



**Grays Harbor County LEPC**  
**Wednesday May 13, 2009**  
**310 W Spruce Street, Montesano 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
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<b>Chair: Paul Dean</b>	<b>Co-Chair: Dennis Benn</b>	<b>Secretary: Joy Carossino</b>	
<b>Present</b>			
Glennis Stamon	E911	Ken Walkington	MFD
Dennis Benn	WFD	Mike Mahnke	WFD
Jodie Jones	Salvation Army	Eric Stielau	SCCC
Rich Malizia	AFD	Mike Molyneux	ARC
Lin Butler	SIGHT	Lynn O'Conner	GHC SO
Dave Pimentel	GHC SO	Joy Carossino	EM & Risk Management

The minutes for April 8, 2009 were approved as written.

***Hazmat Incident Review:***

April 4, 2009: Gas pump leaking onto the ground and into a storm drain at the 7-11, 211 Lincoln St. Hoq. HFD advised 1 Qt of gas on the ground, pump was shut off by the manager. Ecology was not needed. WSP responded also.

April 5, 2009: Army Corps of Engineers accidentally released 3 gallons of hydraulic oil with at least one gallon spilled into the water off the Westport Harbor.

April 14, 2009: Vessel capsized on the Queets River with an estimated 700 gallons of diesel on board. Coast Guard was investigating, unknown if leaking or not.

April 15, 2009: Due to equipment failure there was a spill of materials while transferring turbine lube oil at GH Energy, LLC. No waterways or storm drain impacted. Pads and floor dry were used to contain the spill. All necessary agencies were notified.

April 19, 2009: Portland Coast Guard advised of observation of a large sheen in water at the mouth of the Hoquiam River. USCG sent out a team and was unable to locate the sheen.

**New Business:**

Nora LeBlanc reported that the Mass Distribution Drill at the Aberdeen High School was very successful. About 67 people participated and 349 people were put through in one hour. Many agencies and community members attended. The scenario was "Bobcat Fever". Skittles were dispensed for medication.

Dave Pimentel reported that within the next week the Sheriff's Office should know more about the budget for emergency management. If this becomes an unfunded position, the Sheriff's Office will not be able to provide the same resources that have been provided in the recent past. This is a plan in progress and the Sheriff will be relying on all agencies from all jurisdictions for assistance if needed. Lieutenant Dave Porter will be taking the lead on Search and Rescue and possibly emergency management duties.

There was discussion of who is in charge of the LEPC committee since the emergency management department is now under the Sheriff's dept. In 1986 the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) was signed into federal public law 99-499. One part of the SARA provisions is The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). EPCRA requires the Governor to establish a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). The SERC, in turn, is required to designate Emergency Planning Districts (LEPC's) to facilitate preparation and implementation of emergency plans. A LEPC is established in each county. The County Commissioners appoint the members of the LEPC.

#### LEPC GRANT/TABLETOP EXERCISE:

Dennis provided a handout on the LEPC Table Top exercise and the LEPC grant requirements and reviewed it with the group (*please find attached*). Some of the requirements for the grant are achievable and/or completed. The requirements in question are as follows:

1. #4: Plan and implement a Hazmat Tabletop or Functional Exercise based on the Tsunami Warning Plan.

It was agreed to move forward with the tabletop exercise with the scenario being changed from a fuel tanker spill to a Tsunami event to satisfy the grant. It will be at the Port of Grays Harbor on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 12:00. Evaluators will be the LEPC; inundation maps will be available along with easel boards and pens. Dennis discussed the focus being how we communicate with each other, evacuations, sheltering, and recovery. Joy will send out a flyer to all jurisdictions. Participants need to be familiar with their communication network, calling trees, and evacuation procedures. Dennis suggested that participants should bring their Tsunami plans. Hot washes will be injected during the scenario

2. #7: Develop a two sided self mailer registration form for the telephonic warning system to be put in the Daily World.

Dale Gowan, Director of Central Services, addressed some of the questions the group had about the TWS. One of them was if there was an automated way for people to add themselves directly into the system. The answer was, not at this time, but there could be an upgrade to the system that could be purchased. Dale will be checking the cost of that upgrade. The group asked Dale questions to acquaint themselves with the system.

3. #8: Attend Dialogic's training on the Communicator NXT and GeoCastWeb in Tennessee in order to maximize use of the TWS in the event of a hazmat incident or other event.

Dale said it is excellent training but was not sure sending someone to Tennessee for training at this time would be beneficial. He informed the group that the Sheriff's Office is in charge of the TWS and he would be happy to talk with the Sheriff to see what kind of updates, if any, he would like to see happen to the system.

Dennis wanted to know if the LEPC could make the decision to not fulfill requirements #7 and #8. He will be contacting Ron Wilson, SERC/LEPC Program Manager, to inform him that there is no staffing to fulfill these two requirements at this time and the LEPC may have to forgo those two portions of the grant. The group discussed maybe adjusting the deliverables to something more beneficial for the group.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2009 10:15am