

Cass County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6pm at 1227 N State Road 17, Logansport, Indiana by Alvin Beckman.

Rocky Buffum was asked to take minutes in the absence of the secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alvin Beckman, Rick Bair, April Fillmore, Ed Schroder, Rocky Buffum, Herb Detrick, Phil Dials, Howard Boyd, Randy Pryor, Clint Hazlett

GUESTS PRESENT: Mike Englert and Thomas Pritts, WSP

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### LEPC UPDATE

Alvin Beckman reported Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Staff are working with Amanda Horner of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to meet requirements. Bylaws and the Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be updated.

##### TIER II REPORTS

Alvin Beckman reports all reports have been turned in as required

##### INDUSTRY PARTNER REPORT FOLLOW UP – WSP

WSP Representatives were present to answer questions and follow up on items from the previous meeting.

WSP expects materials to begin arriving between October 30 and November 15. Customers will be shipping product by both rail and truck.

WSP begins to start pelletizing product at the end of November and it will take a couple weeks to enough materials to be completely operational.

In early December WSP will begin operations to dry and cure the kiln.

Full production is expected to begin after the holidays. Staff from Alabama and Monterrey, Mexico are assisting with the start up. They want those staff members to have holidays with family.

January 1 starts contracts for Electric Arc Furnace Dust. They expect about a 50/50 mix of delivery by rail and train. They anticipate 20-22 trucks a day and 3-5 railcars a week.

WSP had a hiring event about a week ago. About 130 applicants participated. About 60 percent of positions are staffed at this time. WSP is still conducting interviews at the Logan Square Office Building.

At the last meeting there were questions about water usage. They anticipate 3,500 gallons a day potable water usage. When fully operational they can use up to 390 gallons per minute for operations. They will utilize recycled water from process and cleaning operations to reduce consumption. There was a question about whether the detention pond on site will have a liner. The answer was no however that will be for stormwater. Pond will be subject to standard stormwater monitoring annually.

First responder week is anticipated but not yet scheduled. Mike Englert can work with agencies to schedule tours sooner if desired.

Air monitoring and permit limitations were discussed, including locations of city and county testing sites and capabilities. Both sites include weather stations to help identify wind direction at time of sample collection. This can help identify contaminants that might be coming from neighboring operations instead of WSP>

Hazlett asked about specific chemical hazards that will be present. WSP staff indicated KO61 (Electric Arc Furnace Dust), Anthracite, and products Waelz Iron Product (about 65 percent of production) and Waelz Zinc Oxide (about 35 percent of production).

Furnace dust can come from any mill making products from scrap material.

## EXERCISE REPORT

Annual exercise was held June 29. After Action Report/Improvement Plan (AAR/IP) was completed. The scenario was an anhydrous ammonia nurse tank clipped by a train in the area of 600 East and Logansport Road.

## NEW BUSINESS

### INDUSTRIAL PARTNER – THE ANDERSONS

The Andersons has a variety of operations in Cass County. Alvin Beckman will be requesting a focused session on this community partner at a future meeting.

## RECENT ACTIVITY REPORT

A semi truck accident occurred at County Road 300 South and the Heartland Highway. Clymers Fire Department, EMA and other agencies responded. 27 bags of oil dry was used.

EMA responded to an incident with a worker trapped in a transport trailer at the truck stop on the Heartland Highway. HAZMAT and Confined Space Rescue Capabilities were needed. The operation ended up being a body recovery. Grissom Fire Department also responded.

On September 1 A Prairie Farms Truck got caught on the rail crossing on 18<sup>th</sup> street. EMA responded with Logansport Fire Department. Norfolk Southern Railroad, Cass County Highway, and a cleanup contractor from Fort Wayne also assisted at the scene.

Rocky Buffum and Felicity Perez-Nuscis assisted Logansport Fire Department with decontamination training. Logansport Fire Department will be doing decontamination with Logansport Memorial Hospital at a later date.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Grissom Air Reserve Base may be supporting the mission to support 5,500 Afghanistan Refugees at Camp Atterbury.

Corporal Sanchez from the United States Marine Corps will be flying in to Grissom Air Reserve Base for transfer to the funeral home. Schedule not yet determined.

Over the next few years Grissom anticipates a transition from KC-135 to KC-46 aircraft. This may alter specific hazards and mitigation measures.

Alvin Beckman mentioned a need to look at county equipment and training based on lessons learned from recent events. Logansport Fire Department plans to train on Rope Rescue and Confined Space Rescue Technician Skills and possibly Hazardous Materials Technician level training.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance of \$8,249.08 reported by Alvin Beckman. No activity since the last meeting. The financial report was unanimously approved on a motion duly made and seconded.

#### ADJOURNMENT

November 3, 2021 at 6pm is the next planned meeting.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rocky Buffum