



Grays Harbor County

LEPC - Minutes

November 17, 2022

Via Zoom

360-249-3911

Chair: Andrew Pittman

Co-Chair: Chief Fulbright

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Attendance:

H. Cleverly – GHCEM

N. Falley – GHCEM

R. Wolfley – Paneltech

M. Miller – HFD

S. Forsythe – WAEMD

C. McCullough – GHCEM

D. Cerda – Ocean Gold

K. Brown – Simpson Door

D. Benn – SBRFA

S. Roundtree – GHCEM

A. Unger – ECY

B. Bouch – GHPUD

J. Krueger – SPMC

T. Pence – National Guard

N. Wyatt – Port of GH

M. Thuirer – OSFD

T. Hubbard – GHFD#2

K. Retherford – National Guard

A. Pittman – Ascensus

B. Shellie – GHFD#8

Introductions

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as presented.

Incidents: Andrea Unger

September 10, 2022, Westport: USCG reported a sheen in Westport Marina. The USCG checked the nearby vessel and were not able to locate the source of the sheen.

September 17, 2022, Ocean Shores: Ecology received report of golf cart was driven into Duck Lake by unknown persons. The golf cart was removed from the lake by the Ocean Shores Fire Department. A small amount of gas was spilled to the lake.

September 15, 2022, Elma: Citizen reported a sheen in McDonald Creek that might be oil or sewage. Since it might be sewage Ecology contacted the City of Elma and staff member checked the creek. The staff member reported back that it was most likely natural material.

September 19, 2022, Westport: A seafood processing company reported an ammonia gas release. Employees were evacuated. Fire Department responded and shut off the valve and ventilated the building. The employees were allowed back in the building. The fire chief estimated about 30 gallons of liquid ammonia spilled inside the building and 40 gallons to air. Four employees had respiratory complaints.

October 12, 2022, Aberdeen: Ecology received a report of a dumped Freon tank. Ecology Responders picked up the tank and disposed of the tank.

October 17, 2022, Ocean Shores: WSP reported a gas spill from a U-Haul truck that had its tank drilled by fuel thieves. About 10 gallons of gas spilled to the pavement. The tow company was able to tow the vehicle back to their yard because no gas was left in the tank. They also cleaned up the spilled gas.

October 28, 2022, Moclips: WSP reported a pickup truck was stuck in the surf at the mouth of the Moclips River. No reported sheen. The vehicle was removed at low tide.

Old Business:

LEPC Hazmat Plan:

Nick Falley reported Washington State Emergency Management Division completed their review of the Grays Harbor County Hazmat Plan and sent it back with a few edits/requests which include the addition of a proclamation page, change the Department of Ecology's acronym from DOE to ECY and add the Fire Marshal's Training Calendar. Nick found a few broken links to be updated and changed the acronym from ECC to EOC, added the organization chart and verified this plan aligned with the other ESF's. The LEPC had a discussion on whether to keep the number of responders listed who are trained Hazmat Incident Commanders. It was decided to remove the number as it is always changing. Lastly, there was a discussion/addition about adding the word will to the second bullet point on page 10 to read "The IC/UC will coordinate with the GHC EOC for public notifications, resource ordering, and evacuations/sheltering.

Grays Harbor County Emergency Management is looking for LEPC approval of the plan then it will be submitted to the State with the entire CEMP Plan. Once approved by Washington State Emergency Management Division it will be ready for Commissioner approval. Chief Miller, HFD made a motion to approve and Chief Benn, SBRFA 2nd the motion.

New Business

January 11th Meeting:

There will be an "EPCRA App" Presentation. Susan Forsythe and her team have put together an App for 1st Responders that has all Tier II reporting information that includes chemicals on site, point of contact and contact information. This app needs a key to get in and will be discussed at the January 2023 meeting.

Remote Location Meeting/Facility Tours

A quick hybrid meeting will take place then the in-person meeting attendees will take a tour. PPE requirements will be sent out to the LEPC prior to the tour.

- March 8th is tentatively scheduled for Paneltech
- May 10th is tentatively scheduled for Grays Harbor PUD

GH PUD: Ben Bouch

PUD went through their first big storm of the year and had quite a few lines down. Everything went smooth and due to Mutual Aid requests; they sent crews to Snohomish County as well. It was reminded that if you see down lines or branches in trees to please call the PUD.

Nominations for Positions: Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary

Hannah is requesting the Chair and Co-Chair positions be filled by an agency and a 1st responder. Please email nominations to the ghcdem@graysharbor.us email and a vote will take place at the January 11th meeting.

- RaeAnne Wolfley, Paneltech has volunteered to take one of the positions.
- A Chief Thuirer, Oceans Shores Fire was nominated. He declined as he announced he will be retiring April 1, 2023

For the Good of the Order:
Next Meeting January 11th ~ 10:15am
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 836 8200 6112 Passcode: 770656