

November 15, 2018 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Matthew Conley – 3M	Joe Pille – Hallett Materials
Angie Jewett – Iowa State University EH&S	Glenn Goode – Iowa Motor Vehicle Enforcement
Rawlin Kinney- Syngenta	Phillip Zeller- Zeller Consulting LLC
Bryan Doty-RSVP	Tom Shelton-Ames PD
Glen Goode- IDOT MVE	Mary Navratil- Essential Water Services
Andrew Davis- Hach	Steve Arthur-Hach
Art Currier-Landus Cooperative	Chris Perrin – Mary Greeley Medical Center
Keith Morgan- EMA	Melissa Spencer – SCEMA
Dahlia Lewis-DHS CFATS Program	Jim Cornman-DHS Chemical Inspector
Dwayne Kerr-DHS Chemical Inspector	

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:36 PM by Chair Morgan with welcome and introductions

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Goode, 2nd by Jewett to approve the August minutes with the correction to Joe Pille's name and the November agenda. MCU

Guest Speaker: Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) Dahlia Lewis- US Dept. Homeland Security

The CFATS program is a program through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that has identified and regulates high-risk chemical facilities to ensure they have security measures in place to reduce the risks associated with their chemicals. Under CFATS, facilities that DHS has identified as high risk are required to develop and implement security plans that meet the risk based performance standards (RBPS). DHS and high-risk facilities work together with State and local emergency responders to ensure appropriate emergency response measures are in place in the event of an incident.

CFATS staff can assist local businesses to determine if their chemical holding classifies them as a high-risk facility. The process starts with the facility filling out a questionnaire on their chemical inventory that is then processed through an algorithm that looks at 322 chemicals of interest (COI). If the amount is a COI and meets the established storage thresholds DHS will determine if additional planning and security are required. Even if a facility does not meet the high-risk category, the program can assist local businesses with ensuring the security of the chemicals at their facility.

The program also encourages outreach to local first responders through pre-planning and exercising with a focus on reporting incident in a timely manner and a coordinated response. For first responders there is the IP Gateway that is a centrally managed repository of regulated facilities in the county. The goal of the gateway is to improve sharing and coordination between the federal, state and local level.

A question was asked about how will facilities know to contact DHS? Chemical suppliers are generally good about notifying companies when selling quantities of chemicals and there is also word of mouth and contact through LEPC's. DHS is starting outreach by focusing on is those facilities that file TierII reports and working to develop relationships at the state and local level.

There are additional awareness and planning resources available for first responders and businesses through the IP Gateway. The gateway is a central repository of data and capabilities to allow stakeholders to access and utilized infrastructure data from multiple sources. There is a screening and approval process to access data. If you would like information on how to access the data, contact the LEPC Chair for the links.

Old Business:

LEPC Bylaws

Conley and Spencer are still working on the updates. Schedules and travel have not allowed for the update to be completed. If anyone else would like to assist there is still time. Contact Spencer if you are interested.

New Business:

Business Preparedness Committee-Keith Morgan

Safeguard Iowa Started after the 1993 floods to bring businesses together to leverage resources during a disaster or emergency. Story EMA Coordinator Keith Morgan and Dutch Geisinger with Safeguard Iowa presented information on the statewide program to the Ames Area Economic Development Commission (AEDC) and Ames Chamber of Commerce to educate them on business resilience and to determine if there is interest in developing a Story County Business Resilience Committee. The purpose of the Committee would be to do the following:

- Develop a business network that maximizes opportunities for businesses to reduce risk through disaster preparedness training and exercises.
- Enhance communications between the business community and emergency management to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of disaster response.
- Establish a business network that integrates business concerns and requirements into recovery plans during large-scale disasters.

Events this summer in Marshall County demonstrate the importance of planning. Sharing of information is key. Governmental agencies and businesses should be sharing information on the impacts of a disaster or emergency. To accomplish this, there has to be a process to identify and plan for the issues ahead of time.

The process to develop the Story County Business Resilience Committee will be to start with a survey to determine the current state of business preparedness, identify risks and capability gaps affecting the business community. From this the group will work together to develop

concepts for interaction between businesses and communities. The group will test the concepts through exercises and then integrate the processes into operations.

Training

No EMA or other training scheduled. There is information in the handouts from the guest speaker with information on free online training.

Exercises

Syngenta conducted an emergency field overspray drill with staff this summer. They are working on corrective actions. Syngenta attended training on gran dust explosions conducted by Iowa State University. Great training.

Mary Greeley Medical Center coordinated an exercise with fourteen health care providers in Boone and Story County with a focus on situational awareness. The scenario was a chemical spill with a plume cloud with an objective of evacuating or sheltering residents in place. As a reminder, do not forget to keep healthcare facilities and hospitals aware of the response and what may be coming to them in a hospital setting.

Story EMA will be working with Monsanto before the next field season to refine decontamination procedures from an overspray of chemicals. Hope to engage local first responders in a full-scale exercise. There has been lessons learned each time this process has been exercised.

Polk County EMA is hosting a lunch and learn in December with Vermeer talking about their response and recovery from the tornado that struck their facility. ISU hopes to have them speak on campus in February to talk about their business response and recovery.

HMEP Grant Update

All previous grant years have closed. Currently, there is no plan to apply for future grant dollars. If there is a need for training, planning, or exercising with a hazardous materials focus please contact the LEPC Chair with class information. Grant dollars will only be applied for if there is a guarantee the class can be filled.

Other

IDNR reported spills

09/28/18- A hydraulic line on a Cy Ride bus ruptured spilling onto a parking lot in Ames.

Next meeting: February 28, 2019 1:30PM Location to be determined.

Motion to adjourn by Jewett, 2nd by Perrin, MCU at 2:48pm.