

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

**April 10, 2002**

## **The following persons were present:**

Babb, Jeff	NHC Emergency Management
Cannon, Donnie	VOPAK / SWT
Finch, Greg	UNCW
Harts, Stan	UNCW
Harvell, Dianne	NHC Health Dept.
Hoagland, Duane	BASF
Hollinger, Bob	Occidental Chemical
Marlow, Paul	NHC DEM
McMenimen, Lee	Corning
Morgan, Diana	UNCW
Murrell, Cathy	Southeast Response & Remediation
Ollis, Phil	General Electric
Pridgen, Frankie	NHC Fire Services
Thiel, Carol	NHC Emergency Management
Williams, Phil	AAI Pharma

## **Welcome and Introductions:**

- An LEPC Meeting was held at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at the UNCW University Union in the Emergency Operations Center. Stan Harts welcomed all LEPC members and called the meeting to order. Stan Harts passed out the minutes of the February meeting and reviewed them with the group. A roster was circulated to record those members that attended the meeting.
- Stan Harts described the function of the UNCW Emergency Operations Center. Stan also introduced Greg Finch UNCW EH&S intern. Stan stated that UNCW is currently working on emergency disaster preparedness plans.
- Each LEPC member made a brief introduction and updated the group on current events.
- Frankie Pridgen discussed the HazMat technician course offered through Cape Fear Community College from April 8<sup>th</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Duane Hoagland talked about preparations for shutdown of BASF operations at the end of June.

- Carol Thiel announced that NHC Emergency Management and the Red Cross would be conducting a shelter walkthrough at Dorothy B. Johnson on April 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Carol announced that a Special Needs Drill would be held at New Hanover Regional Medical Center from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Carol also stated that WECT would sponsor the Hurricane Expo at Cape Fear Community College's Swartz Center from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Jeff Babb stated that plans are now being made to conduct a local bioterrorism scenario in the future similar to the one held at Mount Weather.
- Stan asked if everyone had received notification of the LEPC meeting from the Dialogic system. The feedback received from the group was positive.
- Paul Marlow stated that New Hanover County Environmental Management is looking for alternate waste streams to supplement WASTEC.

#### **Subcommittee Updates and Administrative Items:**

- Stan stated that during 2002 the Community Education Subcommittee would be focusing on an EPCRA workshop and LEPC membership development. The EPCRA workshop will be held during the latter part of the year. In regards to membership development, anyone who attended the EPCRA workshop in January will be contacted. The Fire Marshall will also be asked for a list of companies that handle hazardous materials.
- Phil Ollis stated that one of the main goals of the Information Management Committee is to make the LEPC web site a central library that includes training materials. Phil asked for feedback on the web site (go to [www.nhclepc.net](http://www.nhclepc.net)). Please let Phil know if specific items need to be posted on the LEPC web site.

#### **Adjourn**

- Stan thanked the group for attending and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be held at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Corning Smith Creek Complex (Old Block Building) directly across the street from Corning on College Road.