning LEPC liability.

### **New Business:**

- Stan told the group that an EPCRA Workshop will be held at the Wilmington Area Contractor Safety Council Training Room on Thursday, January 10, 2002. Stan passed out the agenda for the Workshop. The group discussed the amount to charge for the Workshop. Stan Harts is continuing to develop a mailing list for distributing the EPCRA Workshop brochures. The brochures plan to be mailed in the next week or so. John Forestell suggested getting a mailing list from the Fire Marshall.
- Stan asked the group about scheduled LEPC meeting times. A decision was made to stay with the current meeting schedule.

### **Adjourn**

- Stan stated that an e-mail will be sent to all LEPC members giving a status report on the upcoming EPCRA workshop. For the time being no LEPC meeting will be held in December unless help is needed to address workshop issues. Stan thanked Lee McMenimen for hosting the meeting and then adjourned the meeting.