



LEPC Quarterly Meeting

March 14, 2023, 10 A.M.

OEMC 1411 W. Madison Room 456

Members in Attendance:

David Cozzi (SET Env.) Dan O'Connell (LEPC) Marion Rannamre (Kinder Morgan)
Jimmy Thompson (IEMA) Terry Sheahan (Citizen) William Schatz (LEPC)
Kristine Weinberg (MWRD)

Call In:

John Plante (Metra Retired) Jeff Pearl (Co-Chair) Mark Pilat (

Introductions & Affiliation's:

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Dan O'Connell. Introductions and Affiliations were made.

Motion made by John Plante second by Bill Schatz to accept the meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. Approved as is by board. The minutes/agendas shall be posted on the webpage <https://chicagolepc.org/>

HMEP Grant Update (Bethany Hand CFD)

- Discussion on HMEP Grants (approximately \$5,000 in funds available for FY-22)
- Matt Doughtie and Khalilah Feagans to work on possible exercise with Cook County
- Khalilah extension filed for FY-21 funds was not necessary due to a three (3) year funding limit.
- Cook County is now spending 2019, 2020, and 2021 funds.
- Discussion regarding the need to send CFD members to Midwest HazMat Conference
 - Bethany Hand (CFD) approved attendance of CFD members and supportive funding.

Chemical Emergency Response Plan (CERP)

- Discussion on CERP by small committee members
- All members present agreed the plan was reviewed and that at this present date of March 14, 2023, no revisions necessary.
- Motion made by Bill Schatz to accept the plan and second by Terry Sheahan
 - Plan to be signed by LEPC Chair and Co-Chair

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Chicago LEPC Playbook Calendar Small Committee Update

Discussion diverted to next meeting, due to new Mayor being elected

Tier II Update

- NO update on Tier II reporting due to Robert Long (CPD) not present at LEPC meeting.
- Several minutes of discussion with all members on the importance of Terry Sheahans replacement being involved and attending the LEPC meetings.
 - The group was informed that Terry Sheahans replacement does not want to be involved with the LEPC and does not think he is necessary at the LEPC meetings.
 - Terry Sheahan will reach out to his old boss and hopefully get them to understand the importance of their attendance.

LEPC Website Management

Dan O'Connell explained that Dr Wong, due to his extensive work schedule is no longer able to maintain the site.

Alvin Childress volunteered to maintain the site in Dr. Wong's absence. This will need approval by the LEPC Chair Glen Lyman at the next meeting.

Ohio Rail Derailment

- All members participated in a lengthy discussion regarding the Ohio Train Derailment
- All discussions were unofficial comments because all the facts of the incident were unknown to LEPC members.
- Suggested to have Paul Rausch present the topic at the next LEPC meeting

New Business

- Recommendation to gather information on Methanol Blended Fuels for discussion at a LEPC meeting.
 - Look into what TRANSCAR is presently teaching

The next LEPC meeting will be on June 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.