



Grant County LEPC

Local Emergency Planning Committee

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EPHRATA CHAPTER

Members in Attendance:

Ephrata Fire Department

Jeremy Burns
Anthony Graaff

Ephrata Police Department

Mike Warren

Grant Co Health Dist

Todd Phillips

Memorial Christian

Roberta Needles
Sally Roeden

AMR

Barbie Maier

Grant County Emergency Management

Sam Lorenz
Michele Haughton

The Ephrata Chapter of the Grant County LEPC held their monthly meeting at the Ephrata Fire Hall located on A Street in Ephrata at 2:00 pm on March 9, 2011.

I. Introductions

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Mike to accept the minutes as written, motion was seconded by Sam, motion passed.

III. Hazardous Materials Spills

February 13, 2011, J.R. Simplot in Moses Lake had an Anhydrous Ammonia release of approximately 71.6 pounds. The leak was from a relief valve to air, the release was not believed to have spread beyond the JR Simplot property and has not entered the storm drain system. The defective pressure regulator was rebuilt and a new relief valve was installed which corrected the cause of the release.

February 16 – Henkel's & McCoy in Mattawa near Road 243 had a Hydraulic Fluid spill of approximately one quart. The spill was caused by a blown hydraulic line. The fluid was spilled on to an asphalt surface. Absorbent material was applied to recover the free liquid on the asphalt, the contaminated soil was removed and placed into a drum for disposal. Henkel's & McCoy contacted the Spill Center who then notified the Department of Ecology, Washington Emergency Response Commission and Emergency Management (LEPC). Incident occurred at 18:30.

IV. Old Business

Table Top Exercise, Jeremy and Sandi are working with other team Members for a tabletop exercise for the month of July. Chief Warren mentioned bringing State Patrol to this exercise. The exercise will be held during the scheduled Ephrata Chapter LEPC meeting in July.

V. New Business

Health District Update, no new information.

Permanent Drug Drop Box, Mike commented that the program has been very successful, they have been receiving drop off's from the greater Ephrata and Moses Lake areas. The department has received great feedback from the members of the community.

DOT's new Rule, Jeremy discussed the DOT's announcement of the new rules to make shipping hazardous materials safer. The new authority will allow inspectors to close down shipping companies with poor safety records as well as allow inspectors to immediately open packages even if the request is refused.

VI. Future Agenda Items

Washington State Labor & Industries~Confined Space Do's & Don't's

Next meeting:
At Ephrata City Hall on
May 11, 2011, 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremy Burns
Grant County LEPC Chair