

New Hanover County LEPC
Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2005

The following persons were in attendance:

Blake, Suzanne	UNCW
Epperson, Charlie	USCG MSO Wilmington
Griswold, Raymond	NHC FMO
Hines, David	WFD
Hollinger, Bob	Elementis Chromium
Lee, Warren	NHC EM
Long, Donnie	NC State Port Police
Marlow, Paul	NHC DEM
Morgan, Rodney	Corning
Naugle, Mary Jean	Fortron
Nelson, Chris	WFD
Strickler, Herb	GE/GNF-A
White, Lisa	INVISTA

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting, held at the INVISTA facility on Highway 421 North, was called to order at 1200 hours by Herb Strickler. The meeting was sponsored by INVISTA. The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Membership Announcements:

Herb Strickler announced GE/GNF-A is looking at relocating more service personnel to the Wilmington, NC site.

Elementis Chromium recently had a Confined Space Rescue drill with Castle Hayne Fire Department. The drill went extremely well.

Paul Marlow announced that Wastec's Program Manager is leaving to pursue other opportunities and the Operations Manager is retiring. They are currently soliciting to fill these two positions.

David Hines and Donnie Long relayed to the group the recent incident involving a high level rescue at the State Port. They utilized unified command in response to the incident and made a successful rescue despite adverse weather conditions.

WFD brought the group up to date on recent developments around the grant they had applied for to purchase a fire boat. They have received grant money but only half of what was originally requested. They had requested \$700,000 but only received 350,000. The city will supply \$150,000 towards the project instead of the anticipated \$300,000.

Old Business

Meeting topics, locations and sponsors have been scheduled through June 2005; a request was made for topics to fill the rest of the year. P.O. Epperson stated he would prepare a presentation on the Area Contingency Plan for the August meeting. In a previous meeting Tim Grrenhouse of NCNG had stated he would like to do a presentation on natural gas emergencies, Kristen will contact him and set a firm date. Anyone wanting to sponsor a meeting should contact Kristen Wingenroth at 341-4595.

The LEPC has not received letters of designation from all member organizations designating a voting representative. So far we have received letters of designation from the following member organizations:

Elementis, Fortron, Wilmington Fire, NHC Health, NHC Environmental Management
Corning, BASF, NHC Fire, INVISTA, UNCW, NC Port Authority, USCG – MSO, NCNG
Each member company needs to designate a voting representative and if needed a proxy member in the event of their absence from the meeting. Please complete this letter of designation and return to Kristen no later than the May election meeting.

The Public Safety Training Center was approved by the County Commissioners, City Council and the CFCC Board of Directors.

The application for the HMEP grant has been approved by the branch office and has been forwarded to Raleigh for review and approval. If we are awarded the grant plans are to have a full scale hazardous materials emergency response drill involving a natural gas leak on the UNCW campus. There will be a tabletop exercise in the spring and the functional exercise will be held in October.

New Business:

Nominations were solicited and received for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the elections to be held at next months meeting. They are as follows

Chairman – Donnie Cannon, Herb Strickler
Vice Chairman – Mike Alexander, Donnie Cannon, Herb Strickler
Secretary – Lisa White

At next month’s meeting elections for officers will be held. The meeting has been rescheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Northeast Library in the Oak Room. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

2005 LEPC Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Topic	Sponsor
May 11 th	Northeast Library – Oak Room	Elections/DOT Incident Management	FORTRON
June 8 th	Cape Fear Museum	Review HazMat Plan- ESF #10	
July 13 th	Cape Fear Museum	Natural Gas Emergencies	NCNG
August 10 th	Cape Fear Museum	Area Contingency Plan - USCG	
September TBA	UNCW- CAP	Toxic Release Inventory	CAP
October TBA	Cape Fear Museum	HMEPG Drill – Date TBA	NHCEM
November 9 th	Cape Fear Museum	New EOC Tour	NHCEM