

Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Minutes for December 6, 2006 Meeting

Welcome by - Ms. Kristen Bartlett, OMNOVA Solutions, Inc.
Chairperson

Members present:

Joey Jordon	-----	Gordon Co. Fire Dept.
Courtney Taylor	-----	Gordon Co. EMA/E911
Byron Sutton	-----	Gordon Co. Fire & Rescue
April Harkins	-----	Gordon Co. Health Department
Allen White	-----	J.M. Huber Corp.
Jackie Thompson	-----	J.M. Huber Corp.
Michael McDougale	-----	Kerry Corp.
Randy Waskul	-----	Mohawk Industries
Bill Miller	-----	Henkel Corp.
Richard Cooper	-----	Gordon Co. EMA/E911
Leah Gentry	-----	Kobelco
Chief David Hawkins	-----	Gordon County Fire Dept.
Bud Owens	-----	Gordon Hospital/Gordon EMS
Brad Rains	-----	Shaw Industries
Chief Garry Moss	-----	Calhoun Police Dept.
Tim Reeve	-----	OHS/GEMA
Christy Blair	-----	Gordon County Health Department

Minutes from October 4, 2006 meeting approved. Richard Cooper made the motion to approve and Chief Garry Moss seconded the motion.

Ms. Kristen Bartlett gave an update to the membership about the status of the LEPC ordinance. A package containing the ordinance has been given to both the City of Calhoun attorney and Gordon County attorney. We are waiting for both the City and County to sign these ordinances.

Ms. Bartlett passed around the committee sign up sheet for everyone to check and/or sign up for a committee.

Ms. Bartlett informed the members that work had commenced on the new LEPC webpage. Keith King of Gordon County IT Department has been assigned to work with us on development and maintenance of the webpage. The LEPC webpage will be a link off of the main Gordon County website. Currently, a basic webpage design has been constructed. The webpage is not "live" as yet. The webpage still has to be populated with the information. Ms. Bartlett stated that if anyone had ideas or information that should be posted to please call her or send her an email.

Ms. Bartlett handed out the meeting schedule for the first six months of 2007.

No other business was discussed. No new business was introduced by any of the members.

Following the business discussion, Kristen Bartlett conducted a presentation discussion about Reportable Quantity Release Notification. She stated that when calling in a RQ release notification to the local agencies to satisfy Section 304(a) of EPCRA, that calling the “911 system” in Gordon is the proper procedure. She also stated other facts learned by OMNOVA in recent dealings with EPA Region IV on this topic.

The CERCLA and EPCRA regulations state that when the person in charge has knowledge that an RQ release has occurred, he or she must immediately notify the National Response Center (NRC) and the State Emergency Response Commission and the local LEPC or emergency response agency. The regulations do not define “immediate”; however, Ms. Bartlett has learned through an EPA policy document that “immediate” means 15 minutes. She also stated that the prescribed order or sequence of these calls is:

1. Local LEPC/Fire Dept
2. National Response Center
3. GA SERC

This sparked quite a bit of discussion concerning hazmat incidents, RQ reporting, etc. amongst all members present. It was suggested that some training on this issue be conducted by LEPC at meetings and/or at various other times. It was also suggested that a good project for the LEPC would be to hold a “Hazardous Material Fair” maybe at Walmart. The premise would be similar to a health fair. This is certainly something for the LEPC membership to think about doing in 2007.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Tim Reeve and a second motion by Courtney Taylor.

The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2007 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Gordon County Fire Department (across from the outlet mall).