

Pima County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
Regular Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2011  
Pima County Emergency Operations Center

The quarterly meeting of the Pima County LEPC was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Don Poage.

Roll call was taken and the following members were in attendance:

Bat. Chief John Walka	Rural Metro Fire Department
Capt. Scott Laird	Rincon Fire District
Chief Randy Karrer	Golder Ranch Fire District
Chris Pendleton	Pima County Citizen
Don Poage	Pima County Region HazMat Team
Harlan Agnew	Pima County Attorney's Office
John Wisner	Pima County OEM & HS
Kenneth Drozd	National Weather Service
Scott Porter	Pima County DEQ
Steve Holland	University of Arizona
Thomas Taylor	Pima County Citizens Corps
Todd Perry	Arizona DEQ
Tony Smith	Western Refinery
Chuck Vaughn	Tucson Medical Center
Joyce Horn	Pima County Health Department

The following guests introduced themselves to the members:

Mark Howard	Arizona Emergency Response Commission
Tom Curry	Central Arizona Project
Barbara Rica	IBM

The minutes from the April 13, 2010 Regular Quarterly Meeting were approved by the membership on a motion from Steve Holland and seconded by Chief Randy Karrer.

**Funding Committee Report:** (slide 1 of Staff Report) John Wisner informed the membership that we did not spend all of the awarded \$49, 508.71. John has requested an extension and additional monies to complete projects started and new projects that can be completed in a short period of time. John handed out the letter for an extension to spend the money and additional monies.

John informed the LEPC that our budget request for 2012 must be received by AZSERC by September 1<sup>st</sup>. He advised that we will discuss this further under New Business.

**Membership Subcommittee Report:** Randy Ortlinghaus was not in attendance. John Wisner reported that no applications were sent to him and he had not heard from Randy.

**Public Readiness Outreach Subcommittee:** Committee Chairman Don Poage reported that he was the only person attending this subcommittee meeting.

Don also reported that he has been working with a group of people from the hospitals to develop a Mass Decon Training Program. His position will be going away in September and someone is needed to facilitate this project.

**Safe Havens Sub-committee Report:** Tony Smith reported that not much progress has taken place. He is scheduling a meeting with the local bulk hazardous materials carriers to talk about this and look at some concerns.

### **HazMat Team Reports:**

#### **Pima Regional HazMat Teams (Scott Laird):**

- Monthly HazMat Tech Training continues...Air Monitoring will be the next topic that the teams will be focusing on

At the last April meeting, Chief Karrer made a motion to draft a letter from the LEPC to Director Hein, explaining the benefits of this position and that the LEPC recommends that this planners position continue to be supported as it is essential for the survival and growth of the hazmat program. John Wisner was to complete this task. John reported that due to his workload and events, he was unable to complete this task. John advised that he would have the letter written and sent to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Deputy Chief Pat Quinn for review and approval.

#### **Rural Metro (John Walka):**

- No major incidents to report
- Monthly training continues

**Tucson Fire: No report**

**Staff Report:** John Wisner informed the membership of his hand-out report.

#### **Old Business:**

**HazMat Plan:** John Wisner reported that the HazMat Plan Workshop was a big success. This workshop was beneficial in that many items requiring changing were identified. John also learned that the County has a new Communications Department that is required to review plans before being submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Since the workshop, the plan has been reviewed by the Communications Department, John has made all changes recommended to him, and that he had two copies for the membership and the public present to view. NOTE: after the meeting, one copy was sent to AZSERC with Mark Howard and the other was given to Harlan Agnew for review by the County Attorney's Office.

John's original presentation to the Board of Supervisors was to be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Because no vote was ready to be taken at the July Meeting, approving of the County Hazardous Materials Response plan will be taken at the October 12<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting. The Plan will then be prepared to go before the Board of Supervisors on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety Performance Indicator Program:** John spoke to the Safety Performance Indicators Program. John reported that he was on a conference call on June 14<sup>th</sup> with EPA. Several items were presented. The most important task that the LEPC has to do is create a Task Group to begin the planning, determine the goals, identify our program – how to implement it, and to determine measurable results. Mark Howard spoke to the information that John had presented. John reminded the membership that they voted to support this program.

Scott Laird, Chuck Vaughn, Joyce Horn and Don Poage agreed to participate on this Task Group with John Wisner. The next conference calls are scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup>, with a report to be given at the NASTTPO Conference in Houston in October.

## **New Business:**

### **Non-Voting Membership;**

John Wisner reported that he met with Randy Ortlinghaus to present him with the information discussed at the last meeting. John reported that Randy was going to make a presentation to the membership to explain our ideas and the benefits to the committee. Randy was not in attendance today and he did not hand off the presentation materials.

### **2012 LEPC Activities:**

John Wisner advised the membership that we have to decide what activities we want to hold next year. The reason is our HMEP Grant request for our activities MUST be in the hands of AZSERC on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

John handed out a sheet with items that he thought should be included in our request. Since the membership needs to approve of the request for HMEP Grant money, John suggested he develop the Budget request, send it to each member and we do an e-mail vote to prevent calling a special meeting. A motion made by don Poage and seconded by Todd Perry to allow this action to be taken, was approved by the membership.

Chief Karrer suggested that the Business Education Seminar be moved to January and that we should try to conduct a Table Top Exercise to validate the Plan next year. John mentioned that he would like the LEPC to send the Hazmat Leaders, one from each team, to the hazmat Conference in Houston and to the IAFC Hazmat Conference in Baltimore. John also suggested that we budget for at least two members to attend the fall and Annual Conference of NASTTPO. Some discussion ensued...all members were in agreement. Any suggestions to the Budget Request should be made to John before August 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure they get into the Budget.

**Legislative:** John Wisner reported that he spoke to Kattie Saylor who is the Legislative Representative to the Pima County Fire Chiefs about getting someone to attend an up-coming LEPC Meeting to give us up-dates on any legislative issues. She will try to have someone at either our October or January Meeting.

**Public Comment:** Chairman Poage asked any comments, comments or information from the guests and public.

Mark Howard with AZSERC talked about a couple of issues for the LEPC to consider:

- The need for Hazardous Material Technician Course for the Southern Arizona area. AZSERC wants to make sure that everyone who wants the training is getting what they need.
- U.S. DOT/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are not supporting ICS Courses.
- AZSERC would like to hold more CAMEO Classes in the State, especially for the First Responders.

Chairman Poage thanked the membership and guests for their attendance. He extended a welcome back.

**Future Agenda Items:** SPI up-date, Non-Voting Membership, HazMat Plan approval, presentation by the University of Arizona on the removal of the Nuclear Reactor.

**Send agenda items to John Wisner no later than Friday, September 30, 2011**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.**

Pima County Emergency Operations Center  
150 West Congress Street – Level B  
Tucson, Arizona 85701

On a motion by Capt. Scott Laird and seconded by Tony Smith to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

**To our guests:** Interested in becoming a member? Complete an application form found on our website ([www.pima.gov/lepc](http://www.pima.gov/lepc)), submit a brief resume and a letter from your organization, agency, business or department. Submitted documents go to Randy Ortlinghaus at Southwest Gas (P.O. Box 26500, Tucson, Arizona 85726 or [randy.ortlinghaus@swgas.com](mailto:randy.ortlinghaus@swgas.com)).

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## Pima County Staff Report

Pima County LEPC Meeting  
Wednesday, July 13, 2011

### Funding Sub-Committee Report

- 2011 HMEP Grant funds:
  - Total approved Grant = \$49,508.71\
  - Spent \$13,000.00
  - Reapplied for balance (see sheet)
  - All reports have been submitted – ON TIME
  - Beginning to develop 2012 Grant Funds Request
    - Due September 1, 2011
  - NO projected ERF

## AZSERC

- Attended State Commission Meeting
  - Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at ADEM
  - ADEQ is requesting a Waste User Fee

## SPI

- Conference call with EPA on June 14
- Next conference call will be July 14 at 8:30 Az time
- Need to appoint a task group
  - to begin the planning
  - determine goals
  - Id the program
  - Determine measurable results

## Education

- Don Poage, Bonnie Pierce & John Wisner attended the NASTTPO Conference in Tempe - April 26 - 29
- John Wisner attended the IAFC Hazardous Materials Response conference in Baltimore – May
  - Asked to make a presentation about LEPC
- Need to reschedule APEX Training
  - Looking at January 2012

## Education

- Conducted a workshop to review and make changes to the HazMat Plan.
  - Learned a lot about organizations
  - Learned the procedures for county adoption of plans
  - Better than doing the Table Top Exercise
- **TRANSCAER Anhydrous Ammonia**
  - 3 days of training at Tucson PSTA
  - Total of 101 Responders participated

## NASTTPO/EPA Conference

- October 19 & 20, 2011
- Crown Plaza Reliant Park, Houston, Tx
  - In conjunction with HOTZONE HazMat Conference
  - U.S. DOT HMEP will pay for attendance
  - Reports
    - EPA
    - PHMSA
    - TRANSCAER
    - Others

## Exercises

- **Business Education Seminar**
  - Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Desert Diamond Casino
  - Brochure printed & being distributed
  - All presenters invited have confirmed
  - 35 registered attendees to date
- **Begin planning for a Workshop**
  - Validate the HazMat Plan
    - Stakeholders in the plan will be invited
  - To be conducted in late May or early June

## On-going Items

- Continue to inform the County Fire Chiefs
- Continue to inform the MMRS Healthcare Subcommittee (hospitals)
- Reviewing facility plans – new and old
- Continue to work with businesses
  - Assist with Tier II Reports
  - Walk through at businesses

## On-going Items

- Monthly Meeting with the Hazmat Teams Instructors
- Need pictures and information on HazMat Training being conducted in county
  - Facility, First Responders, hospitals, etc.
- Still have 2008 ERGs
  - Each First Response vehicle should have one

## Statistics (January 1 to April 12)

- LEPC Web Site –
  - Address: [www.pima.gov/lepc](http://www.pima.gov/lepc)
- Notice of Advance HazMat Releases: 4
- Notice of Radioactive Shipments: 0
- NRC Reports for County Incidents: 4
- Known HazMat Incidents: 4
  - Union Pacific Rail Yard
  - Mescal, Az.
  - Freeport McMoran – Green Valley
  - I-10 @ 245 mile post - County
- Public request for information: 0

## New Items

- LEPC Members should register as volunteers on VOAD web Site
  - [WWW.AZVOAD.ORG](http://WWW.AZVOAD.ORG)
  - Provides liability while performing during LEPC activities



Questions?



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Pacific Southwest Region  
Emergency Prevention and Preparedness Program Update  
For the Pima County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Meeting in Tucson, AZ on Wednesday, July 13, 2011**

**Arizona Facilities No Longer Need to Submit TRI Form R's to SERC**

Good news! Arizona facilities reporting under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 313, the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), no longer need to submit hard copies of the TRI Form R's to the AZ SERC. Partially through the EPA's National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) grant program and a project between the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, the AZ SERC now has electronic access to the TRI data exchange. So, TRI facilities in Arizona now only have to submit annual Form R reports electronically to the EPA.

**EPCRA Amendments to the Regulation**

On April 15, 2011, the EPA proposed amendments to revise the way the regulated community applies the threshold planning quantities (TPQs) for Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS). This applies to EHS that are non-reactive solid chemicals in solution form. With these amendments, the EPA proposed modifying the assumptions used to develop the TPQs for solid EHS chemicals in solution. The EPA proposed these amendments because available data shows less potential for the solid chemical in solution to remain airborne in the event of an accidental release. Comments were due on June 14, 2011.

There are 157 EHS chemicals which could potentially be affected by this change. These 157 chemicals also appear with two TPQs (the higher TPQ is 10,000 pounds) in Appendices A and B of 40 CFR part 355. Organizations and facilities subject to Section 302 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and its implementing regulations found in 40 CFR 355 subpart B may be affected by this rule.

More details may be found on the EPA's website, [www.epa.gov/emergencies](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies). It contains a fact sheet about this matter issued in April 2011 and a copy of the Federal Register notice.

**NASTTPO Meetings 2011**

The most recent meeting of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) was held Tuesday, April 26 through Thursday, April 28, 2011 at the Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center in Tempe, AZ. The "mid-year" NASTTPO conference was originally scheduled for this October to be combined with EPA's national program meeting and the commemoration of EPCRA's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Due to budget constraints, that has been scaled back and a more subdued commemoration with outreach

materials (most likely a video, website feature, brochure and power point presentation) for SERCs and LEPCs nationwide are being planned in lieu of a national conference. However, the “mid-year” NASTTPO is now scheduled to be held in Houston, TX on October 19-20, prior to the annual HotZone conference.

**EPA’s National Website for Emergency Prevention and Preparedness**

Recent highlighted additions to the EPA’s national website for EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) and related programs are located at [www.epa.gov/emergencies](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies).

One of the newest documents posted on the EPA’s Office of Emergency Management web page is a 12-page guidance on “Measuring Progress in Chemical Safety: A Guide for Local Emergency Planning Committees and Similar Groups.” This document may be widely referred to in the future. The Pima County LEPC is serving as one of our nation’s pilot projects for using the Safety Performance Indicators (SPI).

**EPA Pacific Southwest Region’s Annual Report 2011**

The EPA Pacific Southwest Region’s annual environmental progress report 2011 was released and posted to our website in April -- around the time of Earth Day. You may access an electronic version of the 2011 report and prior year reports by visiting: [www.epa.gov/region9/annualreport](http://www.epa.gov/region9/annualreport).

**EPA Pacific Southwest EPP Program Contact**

For more information about the U.S. EPA’s Emergency Prevention and Preparedness program for Arizona, you may contact the liaison, Mike Ardito, at 415-972-3081 or by email at [ardito.michael@epa.gov](mailto:ardito.michael@epa.gov).