

New Hanover County LEPC Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2002

The following persons were present:

Babb, Jeff	NHC Emergency Management
Burns, Wayne	NHC Fire Services
Cannon, Donnie	VOPAK
Forestell, John	New Hanover Regional Medical Center
George, Mike	NHC Emergency Management
Harts, Stan	UNCW
Hollinger, Bob	Occidental Chemical
Lambert, Tracy	U.S. Coast Guard
Marlow, Paul	NHC DEM
Murrell, Cathy	Southeastern Response & Remediation
Naugle, Mary Jean	Fortron
Ollis, Phil	General Electric
Pridgen, Frankie	NHC Fire Services
White, Lisa	KoSa

Welcome and Introductions:

- An LEPC Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at KoSa on Highway 421 at 8:00 A.M. Mike George welcomed LEPC members to the meeting and called the meeting to order. Stan Harts of UNCW reviewed the minutes of the previous LEPC meeting held in November. A roster was circulated for those attending the meeting.
- Each LEPC member made brief introductions and updated the group on current events. Tracy Lambert outlined the Coast Guard's increased security patrols and the extended notice of arrival times. Cathy Murrell stated that the number of emergency response incidents being reported is down indicating that more caution is being taken when handling materials. Phil Ollis briefed the group on the current NRC drill at General Electric and on a facility-wide power outage. Mike George commended General Electric on their excellent performance during November's NRC drill. Mike and Dan Summers will also participate in a drill at US Filter on February 20th. John Forestell stated New Hanover Regional Medical Center is updating hospital safety and response policies involving their nuclear plan, mass casualty plan, and incident command procedures. Lisa White is preparing for KoSa's emergency response drills with County Fire Station #51. Stan Harts is expanding UNCW's Hurricane Plan to an Emergency Operations Plan and is in the process of renovating UNCW's Emergency Operations Center. Frankie Pridgen stated that NHC County Fire Services is in a budget crunch; however, a great deal of training is scheduled this year with the City of Wilmington Fire Department. Paul

Marlow stated that NHC Environmental Management's budget is also very tight. Paul also announced that a County Commissioner meeting would be held on February 18th to make decisions on the future of WASTECC.

- Mike George discussed the need to put together a working committee for planning and determining how best to fund Household Hazardous Waste Day. The committee would look for funding sources other than New Hanover County due to budget issues. Lisa White, Paul Marlow, Stan Harts, and Mike George will meet to head this effort.
- Stan Harts discussed the development of a local chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) in the Wilmington area for safety professionals.
- Stan Harts also reported that the EPCRA Workshop held at the WACSC on January 10th went very well. Over 30 people attended the workshop and many positive comments were received. Stan stated that all the speakers did an excellent job presenting the material, which was compiled in a three-ring notebook along with a CD of the List of Lists.
- Mike George stated that he would visit the Fire Marshall and ask for a list of county fire inspections involving chemicals to determine which companies need to submit SARA Tier II reports. Stan Harts pointed out the difficulty of determining which database to use when sending out SARA Tier II report forms.
- Mike reported on the anti-terrorism training workshop held at Mount Weather in January. This was a pilot course specifically developed for New Hanover County in which approximately 65 people from New Hanover County attended. The workshop was made up of a wide representation of people from New Hanover County and was very successful.
- Mike George introduced Jeff Babb, who is the Emergency Management Planner for New Hanover County. Jeff is working under a terrorism preparedness grant from the State of North Carolina. Mike also informed the group about the new Emergency Operations Center for New Hanover County, which will be located at 2nd and Grace Streets. The current plan is for New Hanover Emergency Management personnel to move into the new EOC in the next 60 days.
- Mike reminded everyone that March 1st is the due date for Tier II reports. New Hanover County requires more information than the State of North Carolina on the Tier II report form. Mike also stated that he would ask LEPC members for subcommittee reports beginning in March.
- Mike George provided the group with a security update. Both he and Dan Summers believe that local companies are doing a good job with site security. Facilities need to place special emphasis on writing emergency response plans that are easy to understand.
- Mike thanked Lisa White for hosting the meeting. Mike then adjourned the meeting.