

Cass County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (Meeting Minutes)
August 5, 2015

The Cass County LEPC met at the office of Cass County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 1227 N SR 17, Logansport. The meeting was called to order by Liz Troxell at 6PM.

PRESENT: Rocky Buffum, Bob Curry, Sandra Curry, Randy Pryor, Liz Troxell, Herb Bowman, Herb Detrick, Ian Iwusi (Indiana Emergency Response Commission, IERC), Larry Lucas, Sharon Gerlach (Indiana Department of Homeland Security, IDHS), Grant Richardson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

BAKKEN OIL SHIPMENTS

Cass County EMA was previously advised Unit Trains of Bakken Oil would start traveling through Cass County in June. To date Cass County EMA has not received notifications of unit trains moving through.

Ian Iwusi was present from IERC. Ian advised the State of Indiana has signed an agreement with the companies producing Bakken Oil and cannot disclose certain information. Ian reports notification is sent to the Indiana State Fire Marshall, who forwards information to Ian. Ian prepares a redacted report for each county so they only see information for their county.

HAZAROUS MATERIAL PLAN/2015 EXERCISE

Work is moving forward to revise the plan to include Bakken Oil.

An exercise was completed at Koch Nitrogen.

ETHICS TRAINING

Liz Troxell reports she does not know when or where it will be. Ian Iwusi advised the LEPC we don't need to worry about it until we hear from him.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RTIPP

Liz Troxell informed the LEPC Threat and Hazard Assessment training will be held in Lafayette in September.

RECENT INCIDENTS/EVENTS

Cass County EMA had a booth at the county fair.

There are no recent responses to discuss.

Cass County EMA is working with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to resolve manure issues on fields.

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Ian Iwusi (Ian) was introduced as the state coordinator for the LEPC program. Ian reports he has not provided funding to the Cass County LEPC for the last three or four years. Ian reports he has not received any records for this year and was surprised to see minutes of a meeting in May. Ian advises having an active and compliant LEPC can effect award of grant funding including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Rocky Buffum advised he had electronic copies of meeting minutes he would be happy to send if Ian got with him after the meeting. Gary Richardson reported on the exercise held at Koch Nitrogen. Other LEPC members advised we had discussed and reviewed legal notices, rosters and other required documents at past meetings and know items were produced. Grant Richardson and Larry Lucas asked Ian if he would work with the LEPC to establish a development plan to get the required documents where they needed to be and bring Cass County into compliance. Ian responded yes. Ian indicated all documentation had to be uploaded to a website.

Ian reported on upcoming changes to the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) as well as the state programs. Related programs have moved from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management to IDHS. The state is purchasing a program to facilitate one time reporting for facilities. Facilities reporting has moved from IDEM to the Indiana State Fire Marshall. No substantive changes will be felt by LEPC's. Substantive changes will be felt by reporting agencies.

Ian discussed Senate Bill 484. Funds not released to LEPC's who are not compliant are placed in a special account that can be used by IERC for training and planning. Funds could be awarded to another county to provide planning to a non-compliant county.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No activity

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Cass County LEPC is scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 6PM

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded

Respectfully submitted,
Rocky Buffum, LEPC Secretary