



Grays Harbor County

LEPC - Minutes

September 14, 2022

Via Zoom

360-249-3911

Chair: Andrew Pittman

Co-Chair: Chief Fulbright

Secretary: Carmin McCullough

Attendance:

L. Torres – National Guard

J. Wozab - SPMC

R. Cannell – Lakeside Industries

C. Caprio – WSEMD

D. Parkinson – GH College

C. McCullough – GHCEM

R. Brazas – WSP

B. Bouch – PUD

M. Miller – HFD

A. Unger – Dept. of Ecology

N. Falley – GHCEM

A. Pittman – Ascensus

R. Wolfley – Paneltech

D. Raines – City of Cosmopolis

Introductions

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

Incidents: Andrea Unger

July 1: Westport Marina reported a fishing vessel was taking on water and the port was going to pump the water off but they found oily water in the bilge. Ecology and USCG responded and worked with the vessel's owner on cleaning out their bilge. A small amount of oily water spilled to the water but the vessel was stabilized and cleaned out.

July 2: Cosmo Specialty Fibers reported a leak in their treated effluent discharge pipe to soil. The leaking treated effluent is permitted to be discharge but not in the area where the leak occurred. Cosmo repaired the leak.

July 26: Aberdeen Fire reported an excavator overturned in a creek with an odor of diesel coming from the area. Tow truck arrived on scene to upright the excavator to gain access to the operator but it couldn't remove the excavator from the creek. Ecology responded a deployed oil absorbents and work with the property owner to have the excavator removed. A diesel sheen was observed in the creek.

August 8: Westport Marina reported a black material in the water at their marina. Ecology responded and discovered the material was soot from a ship's exhaust system. Ecology was unable to locate the vessel.

August 16: Ecology received a report of a 63-foot fishing vessel with 3200 gallons of diesel on board had grounded on Cohasset Beach, Westport. Ecology and USCG responded. The fuel was removed by August 18th. Due to various issues such as tides and availability of salvage equipment it took until September 6th to get the vessel removed from the beach. No spill occurred during this incident.



Old Business:

LEPC Hazmat Plan:

Nick Falley is currently going through the base plan to verify it lines up with all 16 ESF's. Once that is complete a draft copy will be sent to LEPC for review.

LEPC Conference:

Many of the classes were recorded and posted on the SERC website. GHCEM will forward out the link of classes to LEPC.

Cascadia 2.0:

This was a virtual tabletop exercise that focused on transit and mass care. Grays Harbor County Emergency Management also included a communication exercise that tested alternate lines of communication.

National Night Out:

The Fire Department in McCleary had a successful event with Airlift NW bringing in one of their choppers for a landing. The turnout was larger than expected.

New Business

Meeting Suggestions:

Discussion took place about potentially meeting in person again. Other ideas were to take facility tours and/or have the meetings at the facility's following the tours. Possible locations would be Ocean Gold, Paneltech, PUD, Ascensus and National Guard.

Upcoming Events:

- **September 22nd – Badges & Brews – Starbucks (Wishkah St) 6:00-8:00pm**
- **September 29th – Cascadia Rising After Action Meeting 10:00am**
- **Sept. 29th & 30th 2023 State Catastrophic Communications drill**

For the Good of the Order:

Next Meeting November 17th ~ 10:00am

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 836 8200 6112 Passcode: 770656