

GRANT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE QUINCY VALLEY CHAPTER

The Quincy Valley LEPC held their monthly meeting at Grant County Fire District #3 located at 110 C Street SW, Quincy on November 26, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.

Attendance:

Deb Langshaw	Columbia Colstor
Troy Lambert	Columbia Colstor
Duane Hardt	Wilbur Ellis
Gerald Campbell	Grant County Health District
Tony Leibelt	Grant County Fire District #3
Sam Lorenz	Grant County DEM
Sandi Duffey	Grant County DEM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Leibelt at 9:42 am, introductions were not necessary as the group was familiar with each member.

Minutes were reviewed and the motion was made by Tony to accept the minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Duane, motion passed.

Hazardous Materials Spills:

October 30, Simplot reported that on a field operation at Q.5 SE and R SE, a spill of 400 gallons of metham sodium. A tractor was fumigating on October 30 and at approximately 9:00 pm the applicator tank on a tractor experienced a failure due to a crack in the tank.

November 13, on the side of Beverly Burke Rd a 'Bio Control Bag' was found, it contained 'straws' , it is suspected that the bag fell off of a passing truck. This report was called into the Emergency Management office by John Brissey, Grant County Public Works Supervisor for District 3. Tony mentioned that about the time of this incident one of his volunteers reported something of a similar nature, the straws were picked up by an orchardist that was familiar with the product.

Training Opportunities:

'How to Survive an Audit', Sam has a checklist and information (white paper) on audits that he will review with Deb and develop a training session.

EPCRA workshop, Quincy Valley LEPC will be hosting a workshop at the Fire District Facility on January 13th, from 2pm-4pm. (see attached flier) please pass the information to all of the Tier II reporters.

Old Business:

Shelter In Place (SIP) Workshop for the community to be hosted in 2009. Tony has not committed to a date yet but will check for other community events in the near future. Sam offered to bring the SIP video and a sample kit to the next meeting.

New Business:

Health District update, May 2009 the Region will have a Table Top exercise, followed by a Functional exercise in May, this event will be an earthquake exercise. Blue Green Algae has been reported and documented in the area. This algae looks like paint scum and creates a toxin. There have been no reported deaths. Signs have been posted and will be removed when testing proves the toxins have diminished. West Nile Virus was confirmed positive in 10 horses throughout Grant County as well as two positive bird cases. Jack in the Box voluntarily closed their restaurant for one week they had too many employees that were ill and not enough remaining to run the restaurant.

Bylaws, a draft copy of the Grant County LEPC bylaws were distributed (*see attached*) any comments, suggestions, or thoughts should be directed to Sandi at 509.793.1829 or sduffey@co.grant.wa.us.

Presentation:

Deb presented the Chapter with Columbia Colstors emergency plan.

Next Meeting:

SIP~sample kit and video

If you have any items for the agenda please email them to sduffey@co.grant.wa.us .

The next meeting is scheduled for:

January 28, 2009 at Grant County Fire District #3 for 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Duffey
Grant County LEPC Secretary

