

Joint Benton/Franklin Local Emergency Planning Committee December 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

II. LEPC Members Present:

In Person:

Carli Luppold – Benton County Emergency Management
Deanna Davis- Benton County Emergency Management
Sean Davis, Franklin County Emergency Management
Tony Bench, Benton County Emergency Management
Rachel Rosenbaum - American Red Cross
Marissa Kelly – American Red Cross
Chief Michael Heffner – Kennewick Fire Dept. – SERC Chairman
Chief Mike Harris – Franklin County Fire Dist. #3
Chief Scott LoParco – Benton County Fire Dist. #1
Maaik Kortleeve- Lineage Logistics
Dustin Drout, WSP
Adam Martin, Lamb Weston
Mike Kelly – Safety Kleen
Matthew Taylor – Oxarc
Brent Keseman – CHS
Roberto Castaneda – Pasco Processing
Jared Simmons – Nutrien

Virtual:

Diane Folwer – Dept. of Ecology Eric Smull - Williams
Yvette Brown – BFT
Jeremiah Bladlow – Oxarc
Keri Hester – Baker Produce
Chad Messerly – Harms Pacific Transport
Alex - Tidewater
Vasiliy Kravtsov – Tree Top
Denise Gilbert - Kadlec
Grey Kesterson - Lamb Weston- Patterson
Jeremy Gerard, Autozone
Keri Hester – Baker Produce
Brenda Bamford - ALTC



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- III. Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2025, meeting
 - i. Chief Mike Harris motioned to approve minutes as presented, Chief Scot LoParco seconded, no discussion, motion approved unanimously.

- IV. New Business
 - 1. Election of chair and vice chair for Benton-Franklin County LEPC
 - i. Jeremy Besck self-nominated for the LEPC Chairman for calendar year 2026 – no other nominations were made. LEPC members voted unanimously in favor of Jermey Beck’s appointment as Chairman.
 - ii. Chief Scott LoParco self-nominated for the Vice Chairman for calendar year 2026 – no other nominations were made. LEPC members voted unanimously in favor of Chief LoParco’s appointment.

- 2. SERC Update

SERC is the State level version of the LEPC. – Chief Michael Heffner, SERC Chairman briefed that the committee is working on plans for the 2026 LEPC Conference and continued Hazmat Training.

- 3. ESF 10 review and approval for Benton County

The ESF 10, Hazardous Material plan was sent via email to the LEPC in advance of the meeting for their review, there were a couple minor changes suggested as part of the review, changes were incorporated and briefed to the group. The plan update included updates to the Tier II reporters information and Extremely Hazardous substances. As well as updates to the drill/exercise information in the plan.

Chief Scott LoParco motion to approve the plan as amended and , Jeremy Beck seconded, motion carried.

The plan will be sent to the SERC in December

- 4. Tier II Reporting

2026 Tier II Reporting - deadline March 1, 2026

- a. Report submission – email .pdf preferred
 - i. sdavis@franklincountywa.gov – Franklin
 - ii. d.davis@bces.wa.gov - Benton

- 5. Any Major Reported Spills / Leaks for discussion –



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- i. Emergency Management report on the Priest Rapids Dam leak of approx. 240 gallons of oil (mineral oil) to the Columbia River – event was on-going and ecology was on-scene to do spill management.
- ii. Reports from both Benton and Franklin on minor reported spills from previous quarter.

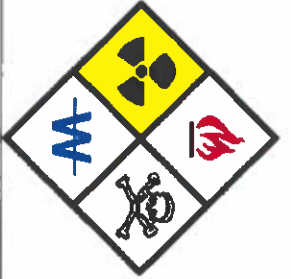
6. Round table –
Brief report out to group on the CodeRED issues relating from Cyber security Incident.

V. **2026** Benton/Franklin LEPC Meeting Schedule – there was discussion that is anyone wanted to host a LEPC meeting at their facility and include a tour at the end to advise either Benton or Franklin EM.

1. March 5, 2026
2. June 4, 2026
3. September 3, 2026
4. December 3, 2026

Place holder calendar appointments will be sent to the LEPC group and meeting confirmation, location and agenda will be sent approximately a week before the meeting date.

VI. Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM



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December 4, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

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