

Thurston County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MINUTES

March 27, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Virtually via Microsoft Teams

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Brandon Cheney at 1:07 p.m.
2. **Attendance:** A quorum was present.

LEPC Members:

Mike Buchanan, Vice Chair, City of Olympia
Paul Brewster, TRPC
Zach Heinemeyer, InterCity Transit
Michael Cerovski, TCFPD #3
Nathan Worthington, Tacoma Power
Kyle Bustad, TCEM
Jeff Choke, Nisqually Indian Tribe

Alison Meyers, WA State Dept. of Ecology
Brock Williams, Tenino School District
Clint Davis, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis
Chris Caprio, WA EMD
Bracy DiLeonardo, City of Lacey
Linda Oosterman, Thurston PUD

LEPC Coordinator:

Brandon Cheney, TCEM
Sarah Spearman, Admin Assistant, TCEM

Guests:

Jackie LaVerne, Evergreen State College
Chris Peterson, TC ARES
Polly Stone, Weyerhaeuser
Mark Henry, WA State Dept. of Health
Pothga Phillips, Ice Cold Consulting
Diane Fowler, WA State Dept. of Ecology
Kim Gubbe, Thurston PUD
Jack Lane, TC Public Works
Alex Mollinedo, WA State DES

3. **Public Comment:**
No comments from the Public
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Michael Cerovski made a motion to approve the agenda, Kyle Bustad seconded, and the motion carried.
5. **Approval of October 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes**
Michael Cerovski made a motion to approve the minutes, Kyle Bustad seconded, and the motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
 - i. 2025 LEPC Meeting Schedule
 - ~~March 27th, 1:00 p.m.~~
 - ~~April 24th, 1:00 p.m. (canceled)~~
 - May 22nd, 1:00 p.m. (proposed)
 - July 24th, 1:00 p.m.
 - October 23rd, 1:00 p.m.

7. New Business

- i. 2025 HazMat Workshop April 3rd-5th
 - Pre-registration is required
 - Primary focus on First Responders
 - Two pre-workshop training courses will be offered and held on the morning of April 3rd
 - G-0191 – EOC/ICS Command Interface Course
 - Energy Awareness
- ii. Lodging sponsorship for 2025 LEPC/TEPC Conference
 - 3-day Conference in Wenatchee
 - Focus on managing an LEPC as a Program
 - 1-2 personnel per LEPC are eligible for lodging arrangements
 - April 29th – May 1st

8. Subcommittees & Standing Reports

- i. Emergency Support Function #10 Oil & Hazardous Materials – Brandon Cheney
 - Haven't made any changes to LEPC HazMat Response Plan since 2021
 - ESF-10 Annex of the CEMP was updated and approved by FEMA
 - Both the Plan and Annex are in line with each other and the NW Area Contingency Plan
 - Going forward, plan is to create a Workgroup to continue to review and update the Plan as needed
 - Create a discussion-based exercise
 - Ongoing discussion on combining ESF-10 Annex and LEPC HazMat Response Plan or keeping them separate
- ii. Hazardous Materials Incident & Spills Report Review – Alison Meyers
 - Between October 24th to March 25th, there were a total of 83 spill incidents, 12 of which required field responses. Significant incidents of note were a white powder incident in Olympia on November 12th, and HazMat at the HazoHouse on December 17th and January 23rd.
 - Dept. of Ecology is accepting applications for their Equipment Grant Program through April 29th.
- iii. Tier II Reporting – Diane Fowler
 - Sent report of what Tier II reports DOE has received, so counties can compare the list with what they have received.
 - Business storing hazardous materials are obligated to report that information to DOE, local LEPC and Fire Department.
 - 151 business have submitted their report
 - 13 business showing as being Active, have not submitted their report yet
- iv. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)Update – Chris Caprio
 - Nothing additional to report outside of the 2025 HazMat Workshop and the 2025 LEPC/TEPC Conference

9. Good of the Order/Closing Remarks

10. Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.