



**Grays Harbor County LEPC**  
**Wednesday October 8, 2008**  
**310 W Spruce Street, Montesano**  
**360-249-3911**

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<b>Chair: Ken Walkington</b>		<b>Co-Chair: Paul Dean</b>		<b>Secretary: Joy Carossino</b>	
<b>Present</b>					
Verna MacDonald	Westport Senior House	Nora LeBlanc	Public Health		
Dennis Benn	Westport Fire Dept	Anne Sullivan	GHC DEM		
Ken Walkington	Montesano Fire Dept	Mike Erickson	WSP		
Eric Stielau	SCCC	Don Fargo	GH Transit		
Arne Peterson	Paneltech	Stephanie Allestad	GHFD#8		
Tony Simone	GH College	Monica Simpson	GH Community Hospital		
Debbie Cool	Disaster Outreach	Jeanette Anderson	Disaster Outreach		

The September 10, 2008 minutes were approved as amended.

Hazmat Incident Review

The incidents of the previous month were reviewed. Carbon monoxide poisoning was at the Ocean Cold facility. Carbon monoxide detectors had been turned off. Verna and the committee expressed appreciation for the response by Westport Fire in this situation which involved so many people. Propane forklifts are no longer allowed in the Ocean Cold facility.

Old Business

2009 Hazmat Exercise is scheduled for May 1, 2009 from 9-3:00 pm. DEM will try to reserve the Cell Center for the drill. Participants will meet first at Weyco to tour the facility and then proceed to Cell Center for the drill. Sylvia Markham is the lead on this drill with Weyco.

New Business

Aberdeen Fire houses the county's Decon Unit. At this time they are unable to provide staff for training or movement of the equipment for training without reimbursement. Training on the unit is needed by most fire districts. The hospital has the same Decon Unit and four trainers. Monica will check to see if the hospital would be willing to provide the training and what the costs would be.

An Improvement Plan from the September 2007 Tsunami Functional Exercise needs to be developed by the LEPC. The group discussed the relevant issues from the Action Plan and questions from the After Action Report.

Action Plan #3: SCCC is an identified assembly area and will stage civilians in their parking lot. Medical resources are available, although personnel will need to assist people outside at the staging area not inside the facility. SCCC has discussed evacuation with Westport and acts as a backup for them. Space is available to store supplies in cargo containers when funding is available. A helipad is also possible. Lat/long information will be provided to DEM to be included in ESF#1 Transportation. Public Health will be working on a written plan for evacuation to GH College.

Action Plan #14: See discussion on Decon Unit. Contact will be made with Mark Reed to determine their plan for movement of their decon unit.

Action Plan #32: The group discussed the need for personnel to take their PPE whenever possible during an evacuation. Continued training is needed with public works, fire, law, EMS and private business. This is strictly dependent on the amount of time provided for evacuation.

Question #4: State EMD is hosting FEMA's Integrated Emergency Management Course and focusing on tsunami response and recovery. During the course, information on what the counties, including Grays Harbor, will need regarding chemical cleanup will be discussed. The question is if EMD will automatically gear up hazmat once a tsunami has hit or will they wait for the locals to request it.

#### Improvement Plan

1. Fire Depts/Districts will be trained on setting up the Decon Unit.
2. Law, fire, EMS, public works, utilities and other emergency workers will be trained to take PPE with them whenever possible in an evacuation situation.
3. SCCC will be added to ESF #1 Transportation as an emergency helipad location.

#### Nominations

Ken reported that he is unable to accept the Chair nomination. The members nominated Paul Dean as Chair and Dennis Benn as Vice-Chair. Nominations will be open until the November 12 meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:15am