

Cass County LEPC
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Alvin Beckman.

PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rocky Buffum, Tim Cree, Vicky Cree, Herb Detrick, Bob Ehle, Jr, Bob Kasting, Randy Pryor

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Bob Ehle with a second by Tim Cree. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2011 TIER II REPORTS: Alvin reports three new reports have been received. Alvin reported there was an incident recently at Protein, Inc which caused a number of traffic issues and raised concerns for nearby Federal Mogul. Upon researching the issue it was found Protein Inc has never filed a Tier II report as far back as 2006. Alvin was also unable to find reports for their predecessor company. This is not the first incident at the site and Alvin indicates they have not been reporting releases of hazardous materials as required. Bob Ehle made a motion the LEPC ask the state to contact Protein Inc and take actions to bring them into compliance. Bob Kasting seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXERCISE: Alvin attended a meeting at Koch Nitrogen recently. This was not a true exercise but more a meeting with Koch officials to verify response agencies, procedures, and contact info. Alvin is working with the Andersons to plan a tabletop exercise involving an ethanol incident.

NEW BUSINESS

RECENT INCIDENTS: An error on behalf of Wabash Valley in which waste products from Protein Inc were placed in an incorrect container for transport resulted in a HAZMAT incident. The leaky load contaminated the Protein Inc parking lot and a significant stretch of public roads. Once contacted Wabash Valley handled clean-up including steam cleaning the roads and cleaning affected automobiles. At last report 25 cars had been cleaned. The driver involved was terminated by Wabash Valley.

Tyson reported the release of Anhydrous Amonia. Alvin reported all procedures were followed for notification even though the incident was handled internally and no response was needed.

There was recently a railcar incident involving Phosphorus Trichloride at 9th and Lytle Streets. Alvin reports it was a stable incident and Norfolk Sothern Railroad's contracted HAZMAT team handled the cleanup. The response included EMA, American Red Cross, Logansport Fire Department and Logansport Police Department. Soda Ash from the Andersons was also used in the cleanup.

ETHANOL TRAINING: Beckman, Kasting, and Lucas recently attended this training. A tabletop exercise including ethanol is in the works with the Andersons.

LEPC CONFERENCE: Alvin reports the LEPC Conference was held in August

FINANCIAL REPORT: No activity

A motion to adjourn was made by Herb Detrick with a second by Tim Cree. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held November 2, 2011 at 6PM.