

Local Emergency Planning Committee
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Minutes

Monthly Meeting **Wednesday – May 18, 2022** **Time 9:00 – 10:30**

LOCATION:

Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

Attendees: Amy Black, Chris Church, Sharon Colby, Jason Clark, Pete Hartmann, Chris Matuszak, Sean Thompson.

NO MEETING IN JUNE.

Welcome: Chair Tim Archer

Old business:

1. Progress?

- a. Upcoming Horizontal Directional Drilling set to accelerate in Spokane Co. in 2022. Avista has serious concerns regarding the Sub-Contractors who may take shortcuts and not do the proper work to ensure they are being as safe as possible while avoiding gas lines. How can the LEPC weigh-in on this issue to ensure the contractors realize the importance and liability that comes with supervising Sub-Contractors.

Phillips 66 has been dealing with this too in their Right of Way. Ecology has encountered hazardous waste issues with these contractors. Finding some contractors are more responsible than others. We need to see how to impress on TDS Fiber how serious this can be. Gerry will call Avista regarding the situation to receive an update on progress.

New Business: Phillips 66 is holding a spill drill in August. More information to LEPC as information becomes available.

Presentation: WA State Dept. of Ecology, what do we do?
Sean Thompson, PhD

Updates:

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby

FD3 hiring, Administration Building is being remodeled. New station being built in Spangle for expansion. Should have 31 full-time firefighters.

State Officials – Pete Hartmann, Sean Thompson, John Geppert, Moody Harmon

Pete: LEPC conference – Via Teams online, most everything has been recorded

for future viewing. Future hazmat conference should be a hybrid. Some online and some hands on. Cascadia Rising will consume much of June for EMD. Pete will be at Fairchild in early June and the main event will be mid-June. EMD will start to focus on more hazard events and less focus on just an earthquake on the west side. Pete would like the LEPC to consider working more cross-boarder and collaboration with other counties. Can we refocus on All-hazards? This may bring in more groups/agencies. Pend Oreille County would be a good LEPC group to approach for collaboration. Suggestion to set up a frame-work to engage other LEPC's and explore new projects. Sharon will explore this with Pete in the near future.

Sean: ECY has had 15 spill responses in the last 30 days. Mostly Oil spills.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth

Revising/Updating ESF10 underway. Tracking down those who should report on Tier II's but haven't.

Water Resources – Tim Archer, Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry
Water tower replacement at the airport. 4.2 million gallons.

Fire Services – Mitch Metzger

Hospital – Darrell Ruby

Media – Vacant

Health – Mike LaScuola

Amy detailed that there is a new Coordinator who will be the LEPC liaison – Jazzy Landes. Redi coalition have been training with the Special pathogens unit at Sacred Heart.

1st Aid/EMS – Vacant

Transportation – Vacant

Law Enforcement – Lt. Chuck Arnold,

Community Groups – Vacant

Facilities & Pipelines – Chris Church, Ron Dowers, Amy Smith

Early June at the Fire Training Center will host the HRF for their large validation Exercise.

Collins Aerospace is working with FD3 to plan a TTX soon.

Next Meeting
July 20, 2022
Location Dept. of Ecology