



## MINUTES OF MONROE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 6, 2024

### MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Meetings now open for in person attendance and also presented virtually via Microsoft TEAMS for those who wish to attend virtually.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 12:05

Pledge of Allegiance - Roll Call

Present: Black, Edinger, Hepner, Keegan, Miller, Murray, Pinho, Sherer, Zipp

Virtual: Crosson, Weimer, Werner

Excused: Dickinson, Fittos, Ringheiser, Wallen

Absent: Barzev, Belvin, Dickinson, Ferro, Fetterly, Fetzer, Fittos, Meaders, Murphy, Parker, Ringheiser, Sargent, Staples, Ulanoski, Wallen

Guests: George Gass, Will Neidzwiecki, Ian Macleod, Erik Campos,

The minutes of the May 7, 2024 meeting were distributed.

Motion to accept minutes as distributed – Black/Murray – Motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- CynoKit (cyanide kits) were purchased and sent to 911 center for County receipt.

### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Finance**

Balance sheet accepted as written

#### **Public Education**

Dr Rowland authored a letter for Pocono Record publishing to educate the public on the history of the chemical safety and how the LEPC is utilized at the county level. The letter was reviewed and any updates were sent to Dr Rowland. It was suggested to publish the letter on the county Facebook page as well as the LEPC website.

#### **Compliance/Regulatory**

##### **a) Off Site Plan Status**

LEPC welcomed Will Niedzwiecki as the Critical Infrastructure Planner as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is working local facilities to review and update the Off-Site Plan status'.

##### **b) Tier II Reports**

85/91 facilities reported for 2024. The six remaining facilities (Camelback (2 accounts), Multiflow (did not remove from PATTS), Pocono Mtn Airport, Suburban Heating (did not remove from PATTS), Pocono Mtn SD, Kar-Bill enterprises (no contact).

- Certified letters will be sent to those with no contacts or if cooperation with county ceases.

**c) Compliance**

Nothing to report.

**d) Emergency Response Preparedness**

- Twelve (12) calls - Six (6) hazmat responses since last meeting
  - 5/30 – Gas Leak Coolbaugh at Solstice Sleep Products – Consult call only
  - 6/13 – MVA: Car vs TWP Tractor – initial call came in as calcium chloride, turned out to be anti-freeze in tire of tractor.
  - 6/19- Call for oil sheen in Hidden Lake -Park visitor threw rag from oil change into lake.
    - There was confusion on response role between LEPC and Park Service. Need to better define.
    - Booms and pads were used to absorb and remove oil
    - Datum responded
    - Seeking reimbursement from Coast Guard
  - 6/21 – TT rollover hauling A/C units I-80 Stroudsburg
  - 7/4 – Homeowners cistern went into Lake Naomi
  - 7/15 – Tractor trailer rollover, treated as hazmat, shredded plastic in water - contained and cleaned up

**OEM DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

1. Act 165 needs updating. Rosemary Brown and PEMA met on 5/16 & 7/16, amendment cap of Tier2 too low for work being required (private and County response).
2. Need to walk back the decision of utilizing HMEP grant to replace firefighting foam. PEMA says that is not what grant funding is for. Grant is not to purchase foam for response, only for training.
  - a. In 2024, \$6969 received for HMRF grant based on the Tier2 algorithm. Two or three drums are required at \$2600 per drum.
  - b. Zipp/Black motioned to purchase three drums of class B foam
3. HMEP funding requested from PEMA to run November Transcare exercise.

**INPUT FROM LEPC MEMBERS**

- None

**PUBLIC INPUT**

- None

**LEPC CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

- None

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 12th at noon.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Black/ Edinger - unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Pinho  
LEPC Secretary