



# *Grant County LEPC*

## *Local Emergency Planning Committee*

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## **EPHRATA CHAPTER**

### **Members in Attendance:**

**City of Ephrata**  
*Wes Crago*

**Columbia Basin Hospital**  
*Gail Michael*

**Katana Summit**  
*Mike Valdez*

**Washington State DOT**  
*Kerry Seiler*

**Grant County Emergency Management**  
*Sam Lorenz*  
*Sandi Duffey*

The Ephrata Chapter of the Grant County LEPC held their monthly meeting at the Ephrata City Hall located on Alder Street in Ephrata at 10:00 am on October 21, 2009.

### **I. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Wes and introductions were made.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved by consensus.

### **III. Hazardous Materials Spills**

July 2, Washington Potato, ammonia leak, employees evacuated safely, team deployed to locate leak and repair, all employees were able to return to the facility. Fire District 4 responded to this call and during their after action reporting noted that their evacuation location is accessible by crossing the highway which is not a safe practice but due to the where the facility is located there are not many choices for an evacuation point.

July 16, REC, silane release which caused a scrubber stack fire. The fire lasted 15 minutes, Moses Lake fire was dispatched.

July 22, at the Grand Coulee Dam, four gallons of floor stripper was released into the water at the dam, workers dumped a bucket into the wrong location.

REC on September 6<sup>th</sup>, there was a release of 230 lbs of Tri-chlorosilane and Di-chlorosilane. The release occurred as a result of a chemical hose failure. There were no injuries as a result of this incident. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, plant 1 was shut down for routine annual maintenance. During this time REC had to vent some pressure off the Di-chlorosilane reactor, which is normal operation. This process is achieved by connecting a chemical hose to the top of the reactor to the vent header which ultimately scrubs and inert's the material. However the vent header was re-directed to atmosphere resulting in .84 lbs of material being released to atmosphere. This material was a combination of

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Mono-cholosalne, silane and di-chlorosalne.

#### **IV. Old Business**

Grant County Fair, this year's fair was fantastic! Ginnie with CBH and Kurt with Lenrock participated and the overall booth was a success! Expected distribution of tote bags was 1,000 but by the end of the fair we distributed 1,600! Having a booth indoors made a tremendous impact on the number of people we spoke with about LEPC.

Standard of Coverage, the draft document is being viewed by the City Council and Jeremy has made updates to the document.

Bylaws, Sandi will work on updating Article II, Officers, to state that each Chapter will have a Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary. This will allow each Chapter to appoint, elect, or volunteer for these positions and the length of their term. If you have further comments on these bylaws please contact Sandi at [sduffey@co.grant.wa.us](mailto:sduffey@co.grant.wa.us) .

#### **V. New Business**

Hospital update, surveillance continues for H1N1. A vaccine for children in a 'mist' form is being administered. CBH has an employee assessment To include checking their temperatures and using masks. Region 7 Health is working on a functional exercise to be held on April 15, 2010.

Shelter In Place Workshops, the LEPC has been awarded a grant to host workshops throughout the county. The grant will provide materials for participants to begin building their kit. We will be looking for dates and locations to host these workshops.

Grant County EOC will be moving to 1525 E Wheeler Rd, Moses Lake effective November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please send Tier II reports to the new address. Once the move is complete we will host an open house.

#### **VI. November Meeting Agenda**

Presentation on Critical Infrastructure by Mike Shannon.

Next meeting:  
November 18, 2009 at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,

*Sandi Duffey*

Grant County LEPC Secretary