



**Cumberland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Meeting Minutes July 25, 2024**

The Cumberland County Local Emergency Planning Committee met on July 25, 2024, at the PWC located at 995 Old Wilmington HWY, Fayetteville, NC 28301

Members in Attendance:

1. Adam Buehler, Ft. Liberty
2. Caleb Stoker, Operator Facilities, Hexion
3. Colby Foster, Community Group Rep
4. Donald Taft, State Rep
5. Garry Crumpler, Vice-Chair, Emergency Management Coordinator Rep
6. George White, Hospital
7. Greg Phillips, Health Rep
8. Johnny Lanthorn, Utilities Rep

Others in Attendance:

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| 1. Amanda Scheck, Cumberland EM | 18. Margaret Lindsley, Eaton |
| 2. AnnMarie Yow, Mid-Carolina | 19. Margaret G, ARC |
| 3. Anthony Levy, AmeriGas | 20. Marty Marler, Piedmont Natural Gas |
| 4. Caroline Hamilton, CCS | 21. Maxwell Matthews, PWC |
| 5. Carson Walker, SREMC | 22. Michael Jones, NCEMC |
| 6. Chini Gault, Cumberland EM | 23. Mike Jones, Cargill |
| 7. Damita Reed, FTCC | 24. Mike Prevatte, NCDAG |
| 8. Daniel Davis, Hexion | 25. Ondrya Mangato, PWC |
| 9. Diony Ohakwe, VA | 26. Peter Coffey, Fayetteville VA |
| 10. Forrester Bazemore, CCS | 27. Phillip Young, CCS |
| 11. Gregory Archbold, Walmart | 28. Raymond Becht, Tanner IND. |
| 12. Hannah Callihan, Hexion | 29. Robert Lineberry, Amerigas |
| 13. Katie McDermott, Hexion | 30. Rocky Carr, API |
| 14. Khalil Porter, NCEMC | 31. Terry Chalk, Goodyear |
| 15. Laura Yates, Duke | 32. Wayne Rider, Sustainable Sandhills |
| 16. Leonard Watson, Liquid Environmental | 33. Ike Copeland, PWC |
| 17. Marcia Tillman-Bookhart, Piedmont | |



Introductions and Approval of the Minutes:

Welcomes and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting. The preceding meeting minutes were approved by the committee. (Motion by Adam Buehler and seconded by Greg Phillips)

Membership Update/Nominations:

- Nomination of Marcia Tillman-Bookhart to serve as a Utilities representative
- Nomination of Marty Marler to serve as a Utilities representative
- Nomination of Carson Walker of South River Electric to serve as a Facility Representative
- All nominations were motioned by Greg Phillips and Seconded by Colby Foster.
- Amanda advised of vacancies in facilities and transportation. Attendees were advised to contact Amanda if interested in serving, regardless of residency status.

LEPC By-laws:

- Garry advised that the Bylaw revision came to be due to being unable to located as signed copy of the current Bylaws. Discussed that a Bylaw Subcommittee was held on July 12th to make proposed changes.
- Amanda presented proposed changes of the LEPC Bylaws to the attendees. Advised that these changes are being suggested to meet Competencies set forth for all LEPC to maintain compliance. A copy of the bylaws were distributed for all attendees to review. A copy of all reference documents mentioned in the proposed changes have been made available for attendees who request them.
- In accordance with the current Bylaws we have presented the proposed changes for review and request a special meeting to be held in a virtual setting on August 22, 2024 at 10:00AM to finalize review and vote for submission to the Board of Commissioners.
- Motion for special meeting was presented by Greg Phillips and seconded by Johnny Lanthorn.

Radiological Discussion-Based Exercise

- Greg Phillips gave an overview of the upcoming RAD preparedness table-top occurring on September 5th at Cumberland County EOC from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Everyone is welcome and will be a great opportunity to see the EOC.
- Garry discussed the importance of of this training as we are in the IPZ for Sharron Harris. We currently have a grant to purchase two meters as well as in the process of obtaining a grant for additional detectors.

South River Substations

- Mike Jones (NCEMC) Discussed two BESS site located in Cumberland County. Have trained local responders at each BESS site on the best way to respond to emergencies at these locations. Advised the biggest issue is thermal runaway and runoff. Their recommendation is to just allow them to burn and containment. Containers have battery management systems inside, and alarms can be detected from a remote location. An impact radius of 100FT of possible explosion and would recommend a 200FT evacuations, but ultimately IC will make the call.
- PWC advised they do not currently have any sewer or drain sites in the Greys Creek area at this time.



- Recommended representatives from NCEMC and South River to attend an upcoming Fire Chiefs Association Meeting to discuss these BESS sites there as well.

Hexion Facility:

- Daniel with Hexion shared a video overview of the Hexion Facility.
- Garry asked about concerns regarding their proximity to the Cape Fear River.
 - Numerous controls and inspections in place. Advised that during Hurricane Matthew a lot of the riverbank was washed away and they currently have a project in place to line the old river bank. All tanks have a secondary containment to prevent contamination from processing area. Reinforced that they do not take or contribute from Cape Fear River water in any way.
- Colby asked if there were any concerns of vulnerability from trains in and out of the area.
 - There are derailleurs set up to protect employees.
 - ANR handles rail.
- Review of what notifications would look like.
 - Work through the Emergency Response Plan. There would be no audible alarm sound but would receive notification through partners such as Cumberland County Emergency Management.
- Currently trying to line up a tabletop exercise and will invite partners for participation.

Open Forum:

- CCEM, Hazardous Material EOC Activation Exercise, July 31, 2024. All day event and we welcome all attendees. Contact Amanda for details on registration.
- FTL, I2300 class being held in October, Check NCTERMS for class announcement and registration.
- American Red Cross has been allocated a second position and ask that if anyone is interested or knows someone interested to please have them contact her.
- NCEM, while funding is limited for exercises, they can be done by oneself with little funding. Encouraged to not let the funding shortfalls deter you from putting on exercise.
- NCDA+CS, Reminder to review plans as we are in hurricane season.
- Piedmont, Hosting Natural Gas Safety courses. Able to travel to do a presentation. Presentation can be tailored to meet the groups needs in time and content.
- SREMC, Willing to do in house training with community partners. In the process of obtaining a demo trailer to include in these training and community education.

Next Meeting:

- August 22, 2024, 10:00AM, Virtual (Special Meeting), Bylaw
- October 31, 2024, 10:00AM, Quarterly Meeting, Date subject to change reference holiday.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Supporting materials for this meeting may be requested by contacting the Cumberland County Emergency Management department.