

NOTICE OF MEETING

OAKLAND COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

August 5, 2025 MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: 0901hrs.
- II. Roll Call: See sign-in sheets.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 5/6/2025 Meeting: Motion by Hahn, second by Oxie, Approved.
- IV. Public Comment: Beattie summarized the objectives of the OC LEPC. See attached PDF.
- V. Old Business.

A. LEPC Exercise Subcommittee report:

- (Add Darin's comments on exercise).
- Chair Beattie offered positive review of drone use (exercise and in the future) and post exercise review of Midland RR Car cap training for exercise available HAZMAT team members.
- MacDermind Enthone exercise update – now scheduled for Summer 2026.

B. LEPC Bylaws Subcommittee report: Still pending with Corp Counsel.

C. Spills Report: None.

D. Update from OCEM (Nancy Johnston):

- 234 Tier 2 sites were identified in Oakland County
- 85 off-site response plans submitted, representing 33% compliance.
- Nancy mentioned that 20% of these plans have been exercised in the past two years.
- Discussed the addition of new questions for the 2024 reporting cycle. This may result in a lag as facilities update their plans to include the new requirements.
- Group discussed their significant involvement in battery management and safety training.
- Group referencing a recent gas leak incident to underscore the importance of preparedness and learning from past events.

E. Subcommittee participation discussion: Chair Beattie led discussion on need for subcommittees:

- Hospital Subcommittee; discussion on group support for decon exercise, shared procedures and mass casualty exercise and planning and mutual aid – understanding too that the benefits of larger hospital groups in the Metro Detroit area that can assist in the subcommittee development. Claude Millhouse from DLEPC discussed their hospital subcommittee with extensive history and offer their support. Joe Hahn and Grant Honsowetz agreed to participate. Rick Drummer offered to facilitate connections between hospitals across counties for better planning
- Industry Subcommittee: discussion on support and upgrading off site response plans, industry wide surveys related to 302 site requirements and plan needs, use and updating of off-site spill containment support, training and exercises. Tom Edwards and Brenna Harden agreed to participate
- Byron Beattie will contact participants over the next week to gauge interest in joining the industry subcommittee

VI. New Business.

- A. Upcoming training:
 - Chlorine training and exercise at GLWA in late August (Transcaer) once onsite needs identified training will be opened up to Tri County / Detroit HAZMAT teams
 - Byron Beattie will follow up with Claude Milhouse regarding the chlorine training for Great Lakes water and sewage
 - Ethanol RR – location TBD (1-2)
 - B. New members
 - a. Cirba Solutions – Tom Edwards spoke highlighting their operations involving 170 million pounds of batteries each year, emphasizing their focus on lithium batteries and the associated challenges. They are eager to collaborate with community organizations to enhance understanding of the battery industry and improve safety practices. The company is also involved in electric vehicle (EV) initiatives and works closely with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and environmental services.
 - b. Next OLEPC meeting to be held at Cirba Solutions in Wixom
 - c. MABAS 302 HAZMAT Team – no member available at meeting
- VI. Good of the Order: CSB recently released New Safety Video and updated report on the 2020 Fatal Propylene Release and Explosion at the Watson Grinding Facility in Houston, Texas. OLEPC committee to review and we will discuss at next meeting
- VII. Next two meeting locations:

- a. November – Cirba Solutions (*may need to move meeting date due to election day*) – confirmed by Tom Edwards
- b. 20265 meeting schedule to be distributed in December.

Byron Beattie Oakland County LEPC Chair

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