

**Frederick County
LEPC Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held at Frederick Community College, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, Maryland 21702. The meeting was called to order at 0830 hours.

The following were present at the meeting: Chairman Dennis Wenner, Jim Garofalo, Denise Wyant, Kathy Forrest, Steve Cooper, Garth Phoebus, Doug Orner, Chip Jewell, Rob VanAtta, Gene Mellin, Seamus Mooney, Richard Himes, Blair Simmons, Mike McNeil, Chuck Hanfman, Walt Smith, Al Hudak, Judy Peterson, Carol Haag, Ragen Cherney, Jack Markey, David Eskildsen, Harry Geesaman, Bob Gum, Jamie Sonnenberg, and Erica Mowbray.

Old Business

- Chairman Wenner asked if there were any corrections to the December 10, 2007, draft minutes. If not, he asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Rick Himes motioned to accept the minutes, Al Hudak seconded. Minutes accepted.
- Chairman Wenner noted that the request for the LEPC's budget to be increased will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners.
- Denise Wyant reported on the status of the County and Municipal wide calendar. She stated that she met with Jack Markey and is in the process of coordinating with IIT to accomplish this.
- Chairman Wenner stated that Ms. Dawn Metcalf has requested that the LEPC elect a secretary. Chairman Wenner contacted Denise Wyant in reference to doing this; she agreed. Rick Himes nominated Denise Wyant for the position of secretary. Rob VanAtta seconded the motion. Denise Wyant was elected as secretary.
- Kathy Forrest and Carol Haag provided an update on Del-EASI, the Delaware Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement. Carol attended a meeting of the Delaware group. She reported that they research the background of problems and issues and then make an evaluation and provide a neutral, unbiased assessment. The members of the group are retired. Carol stated that they would be willing to come to Frederick County to train volunteers. Chip Jewell inquired about the kind of entity they are. Carol stated that they are an advisory group to the State. Rick Himes inquired how they are funded. Carol responded that they are volunteers, and meeting space is provided for them. The research is funded by the organization requesting the assessment. Chairman Wenner asked the LEPC if Carol and Kathy could continue their research and bring information back that would assist the LEPC in deciding if and how this should be pursued. Chip Jewell stated that he felt that it should continue to be pursued, making sure that the relevant issues were addressed through the County Attorney's Office, in regards to liability.

New Business

- Chairman Wenner received a request from The Frederick News Post for the Commodity Flow Study. Chairman Wenner has forwarded that request to Ms. Thall.

- Chairman Wenner is working with Doug Orner on the kickoff for the 2008 LEPC drill.
- Chairman Wenner thoroughly reviewed the LEPC Constitution and By-Laws. There were several recommended changes. Chairman Wenner will make the changes and have Denise e-mail out the changes with the minutes.
- Chairman Wenner noted the Homeland Security Chemical Guidelines for Maryland Agriculture Operations. Their website is www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity
- An LEPC public notice also appeared in The Frederick News Post in reference to the public have the ability to review the Emergency Response Plan and Material Safety Data Sheets. This was submitted after meeting with the County Attorney's Office.

Noteworthy

- Chip Jewell noted that they will soon have more ECC staff.
- Carol Haag stated that they are working with the Volunteer Mobilization Center for a drill in February at the Brookhill United Methodist Church.
- Jack Markey informed the group that the City of Frederick has been cited for the March 2007 chlorine incident.
- Chief Eskildsen of Fort Detrick stated that there were be a community meeting at the gym on Fort Detrick on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.
- Rick Himes stated that he has a distribution list for training information. If anyone would like to be included on that list, he/she should let Rick know.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2008, at 0830 hrs. The location is TBA.