



Joint Benton/Franklin Local Emergency Planning Committee December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- I. Meeting was called to order by Deanna Davis, Benton County Emergency Manger, at 10:01 AM.

Deanna Davis Benton County Emergency Management welcomed all to the meeting

LEPC Members Present:

Eli Elisondo – HSSE – Christensen
Deanna Davis – Benton County Emergency Management
Sean Davis, Franklin County Emergency Management
Pat Reid, Pasco Fire Department
Michael Heffner, Kennewick Fire Department
Pete Hartmann, WA State Emergency Management
Brian Vaught – Pasco PD
Doug Frenette- US Ecology
Mike Amon – US Ecology
Sierra Knutson – BFHD
Clifford Elliot – Americold
Beki Hammons – Kadlec
Dan Anderson – Marathon
Mary Ramos – Energy Northwest
Paul Carlyle – BCFD#4
Chad Messerly – Harms Pacific Transport
Diane Torres – Simplot
Pat Jones – Lourdes
Eli Brackenbury – Ingredient

- II. Chief Pat Reid Moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting.
Sierra Knutson seconded the motion. Motion Carried

III. New Business

1. Election of chair and vice chair for Benton-Franklin County LEPC 2023
Eli Elisondo - Chairman
Sierra Knutson – Vice Chairman
2. SERC Update – Chief Reid
 - SERC is conducting a review of their strategic plan
 - Training focus for 2023 will be on Lithium battery fire response, mitigation and prevention.
 - State is putting together a Lithium Battery work group to asses



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- possible changes to regulations and requirement on use, storage, disposal etc. of lithium batteries industry wide.
 - SERC is looking at CBRNE response and Hazmat Response levels across the state.
3. Discussion of the LEPC Tribal Conference for 2023. **Tentative dates** for the are April 25-27, 2023 and location will be Tri-Cities Convention Center.
 4. Discussion regarding the Eastside HAZMAT Workshop which is tentatively scheduled for May 3-5, 2023, at the Richland Community Center. This is a change of venue from previous years.
 5. ESF 10 review and Approval for Benton and Franklin County
 - Michael Heffner moved to approve ESF#10 as written for both Benton and Franklin County. Sierra Knutson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
 - SERC has reviewed and agreed that both the Benton and Franklin County ESF#10s have met all 9 require criteria.
 6. Exercises
 - 9/21 Tri-City Airport exercise
 - 10/25 Columbia generating Station FEMA Evaluated Exercise
 - 10/25 Medical Services Drill – Lourdes/Pasco Fire
 - 10/27 Marathon Pipeline Exercise
 7. Tier II Reporting –
 - Diane Fowler from Ecology gave a brief report regarding Tier II reporting for report year 2022.
 - Ecology website for Tier II reporting will switch over to 2022 reporting year in December.
 - Diane reported that for the 2021 report year, there were 129 reporters in Benton County, with a total of 531 hazardous chemicals and 105 reporters in Franklin County with a total of 1271 hazardous chemicals.
 - 2022 Tier II Reporting - deadline is March 1, 2023.
 - Report submission – email .pdf format preferred for both Counties and Fire Departments/Districts.
 - Emergency Management Reports should be sent to:
 - i. sdavis@franklincounty.wa.gov – Franklin
 - ii. d.davis@bces.wa.gov - Benton
 8. Any Major Reported Spills / Leaks for discussion – Remember to make your required calls to Washington State Duty Officer, National Response



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Center (NRC) and Local LEPC.

- No major spills reports – minor spill from Lamb Weston was reported and slow, but lengthy, spill from Army Corp of Engineers at Little Goose Dam.

9. Round table – During Roundtable discussion Doug Frenette with US Ecology reported that he and Mike Amon have replaced Mike Ault as US Ecology LEPC representatives. Doug also reported that US Ecology has been acquired by parent company Republic Services.

IV. 2023 Benton/Franklin LEPC Meeting Schedule will be as follows

- March 2, 2023
- June 6, 2023
- September 5, 2023
- December 5, 2023

Benton and Franklin Counties will send calendar placeholders for the 2023 meeting dates and will confirm meeting date, time and location with LEPC group prior to each scheduled meeting.

V. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM