

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC /MEETING AGENDA
12/19/2024

- Introduction of guests/new members
- Approval of minutes 10/17/2024
- 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) **Kinder Morgan Pipeline Facility Safety Information**

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 11/21/24
 - a. Emergency Planning and Preparedness People with Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs WEBINAR – December 17
 - b. GETS: Government Emergency Telecommunications Service
 - c. Innovative Readiness Training
- 2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2024 – Updates and New Events**
 - Asset Distribution Exercise – Health Dept/Emergency Services – *Date?*
- 3) **Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Program has still not been renewed.**
 - a) *The Program and compliance currently cannot be enforced by CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency)*
 - b) *Homeland Security can still respond to incidents at previously regulated facilities – they just can't regulate*
 - c) *No movement will occur on reauthorization (if any) until after the election*
 - d) Authority was allowed to expire on July 28, 2023.
 - e) Voluntary Program, ChemLock, can be used in the interim. [ChemLock | CISA](#)

New Business

- 1) **2025 Meetings:**
 - a. In Person Meetings resumed at Public Safety Building. Zoom Link Available. **Meeting to begin at 1:00**
 - b. Meeting Dates for 2025:
 - February 20
 - April 17
 - June 19
 - August 21
 - October 16
 - December 18
 - c. **Legal Notice to appear in Press& Sun-Bulletin**
- 4) **Election of Officers for 2025**

Current Officers in 2024 are:

 - Chairperson – Pamela Rexer
 - Vice-Chair – Mike Bender
 - Recorder – Cortnianne Williams

5) **2025 LEPC PLANS**

Committees:

- Public Safety
- Health, Human, and Animal Needs
- Infrastructure
- Training/Exercises – Drills – **Exercise Inquiry email sent out on 11/13/24**

6) **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: 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?

Broome County to plan Exercise – Need other agency exercise needs as well as ideas for the exercise itself

7) **REGULATORY UPDATES:**

OSHA extends comment deadline for proposed heat rule

The comment period for OSHA’s proposed heat illness prevention rule was scheduled to end December 30, but **the agency extended the deadline until January 14, 2025.**

The proposed rule would protect workers from the effects of working in high levels of heat in both indoor and outdoor workplaces. The rule would require employers to:

- Develop an injury and illness prevention plan to control [heat hazards](#) in both indoor and outdoor workplaces affected by excessive heat,
- Develop a plan to protect new or returning workers unaccustomed to working in high heat conditions,
- Provide employee training,
- Establish and implement procedures to respond if a worker experiences signs and symptoms of a heat-related illness, and
- Take immediate action to help a worker experiencing signs and symptoms of a heat emergency.

The extended comment deadline allows stakeholders more time to review the proposed rule and gather relevant information and data for their input.

An informal public hearing about the proposed rule is scheduled for June 16, 2025.

*Next Meeting February 20, 2025 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)
Committee Meetings January 16, 2025 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee)*