

New Hanover County LEPC  
Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2003

**The following persons were in attendance:**

Allen, Matt	GE Global Nuclear Fuels
Church, Ray	New Hanover Co. Env. Mgmt.
Deer, Glenn	U. S. Coast Guard
Forestell, John	New Hanover Reg. Med. Ctr.
Harts, Stan	UNCW-EH&S
Hoagland, Duane	BASF
Marlow, Paul	New Hanover Co. Env. Mgmt.
Smith, Chris	VOPAK
Strickler, Herb	GE Global Nuclear Fuels
Thiel, Carol	New Hanover Co. Emerg. Mgmt.
White, Lisa	KOSA

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The meeting, held at the KOSA plant administration building, was called to order at 0800 hours by Carol Thiel. Attendees introduced themselves, and a roster was circulated so that members could update their contact information.

**Old Business:**

A brief discussion was held concerning the agenda for the next meeting, which will be on June 11, 2003 at the GE Global Nuclear Fuels facility. Herb Strickler said that security is heightened at the plant because the company CEO is moving to Wilmington. Therefore, he will be sending out security forms for attendees to complete prior to the meeting. He will also send out maps. Attendees will need to get vehicle passes on the day of the meeting, and should arrive @ 20 minutes early in order to ensure that adequate time is given to obtain the necessary security clearances.

**New Business:**

- Herb Strickler introduced Matt Allen, who is the new safety person at Global Nuclear Fuels.
- Stan Harts announced that UNCW has hired its new emergency planner. Her name is Suzanne Blake, and she begins work next month. She will be responsible for representing UNCW at LEPC meetings.
- Carol Thiel told the group about the CERT Train-the-Trainer class being offered by NCEM on June 3-6, 2003.

- Glen Deer advised the group that the Coast Guard intends to attend LEPC meetings more faithfully than in the past. He said the Coast Guard would be hiring more civilians to handle planning and other similar duties, like attending LEPC meetings.
- Herb Strickler stated that GE Global Nuclear Fuels is again a “Carolina Star” company (safety award).
- Ray Church invited the members to the New Hanover County Dept. of Env. Mgmt. Start-up ceremony for the “Constructed Wetlands Leachate Treatment System”. The ceremony is on June 9, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., 5210 Highway 421 N. Invitations were distributed.
- Carol Thiel advised the group that Sunny Point is having a Community Day on June 12, 2003 from 0900 to 1200 hours.
- John Forestall explained the hospital’s Hospital Response System SMAT teams. SMAT team 1 is already in place (basically the PHRST team). SMAT Team 2, which is a regional team composed of representatives from hospitals in 9 counties, should be up and running in 8-9 months. SMAT Team 3 will be composed of local first responders, and no timeframe was given for that team to be operational.
- John Forestall also discussed the exercises that the hospital will be involved with this year---the mass casualty exercise in September and the MS1 nuclear response exercise in November.
- Elections were held for new officers. John Forestall and Herb Strickler tied for Chair, and John agreed to take the Chair in 2003, and Herb would follow in 2004. Vice Chair is Donnie Cannon, and Lisa White was elected Secretary.
- It was decided that one agenda item at the June meeting would be to discuss future meeting times, i.e., should the meetings continue as breakfast meetings, or be moved to lunch meetings.

**The meeting was adjourned at 0910.**