

Broome County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
LEPC MEETING Minutes
2/15/2024

- Call to order 13:00 hrs.
- Introduction of guests/new members – National Pipe and Plastic – Aaron Thomas
- Attendees: Pam Rexer, Michael Bender, Aaron Thomas, Dave Tinklepaugh, Dave Adler, Brandon Smith, Katie Pierce, Kim Saunders, Garrick Henry, Anne Smith, Jesse Sullivan, Josh Nytech, James Fallon, Stephanie Brewer.
- Approval of minutes 12/23/2023 Motion Saunders, 2nd Nytech
- 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) **Tier II reports received:** Sunoco Retail LLC
Superior Plus Energy (4 facilities)
Sprint Communications
 - c) Pam advised that Tier 2 reports are due March 1, 2024 via eplan.

Old Business

- 1) **Committee Updates:**
 - **Health, Human and Animal Needs** – Meeting held on 01/18/24
Report from Michael Bender-Hospitals are very busy. They are seeing a lot of flu, but they are busy with a lot of sick patients with numerous complaints. There continues to be transportation issues moving patients between facilities and to appointments.
- 2) **Drills and Training Schedule 2024**
 - Airshow for 2024
 - Lourdes Hospital is participating in a hospital surge exercise 3/14/2024.
 - Rail Safety training DHSES Onondaga Office in March 2024. Sign up through the state LMS system.
 - The health department and emergency services are working on updating an asset distribution plan and will be having an exercise this spring. More details to follow.
- 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.***

New Business

- 1) On February 5, 2024, OSHA proposed a new Emergency Response Standard for firefighters, EMS providers, and technical search and rescuers. The [proposed Standard](#) would replace the Fire Brigade Standard (29 CFR 1910.156).

Changes and updates to other existing OSHA Standards in this proposed rule include:

- Revising the PPE requirements in the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response or **HAZWOPER Standard** [1910.120(q)(3)(iii)].
- Updating Appendix B to 1910.120 in the **HAZWOPER Standard** to replace outdated consensus standards with a current national standard, NFPA 1990.
- Re-locating the **respiratory protection requirements** for Structural Firefighting from 1910.134 to the proposed 1910.156.
- Adding several terms and definitions to **1910, Subpart L, Fire Protection**, and deleting others.

The proposed Emergency Response Standard would cover more responders than the existing Fire Brigade Standard, which applies to general industry employers that have or establish fire brigades or fire departments.

OSHA will accept public comments on the proposed rule until May 6, 2024

- New OSHA standards, updated last in 1989, revising PPE equipment – Firefighters, EMS, HAZMAT, SSR etc. – February 5, 2024
- Working on committees, risk management drills required in 2024 with OES & LEPC involvement.
- April 18, 2024, meeting – Anne Smith will be willing to present the Health Coalition
- Edits for mental health need to be made in the All Hazard Plan – ESF 6.

2) 2024 LEPC PLANS

a. Committees:

- Public Safety
- Health, Human, and Animal Needs
- Infrastructure
- Training/Exercises – Drills – NEED TO PLAN RMP DRILL

3) Presentation Ideas:

- Vestal Tank Farm
- DOT Road Closure Planning
- Army Corps of Engineers – Dams/Dorchester Lake
- Pipe Line Safety
- NYSEG
- Sewage Treatment Plan
- City of Binghamton Water Plan
- NWS Drought Plan

4) 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

Binghamton Water Department? Endicott Water?

5) TOUR OF WAYNE STREET FACILITY AFTER MEETING – Mike Bender

*Next Meeting April 18, 2024 at Public Safety Facility (and Virtual)
Committee Meetings March 21, 2024 (or alternate date as scheduled by committee)*