

New Hanover County LEPC  
Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2004

**The following persons were in attendance:**

Agner, Judy	PHRST-2
Allen, Matt	GE/GNF-A
Brow, Ben	NHC DEM
Chapman, Sarah	NHC Fire & WFD
Cox, Heidi	NCDENR – Public Water Supply
Davis, Matt	NHC Fire Services
Dunn, Page	NHC Health Department
Jackson, Christa	US Coast Guard
Jordan, Ron	WFD
Lee, Warren	NHC EM
Naugle, Mary Jean	Fortron
Newland, Brad	NCDENR – Division of Air Quality
Paxton, Rick	US Coast Guard
Pearce, Wayne	NHC EM
Strickler, Herb	GE/GNF-A
Thiel, Carol	NHC DEM
White, Lisa	INVISTA

**Welcome and Introductions:**

The meeting, held at the Downtown Library in the Masonboro Room, was called to order at 1200 hours by Herb Strickler. The meeting was hosted by Southern State Chemical. The May 19, 2004 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved

**Membership Announcements:**

Herb Strickler relayed there had be a transportation incident with a nuclear fuel bundle shipment in route to California. The truck transporting the shipment was overturned by high wind gusts in Utah; there was no release of material. There was however involvement of multiple agencies in dealing with the incident.

Matt Davis and Ron Jordan introduced Sarah Chapman, the new Fire and Life Safety Trainer for NHC Fire and the WFD. The group welcomed Sarah and wished her well in her new assignment.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the Home Depot will be hosting a Hurricane Preparedness Expo from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The USCG Industry Day Event on May 27<sup>th</sup> was a success with close to 60 participants. They hope to be able to have the event again next year.

GE/GNF-A completed their annual drill involving NHC EM, County EMS and Fire. All involved thought it was a good drill.

### **Old Business:**

The group discussed upcoming meeting dates, topics and meeting sponsors. The following was decided by the group:

- The July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting topic will be Hurricane Preparedness presented by NHCDEM, Fortron Industries will be the host.
- The August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting topic will be Air Quality Issues presented by Brad Newland with the DENR Wilmington Office and the host will be PPD.
- The September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a joint meeting of the NHC LEPC and the Community Advisory Panel where area industry will present their Toxic Release Inventory information for 2003. The meeting will be held at UNCW at Cameron Hall starting at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served.
- The October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting topic will be Fire Protection presented by our newest member Sarah Chapman with the NHC and Wilmington Fire Services. We still need a host for this meeting.

Christa Jackson stated that the USCG may want to do a presentation on a new program which is part of the Maritime Security Plan “America’s Waterway Watch” in November. They need to check and make sure the program will be ready to roll out by November before they can commit to the presentation. Another idea for November’s meeting was possibly a presentation on significant revisions to existing Department of Transportation regulations.

### **New Business:**

Ben Brow with the New Hanover County Department of Emergency Management gave an excellent, very informative presentation on North Carolina Community Response Teams, what they do, why they are needed and how citizens can get involved. For more information on these teams or how to get involved contact Ben Brow or Carol Thiel with NHC DEM.

### **Open Forum:**

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Downtown Library in the Masonboro Room.