

**Lucas County LEPC Meeting Minutes
Lucas County Emergency Services Building
March 24, 2005**

Order of Business

Chairman George France brought the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M.

- Tony Sloma made a motion to approve the January 20, 2005 meeting minutes, seconded by Ernie Toth. The minutes were approved as read.
- A quorum of nine of the required thirteen groups were present at the meeting.

Old Business-None

Committee Reports

- *Exercise Committee:* Rich Lauffer of Ohio EMA was present to discuss the annual LEPC drill with the Exercise Committee. The committee had presented thirteen objectives that would be conducted during the exercise. Rich explained that the LEPC must demonstrate only eight objectives to qualify as a full-scale drill.
- *Finance Committee:*-No Report
- *Grants:*-No Report
- *Training Committee:* Mike Gerber announced that he will be stepping down as chair of the training Committee. Mike reported that fire departments around Ohio were retooling their HazMat training.

Tom Barnhizer announced that manuals covering the National Incident Management System (NIMS) are now available online. Tom stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website offers training courses on NIMS. Anyone interested can access the FEMA website and look for course numbers IS 700 and IS 800.

Ernie Toth reported that Owens Community College will be offering a "Disaster Site Worker" certification course in the near future. Ernie asked about what the LEPC can do to ensure that properly certified people are working on disaster sites. George France mentioned the Fire Trax system as a means to monitor people on an incident. Fire Trax allows an Incident Commander to keep track of who enters a site and what job they are assigned to.

- *Information Coordinator:*-No Report

- *Compliance Committee:* Tony Sloma reported on issues discussed in the last Executive Committee meeting, regarding Adams Cleaners and the Berkey Farm Center.

The Executive Committee decided on a \$700.00 fine for late Tier II reporting for the Berkey Farm Center. The amount was based on a second offense for late reporting. Tony Sloma made a motion to accept the fine, seconded by Tom Barnhizer. The committee voted to approve.

Tony reported that a settlement had been reached with Adams Cleaners for the amount of \$3500.00 and that no further action would be taken. Tony Sloma made a motion to accept the settlement, seconded by Ernie Toth. The committee voted to approve.

Mike Frey discussed an audit he conducted of the LEPC Tier II files. Mike stated that he has discovered quite a few facilities which have not been reporting for several years. Mike has been in contact with the Ohio EPA and will be coordinating with the agency to determine if these companies are still open or if there is a Cessation of Regulatory Operations form completed for the closed ones.

Tony Sloma commented that there has been a great improvement from last year in spill reporting compliance. Mike Gerber said the LEPC is getting more reports for spills and he has seen a positive reaction to our compliance program.

New Business

- George France suggested LEPC members should give thought on the subject of being a committee chairperson. It was also stated that any current committee chair who does not wish to continue next year should contact Leigh Casey or George France.
- The next LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005 at 12:15 P.M.
- With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Frey

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