



Joint Benton/Franklin Local Emergency Planning Committee March 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Beck, PNNL, at 10:02 AM.

B. LEPC Members Present:

In Person:

Deanna Davis- Benton County Emergency Management

Sean Davis - Franklin County Emergency Management

Tony Bench - Benton County Emergency Management

Roberto Castaneda – Pasco Processing

Chief Mike Harris – Franklin County Fire Dist. #3

Stephanie Hakala – WA EMD/SERC

Gerardo Gonzalez – FreezePack

Dan Anderson – Marathon

Jeremy Beck - PNNL

Adam Martin – Lamb Weston – Richland

Heidi Cousens – WA Ecology – Yakima

Melissa Fillmore – Graymar Environmental

Clinton Petty – Graymar Environmental

Brandon Lawhorn – NWS Pendleton

Deputy Chief Tim Harkins – Pasco Fire

Matthew Taylor – Oxarc LLC

Nick Branham – Racom

Anthony Dailey – Red Cross

Eli Bear – BFHD

Alyssa Munro – BFHD

Maaik Kortleever- Lineage Logistics

David Baker – Lineage

Cristian Villa – TRT

Online/Virtual:

Alex Teimouri – RL-Hanford

J Moore –

Marcus McCready – BFT

Sooze Mensik – 10th Homeland Response Force

Jami Lewis – ALTC

Alex Plummer – Tidewater

Ramona Rommereim – FC Fire Dist. #5

Chief Paul Carlyle – BC Fire Dist. #4



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Steven Tracey – Tidewater
Shanon Rozell – Republic Services

Eric Smull – N.W. Pipeline
Kathy Wyatt – Lamb Weston/Columbia Basin Blends
Bruce deJone – Milne
Katie Hall – ENW
Emily Powers – WA State Ecology
Jarred Simmons – Nutrien
Grey Kesterson – Lamb Weston Paterson
Diane Fowler – WA Dept. of Ecology
Chad Messerly – Harms Pacific Transport
Hannah Moeller -
Jean Schalasky – Lourdes Medical Center
Vasiliy Kravtsov – Treetop
Douglas Frenette – Republic
Leo Bardo Meza – Avalon
Dulcie Allen – HMIS-Hanford
Jen Carson – Verdesian
Brenda Bamford – ALTC
Rocky Mullen – Franklin County Commissioner

C. New Business

1. Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2025, meeting minutes Chief Mike Harris motioned to approve minutes as presented, Adam Martin – Lamb Weston Richland seconded, no discussion, motion approved unanimously.
2. Stephanie Hakala gave a presentation on behalf of WA EMD and the SERC that covered a number of topic including Bill approval process, 2026 LEPC Conference and legislation
3. Diane Fowler presented on behalf of WA State Ecology and covered EPCRA Exemption process/documentation, the Mobile App and status on Tier II reporting
4. Round Table
 - a. Spills/Response
 - i. Deanna Davis presented on behalf of the Benton County LEPC and reported on spills and the early spring flood in Benton County which also involved a



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response from WA State Ecology to a residence that had release of oils from the flooding.

- ii. Sean Davis presented on behalf of the Franklin County LEPC are reported two BNSF derailments with no spills and state they had received roughly 110 Tier II reports and 4 Exemption reports for 2025. He also shared the WA Ecologies Facebook post for Pasco Fire's accolades for PFAS Foam removal

b. Training Opportunities

- i. No Reports

c. Exercises

- i. Dan Anderson from Marathon stated that they will be conducting the large scale exercise in August in Richland similar to what they have done in previous years.

5. Next Benton/Franklin County LEPC Meeting

June 4, 2026, 10:00am Benton County EOC, 651 Truman Ave, Richland, WA

Follow On meetings

September 3, 2026 @ FCEM and December 3, 2026 @ BCEM

D. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jeremy Beck at 10:35 AM