



**SUMMIT COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Hazardous Materials Planning and Community Right-To-Know

**Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Groves – Chair	Valley Fire District
Tommy Smoot	Summit County Emergency Management
Tim Gemind - Secretary	Summit County Emergency Management
Sharen Breyer	Community
Julia Harber-Vice Chair	NEO Regional Sewer District
Bruce Koellner - 2nd Vice	Copley Township
Kurt Kollar	OEPA
Macklin Flinn	Cleveland Clinic – Akron General
Jacob Maxim	Huntsman
Alison Reichard	Huntsman
Judy Bearer	Retired Industry
Melissa McFadden	Summit County DOSSS
Kelsey Kurcsak	Georgia Pacific

MEMBERS ABSENT

Pam Williams	American Red Cross
Sam Rubens	Summit County Public Health
Shawn Metcalf	Akron METRO RTA
Steve Brown	Bath Township PD
Joseph Shumaker	Akron Fire Department

GUESTS PRESENT

Don Weaver	Summit County DOSSS
Chris Cutri	Univar Solutions
Judy Kelly	SCEMA
Joseph St. John	SCEMA
Theo Williams	Univar Solutions
Bob Zehentbauer	OEMA



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I. INTRODUCTIONS

This meeting of the Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was called to order by Steve Groves at 8:32 am on August 15, 2024, in the EOC, 166 S. High St., Basement.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2024

First: Sharen Breyer Second: Bruce Koellner

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Correspondence and Comments:

Steve Groves reviewed and passed around the correspondence:

- We received a resource request letter from the US EPA. They are developing a Cleveland/Central Lake Erie Sub-Area Contingency Plan. We provided them with a list of what is on the water spill trailer.
- Letter to Chief Underwood denying the request to fund the purchase of a new spill trailer and laptop
- One electronic vote:
 - The Hazmat Branch applied for a training grant from PUCO. The award was for \$18,550, with a match request provided by the LEPC for \$9,275

III. INFORMATION COORDINATORS REPORT:

Tim Gemind stated we received one right-to-know request, five 30-day follow-up reports, and three spill reports.

IV. SPECIAL TEAMS PLANNER REPORT – Tim Gemind

Tim Gemind stated that the June Hazmat training was on Air monitoring. July's training was an additional in-service on the new SCBAs. August training will be Hazmat Tox Med. September will be the Ohio Fire Academy Chlorine Trailer (Train-the-Trainer). October will be the LEPC Conference, SCBA, and meter work.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Tim Gemind discussed the Rt. 8 incident, and the Hazmat Branch received a reimbursement of \$3,804.17.

Four Hazmat technicians attended the IAFC Hazmat Conference in Baltimore the first week of June.

Tim placed the chlorine adapter kits order, and the ship date has been pushed back three to four weeks. We hope to have them ready in time for the September training.



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NEW BUSINESS

Macedonia Royal Chemical Cost Recovery expenses submitted \$43,321.13, and the total request for the Hazmat branch is \$5,835.54.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

EHS Hazard Analysis Committee

Completed facility interviews at Dupont Multibase in Copley, National Aerospace Processing in Stow, McCann Plastics in Green, and HB Chemical/Ravago Warehouse in Twinsburg.

Spill Reporting Compliance

The NOV report was emailed, and Kurt Kollar discussed spills across Ohio.

Training, Education & Exercise Committee

The LEPC Conference will be at the Red Cross on Friday, October 4. We sent out an online registration this week and had 46 registrations. Chief Drabick from East Palestine will be a guest speaker, and Kurt Kollar will also present from the state EPA perspective. Please let Tim know if anyone might be interested in attending.

Planning Committee

Tim just received an email from Michelle asking if we are updating our LEPC plan; he will contact the planning committee in October.

Finance Committee

The LEPC Budget and expenses were emailed.

Bruce Koellner motioned for up to \$3,000 for the LEPC Conference/Workshop on 10/4/24, with Julie Harber as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

VII. INCIDENTS

One assessment phone call with Bath Township for a diesel fuel spill.

Capt. Groves stated they had one call to standby for a Cuyahoga Falls resident with radioactive material.



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VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Tommy Smoot stated this meeting will be the last at this location. All future meetings will be held at the new SECC, 630 North Ave.

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED

Tommy Smoot motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 am, with Tim Gemind as the second. The motion was carried by voice vote.

X. NEXT MEETING

November 14, 2024, @ 8:30 am location EOC.