

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING MINUTES
6/20/2024

- Call to Order 13:05 hrs.
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Attendees: Michael Bender, Cortnianne Brienza, Callie Cavleski, Cait Cavanaugh, Patrick Reardon, Pam Rexer, Kim Saunders, Ann Smith, Stephanie Brewer, Jessie Sullivan, Ron Patti, Tina Survilla, Garrick Henry, Cynthia Mcinerney, David Tinklepaugh, Mike Heide, James Phalin, Amanda Rubinstein
- Approval of minutes 4/18/2024 Motion Kim Saunders, 2nd Ron Patti
- Correspondence /Announcements
 - a) **Training Notices:**
 - a. Further details on all courses listed above as well as **registration** can be found on the [DHSES Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#).
 - b. **Useful resources** including the DHSES LMS Student Guide and FAQ can be found on the [DHSES Webpage](#).
 - b) **Penske Tier II**
 - Broome County will File.

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 5/16/24
 - Report from Michael Bender-
 - COVID/FLU/RSV- With the colder months, it was not as bad as they were thinking.
 - H5N1- There has been some cattle cases.
 - Guthrie Lourdes Cyberattack – Status from Garrick Henry- Medical records are starting to come back. All new network throughout. Something was opened out west caused the hack and shutdown of their system.
- 2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2024**
 - Dick’s Open: This week, June 17-23: Concert on Friday June 21
 - Airshow for 2024: July 6-7 Blue Angels
 - Speidie Fest – 40th Anniversary August 2, 3, and 4th
 - Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – No Date Currently.
 - DOH Chemical Surge Tabletop – *Held June 13, 2024 at Lemoyne College*
 - Ann Smith reported out. 72 Attendees total for the tabletop. Pam was able to attend and give good feedback on the chemicals in the incident.
 - NYS Citizen Preparedness Training on July 17th at the Broome County Library at 6:00 pm.
- 3) **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) authority was allowed to expire on July 28, 2023. *The Program and compliance currently cannot be enforced by CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) – Program has still not been renewed.*** Voluntary Program, ChemLock, can be used in the interim. [ChemLock | CISA](#)
 - Working towards Reauthorization. ChemLock (Assessments on Chemical Facilities.
- 4) Cortnianne Brienza has replaced Joyce Collier as the Emergency Manager. ***Voted in as new Secretary at 4/18/24 meeting.***

New Business

- 1) **2024 LEPC PLANS**
 - a. **Committees:**
 - Public Safety
 - Health, Human, and Animal Needs
 - Infrastructure

- Training/Exercises – Drills – **NEED TO PLAN RMP DRILL**

2) **RMP Facilities must develop plans** for conducting Emergency Response Exercises by December 19, 2023. This consists of notification exercises, field exercises, and tabletop exercises.

Amrex Chemical has 3 RMP facilities – taking down to 2 facilities in next quarter.
Binghamton Water Department? Endicott Water?

3) **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard Update – Affects all workplaces with any Hazardous Chemicals:** OSHA has issued a final rule that updates the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align primarily with the seventh revision of the United Nations’ Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS). *Current version aligns with third version. The final rule was published on May 20, 2024, and takes effect on July 19, 2024.* Some aspects have phase-in dates of compliance. ***See fact sheet.***

- a. 16 Section SDS format – update for Trade Secret Information
- b. Label updates
- c. Hazard Updates
- d. Alignment with DOT rules on bulk shipment, EPA on Released for Shipment definition.
 - Pam Send out for Everyone to have/read.

4) **US EPA Designates PFOA & PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances on April 19, 2024. – Superfund** - Used in Firefighting foam ***See EPA Factsheet***

5) **Methylene Chloride ban finalized on April 30, 2024:** Bans most commercial uses of Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane). Commonly used in Aerosol degreasing, paint and coating brush cleaners, in adhesives and sealants and in the mfg. of other chemicals. *Retail sales were banned in 2019.*

6) Presentation: Stephanie Brewer – Planning Department at Broome County

- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Next Meeting August 15, 2024 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)

Committee Meetings July 18, 2024 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee)