

# Adams County

Local Emergency Planning Committee



## Attendees:

### Simplot

Ruben Pruneda  
Andy Erickson

### ACEM

Sandi Duffey

### Lineage

### Logistics

Israel Avina

### WA St EMD

Susan Forsythe  
Kim Mask

Chris Caprio

### Adams Co

### Integrated

### Health Care

### Services

Vicki Guse  
Amanda Zepeda

### Othello School

### District

Greg Fultz  
Timm Taff

### McCain

John Lallas

### WA NG

Kristen  
Rutherford

### Adams Co

### Public Works

Scott Yaeger

### NGL Supply

### Terminal

Matt Saetre

### Phillips 66

Brett Devries

### Perfect Blend

Elitania Vazquez

### CBHA

Tawni Solberg

The Adams County LEPC held its monthly meeting at the Adams County Fire District in Othello WA on February 17, 2022. Vice-Chair Ruben Pruneda opened the meeting at 10:02 am and concluded at 10:57am.

### Welcome & Introductions:

Member for the Month, Ruben Pruneda with JR Simplot provided a presentation about his organization – Some of the highlights were:

- They purchase their water from the city and use about 2 million gallons a day. The used water is sent to the wastewater ponds which takes up of about 35 acers of land. While there it is diluted down with irrigation water they purchase from the county and provide the diluted water to the local farmers.
- There is a contract that stipulates what their air omissions can be within. If they go outside of that they do have to self-report and make the necessary adjustments.
- JR Simplot has a cattle company in Pasco that they send all their potato waste to providing feed every day for the cattle.
- They do capture a lot of starch from the potato product and are able to sell that to other companies to process and sell
- They use a large amount of ammonia each year to help with freezing their product. They have policies and procedures in place along with partnerships in the community to keep their employees and the community safe should there be a leak or accidental releases.

(see attached presentation)

[Othello](#)

Introductions were made for those attending in person and virtually.

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Tawni to accept the January 2022 minutes as written; motion seconded by John. Motion carried.

### Hazardous Materials Incidents:

No reports were received for Adams County. State statistics for the month of January: 378 incidents recorded by the Alert and Warning Center; 251 incidents involved hazardous materials.

### Old Business:

1. Draft Bylaws were emailed in the calendar invite. Motion made by John to approve the changes made to the LEPC Bylaws: motion seconded by Timm. Motion carried
2. Tier II Reports are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. We currently have received just under 25% of the reports. If you have not completed your report, please do so. If you



have any question reach out to Sandi at: [sandid@co.adams.wa.us](mailto:sandid@co.adams.wa.us) .

**New Business:**

1. The website for the LEPC is being updated. The approved December minutes are posted on the website and January's minutes when approved will be post to the site. If you have an interest or experience in website development, please contact Sandi at: [sandid@co.adams.wa.us](mailto:sandid@co.adams.wa.us) .

**Presentation:**

Amanda Zepeda gave a presentation on the services offered by the Adams County Integrated Health Care Services (*see attached presentation*).



Behavioral Health  
Department Referral

The Adams County Health Department would like to partner with any organizations health fairs to help get the education of what all they can do for our community out to the community.

**Announcements/Roundtable:**

- Kim, LEPC Conference will be held virtually on April 12, 2022, through May 12, 2022, on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9a, -12p. Some longer sessions will be held for training. Presentation sessions will be recorded, and training session are NOT recorded for viewing later. Registration will only need to be completed once to participate in any of the sessions.
- Greg, the Othello Food Bank has been taxed over the last couple of years. They have been open four days a week rather than two and have to hire staff. Their funding is quickly dwindling. If anyone is looking for a place to provide support or donate to this organization to assist. Point of contact is Sharon Mobley at 509-989-1040.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:57.

**Next Meeting:**  
March 17, 2022

*Respectively submitted,*

*Tawni Solberg, CBHA, Ad-hoc LEPC Secretary*