



Grays Harbor County

LEPC - Minutes

March 9, 2022

Via Zoom

360-249-3911

Chair: Andrew Pittman

Co-Chair: Nick Falley

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Attendance:

M. Thuirer – OSFD

H. Cleverly – GHCEM

N. Wyatt – Port of GH

B. Bouch – GHPUD

A. Peterson – GHCEM

D. Cerda – Ocean Co.

C. Caprio – WSEMD

D. Raines – City of Cosi

R. Wolcott – NWS

C. McCullough – GHCEM

K. Penner – GH College

L. Deloe – REG

N. Falley – GHCEM

D. Gottschalk – Ascensus

D. May – Ferrellgas

J. Ambrose – City of Hoquiam

R. Armstrong – City of Oakville

K. Brown – Simpson Door

D. Parkinson – GH College

B. Cantu – E911

M. Miller – HFD

M. Butwin – NWS

D. Lunde – HRH

R. Beach – Petrocard

C. Nelson – NRSD

Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Nick Falley made motion to approve minutes, Chief Thuirer second the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

Old Business:

Incidents: Hannah Cleverly

January 3, Westport: The port reported an old abandon gas pipe under the roadway developed a leak and caused a sheen in the marina. Port staff deployed oil absorbents to sheen for cleanup.

January 3, Hoquiam: Hoquiam Fire Department reported a strong solvent like odor at a residence due to flooding. The source might be an auto repair shop that had a spill to the floodwaters. An Ecology Underground Storage Tank Inspector checked the nearby fuel station and found the floodwaters had entered one of the fuel tanks causing gas to spill out of the tank. The Ecology inspector worked with the station's owner to get the tank fixed.

January 4, Aberdeen: A company reported that a 250-gallon tote of hydraulic oil fell off a fork lift and spilled the oil to the gravel and roadway. The company hired cleanup contractor.

January 7, Hoquiam: Grays Harbor PUD reported a 30-gallon mineral oil spill to roadway from a pole mounted transformer due to a tree that fell on the power pole. PUD crew responded and cleaned up the spilled oil.

January 12, Aberdeen: Citizen reported a new house under construction next door to his house had been recently painted and the painters had washed the paint buckets and equipment onto the soil and the rain was causing the dumped paint onto his property. The report referred to Grays Harbor County for code enforcements follow-up.

January 21, Westport: Ecology received a report of a diesel spill at the Westport Marina from unknown vessel. Marina staff cleaned up the diesel that had spilled. There were several suspect fishing vessels but they had left the marina so no source was found.

January 31, Aberdeen: A citizen requested advice on how to dispose of a bottle of mercury they had in their house. Ecology responder contacted the citizen on the proper disposal of the mercury at the local Grays Harbor Household Hazardous Waste disposal site.

February 1, Westport: A fishing vessel had a 5-gallon diesel spill while fueling. The fuel dock staff and boat crew cleaned up the spilled diesel.

February 18, Aberdeen: A tanker truck carrying a load of magnesium lignosulfonate developed a crack in the tank and spilled the material to soil. The material is non-toxic and used for dust control on dirt roadways. The trucking company hired a cleanup contractor. No water was impacted.

Ben Bouch reported the GHPUD had a spill of 17 gallons of mineral oil. It went into drainage ditches and had the potential to run into waterways.

LEPC Hazmat Plan Revisions:

Hazmat plan has been approved by the Department of Ecology and has been sent to Kim Mask at WSEMD for review. Once review and approval is completed by WSEMD the plan will be brought back to LEPC for Final Approval. A request has been made to send a copy of the plan to Chris Caprio at WSEMD.

Cascadia Rising 2.0:

Day 1 - Focus will be critical transportation – Virtual exercise with breakout rooms

Day 2 - Communications Exercise

Day 3 - Focus will be on mass care – Virtual exercise with breakout rooms

Day 4 - State after action. Grays Harbor County will schedule a time for Communication Exercise after action.

January Flood Event:

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management has been working through the SBA (low interest) Disaster Loans for the recent flood event that took place in January. Grays Harbor County Approved \$30,000 for the Debris Voucher Program. It is estimated that \$4,000 of the vouchers were used.

New Business

SW Hazmat Planner:

Chris Caprio introduced himself as the new Southwest Hazmat Planner for Washington State Emergency Management Division.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 22nd – 23rd** **NWS Extreme Heat Workshop**
- **April 5th – 7th** **Partners in Emergency Management - Lynnwood**
- **April 12th – May 12th** **LEPC/Tribal Conference**
- **April 14, 2022** **“Planning for Disaster Debris” MGT 460 – Large Commish 0800-1700**
- **June 13-17, 2022** **Cascadia 2.0**
- **Tentatively July** **ICS 300/400**
- **July 23rd** **Emergency Preparedness EXPO – 10-2 Shoppes at Riverside parking lot**

For the Good of the Order:

Next Meeting May 11th ~ 10:15am

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 836 8200 6112 Passcode: 770656