

MINUTES
HARVEY COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)
Meeting held remotely via Zoom Call
April 14, 2021 @ 9:00 am

Present: Jeremy Ashby, Dan Bronson, Russ Buller, David Keane, Gary Denny, Ashlie Worden, Bryan Ellis, Skip Cowan, Brody Flavin, Lynette Reddington, Cory Lehman, Cori Cusick,

1. Jeremy Ashby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Gary Denny asked for a motion to approve April 14, 2021 agenda, Cory Lehman made the motion seconded by Dan Bronson **agenda approved**. Gary Denny asked for a motion to approve the October 14, 2020 minutes. Cory Lehman made the motion and was seconded by Dan Bronson, **minutes approved**.
3. Old Business

Speaker: Gary Denny began the discussion by stating the committee would continue to meet a minimum of two times per year, once mid-year and another in October. As it stands meetings will be held via Zoom Call to maintain social distancing and other health guidelines. However, Gary asked for committee members to pass on their suggestions via direct message to him.

4. New Business

Review of Harvey County Tier II Facilities

Speaker: Gary Denny began a presentation on Tier II Reporting. Gary first educated the committee on EPCRA the (Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act). EPCRA was established in response to the disaster in Bhopal, India where a massive release of methyl isocyanide gas was released from a pesticide plant killing thousands and leaving lasting effects on the community. This began to raise questions about public safety globally thus, EPCRA was established to increase public knowledge of the presence of chemicals used in communities, as well as what chemicals are released into the environment.

EPCRA states that each year the Local Emergency Planning Committee must:

- Review the local LEOP at least once a year
- Make available Safety Data Sheets and Tier II reports, chemical lists, inventory forms, as well as release and follow up emergency notice to the general public
- Establish procedures for receiving and processing requests from the public for information under Community-Right-To-Know
- Receive from each facility the name of a representative who will participate in the Local Emergency Planning process

Gary then transitioned into explaining to the committee what types of facilities are located in Harvey County. We are home to 51 facilities that are considered to be Section 311, and 312. This means that industry partners must report their chemical inventory to the Local Emergency

Planning Committee, CEPR, and local Fire Department via a Tier II report. While also, maintaining a MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) for any potentially hazardous chemical stored and/or used in the workplace. MSDS's must also be made available to the LEPC CEPR, and Fire Department upon request. Gary ended his presentation by reviewing the chemicals used by our industry partners.

5. Gary Denny asked for a motion to adjourn the April 14th, 2021 meeting, Dan Bronson made the motion seconded by Russ Buller.

Next Meeting date is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.