



Grays Harbor County
LEPC - Minutes
September 13, 2023
Via Zoom / National Guard Armory
360-249-3911

Chair: Andrew Pittman

Co-Chair: Raeanne Wolfley

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Attendance:

C. McCullough – GHCEM
C. Caprio – WA EMD via Zoom
B. Ritter – OSFD via Zoom
J. Kovarik – SPMC
D. Raines – City of Cosmopolis via Zoom

R. Wolfley – Paneltech
A. Pittman – Ascensus
D. Lunde – HRHCH via Zoom
D. Dyer via Zoom

B. Bouch – GH PUD via Zoom
S. Roundtree - GHCEM
J. Androski – WANG
B. Shelley – GHFD#8 via Zoom

Introductions

Old Business

1) **Approval of Minutes:** Raeanne Wolfley made motion to approve July 12th minutes and Stacie Roundtree 2nd the motion. Minutes approved as presented.

2) **Incidents: Andrew Pittman reported for Andrea Unger, WA Dept. of Ecology**

July 7, 2023: Ocean Shores: WA State Parks reported a pickup truck buried on the sand at the beach. The rangers found the hood of the truck and antenna sticking out of the sand at an extremely low tide. The rangers thought the truck had been buried for 5-10 years. Rangers will be checking the area for oil sheens and look for the opportunity to have the truck removed.

July 16, 2023: Aberdeen: Ecology received a report of sheening from a trestle fire at the Westport South Aberdeen Trail. The fire and water being applied to extinguish the fire caused the creosote from the pilings to sheen. Ecology contacted the fire company on scene and once the fire was out the sheening stopped.

July 20, 2023: Westport: USCG Station Westport reported a 1-quart spill of gasoline from their vessel's exhaust when they started the vessel. Sheen was non-recoverable.

July 25, 2023: Ocean Shores: A person reported possible tar balls on the beach at Ocean Shores. Ecology worked with USCG on the report. USCG hired a contractor to clean up the tar balls from the beach.

July 28, 2023: Aberdeen: Ecology received report of car in the Wishkah River. County officials work very hard to get the vehicle removed including repeatedly contacting many state and federal agencies. The car was not removed, and the incident was referred to the Department of Natural Resources as the landowner to have the vehicle removed.

August 3, 2023: Ecology received a request for help in identifying the contents of a cooler that might have been used in the manufacturing illegal drugs. On August 4, 2023, Ecology responded and meet with county officials including law enforcement. Ecology responders obtained samples and conducted field testing on the samples. The testing results found the material to be flammable material. Further testing by the National Guard's 10th Civil Support Team found the material was a precursor to making PCP. See photo below:



August 9, 2023: McCleary: WSDOT reported a 20-gallon spill of hydraulic oil to the roadway from an asphalt grinding machine. WSDOT cleaned up the spill. No water or soil was impacted.

August 9, 2023, Hoquiam: Puget Sound Pacific Railroad reported a five-car derailment including the locomotive. The locomotive and three of the cars remained upright. No diesel spilled from the engine. One car containing soy meal spilled soy meal to the ground. Rail cleaned up the spilled soy meal.

August 15, 2023: Ocean Shores: Ecology received a report of a 5-gallon bucket that was found on the beach at Ocean Shores. Ecology requested that a ranger with State Parks pick up the bucket and Ecology will respond and assess and dispose of the bucket.

August 17, 2023: Elma: Ecology received notification of a person that had a 55-gallon drum of gasoline in the bed of their pickup truck which leaked gas. The person set the spilled gas on fire and their truck also caught fire. Police and fire responded. No of the spilled gas entered water nor did gas leave their property. Case referred to Ecology's Toxic Cleanup Program for follow-up.

August 20, 2023: Bay City: Ecology received a report from the USCG of a 29-foot sailboat that burnt and sunk at Bay Center. Ecology contacted owner who reported that 4 gallons of gas was on board the vessel. The gas burnt up in the fire. Owner didn't have insurance. Case being referred to Department of Natural Resources Derelict Vessel Program for future removal.

August 23, 2023: Elma: Ecology received a report of a car deliberately pushed into an unnamed pond because the owner wanted to go to jail. Fish & Wildlife responded to assist local law enforcement and the vehicle was removed from the pond.

August 28, 2023: Westport: Westport Marina reported a 57-foot fishing vessel that was taking on water and in danger of sinking. The vessel had 1200 gallons of diesel on board. The vessel was stabilized and USCG and Ecology are working with owner to have the oily/water pumped out of the vessel's bilge and have that properly disposed of at an oil recycling facility.

GHPUD: Tokeland: 1-2 gallons of mineral oil. The spill has been cleaned up.

3) Events

- a. **Emergency Preparedness EXPO:** Reported had the largest attendance. There was a Go-Bag Scavenger Hunt where 100 Go-Bags were handed out. We also had several items handed out in the FREE Raffle.

New Business

1) **Remote location meetings / facility tours:** 10:30am short meeting with tour to follow. Registration and PPE requirements will be sent out prior to the meeting.

- a. November 8th – Ascensus Specialties

2) **Washington SERC Update: Chris Caprio**

- a. SERC currently has an ongoing workgroup who is working on the records retention schedule for LEPC Tier II Reports. Currently the State Archives has a retention of 50 years and the Department of Ecology has a retention of 6 years. More information to come.

3) **Seat Nominations:** Nominations for Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary will take place at the November 8th Meeting. Once nominations are received an online voting ballot will be sent out and the elected will be announced and approved at the January 10th meeting.

Dates to Remember:

- September 19th-21st – WSEMA Conference in Spokane, WA
- October 13th - Ocean Shores Fire Department Open House 6-9pm
- October 19th – Great ShakeOut
- Tentative February 23rd – 25th, 2024 Westside Hazmat Workshop
- April 23rd-25th – LEPC Conference
- May 17th – 19th, 2024 Eastside Hazmat Workshop

For the Good of the Order:

Next Meeting November 8th ~ 10:30am

Ascensus Specialties

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 836 8200 6112 **Passcode:** 770656