

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Suburban Cook County

Meeting May 18, 2022

At Summit Public Library

Members in attendance:

John Lillquist	Paul Ruesch	Tracy Zyllo
Gary Kulhan	Alvin Childers	Monica Chrzaszcz
David Silke	Raul Gonzalez	Ginger Jager
David Cozzi	Aaron Thomas	Vanessa Hernandez
John Karouzos	Tim Roth	Alexandrea Green
Robert Welter	Gene Ryan	Mark Kiefhaber
Barb Lee	R. Kay	Kristine Wienberg
Mark Jenkins	Michael Parent	
Micah Eubanks	Steve Battig	

Introductions & Affiliations:

Introductions and affiliations were made. There were reported 5 functional groups present; therefore, a quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by chair John Lillquist. J. Lillquist requested all members who have not taken the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and FOIA training to please do so; members were instructed that completion for the OMA is a requirement for all and that new certificates of completion should be forward to J. Lillquist. J. Lillquist requested all members review and update email addresses as needed stating this information will be used to update the current database.

Minutes:

Minutes from the February 16, 2022 meeting were reviewed and page 3 corrected; minutes were individually approved by Dave Silke, 2nd by Gary Kulhan.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant:

Update on the status of the HMEP Grant was presented by K. Wienberg - all present were informed that the Office of the Procurement Officer with Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) is in the final stages of completing

Request for Proposal (RFP) with a target of June 1st for the RFP Task Order to be released to the pre-qualified list of the vendors. EMRS will be utilizing the City of Chicago's Master Consulting Agreement for the list of pre-qualified emergency planning consultants.

K. Wienberg further stated the SC LEPC in unity with the EMRS has submitted the application for the 2023-2027 HEMP Grant funding reward.

Sub-Committee Reports:

- **Emergency Response Plan(ERP)** -John Karouzos – reported the ERP was currently in the annual review and response stage
- **Right-To-Know** – Dave Silke – present – nothing to note currently
- **Public Education & Information** - B. Welter – present – no report currently
- **Emergency Response & Resources**-David Cozzi – present – offered to committee to request topics for upcoming meeting
- **Chemical Facility Liaison**- G. Kulman reported nearly 100 % of required Tier II forms had been properly submitted and reviewed for file by G. Kulhan - J. Lillquist reminded all present to not send directly to him, rather submit to the IEMA as instructed

LEPC Chairperson, John Lillquist provided an overview of available training seminars and resources with focus placed on the following IEMA websites:

IEMA Website:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/training/pages/default.aspx>

Ready Illinois:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/Pages/default.aspx#tabitem2>

<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/Preparedness>

LEPC Chair J. Lillquist concluded with information on contacting the Local IEMA Regional Coordinator and directed potential registrants to the IEMA online Registration and Program Tracking Page

Ms. Monica Chrzasczc, along with Ms. Ginger Jager presented an overview of the Illinois Tier I / Tier II (SARA 312) Reporting Program:

An overview of the history EPCRA/SARA and the origins of the LEPC was presented. Regulations for facility requirements and reporting thresholds of hazardous and extremely hazardous was reviewed.

Paul Ruesch, On Scene Coordinator (COORD) with the U.S. E.P.A. Region 5 presented: An overview of the Region 5 Geographic Response Strategy:

Coord Ruesch provided an overview on the EPA Inland Sensitivity Atlas (ISA); a Geographic Information System (GIS) application that contains environmental, oil, and Geographic Response Plan (GRP) information to support planning and response operations within the USEPA Region 5 jurisdictional area.

https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=14441

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting was reported scheduled for August 17th, 2022

Member Comments: None provided

Public Comments: None provided

Adjournment:

At 1206 the meeting was motioned to close by G. Kulhan and 2nd by D. Silke special thanks to the Summit Public Library for the use of the facility.