

# March 27, 2023 Adams County LEPC Meeting Minutes

**Time**: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Place**: In Person and Virtual Meeting via Teams online platform

Meeting called to order at 9:07.

### Introductions

#### Approval of the minutes

Ron makes motion, Lisa second No one objects. There is a quorum, so the minutes are approved.

#### Legislative updates

Ron: Bill on the docket that will go into effect Jan that requires public notification to be sent out in multiple languages. It's being looked at by the State/County Commissioners group at the moment.

Bree: From the EPA side, waiting to hear anything on the RMP adjustments or proposed changes. Nothing new right now out of East Palestine, -- the Region 5 clean up team updates their website almost daily. No news on legislative updates based on that response at the moment.

No other updates

### LEPC Visit to EnviroServe

Good trip, informative. About seven people went. They have a wide variety of tools for environmental cleanup, and we got to go take a tour of the facility.

**Brenda Lenz**: Thanks to all for stopping by, always happy to show off our facility, equipment, and capabilities.

### **Partner Updates**

Adams County – Katie Keefe –We are working with the health department on the Love My Air Program, now called Colorado Local Entities Air Network (CLEAN). We are looking into getting sensors that enable NOX detection, expanding network by two to three cohort partners. We are looking at doing some text amendments. There are some requests from oil and gas companies that have requested using their facilities for crypto mining, and are updating land use codes to address that use. Info on the battery plant: City of Brighton did reach out to the County's planning team. Right now they are looking at a location within a planned use development. They are looking at amending that PUD to allow that type of industry. They asked if there were studies or info we would like them conduct as part of their application process, so if we would like any information we can talk to Katie about maybe having them conduct a study, passing the info to the city of Brighton. They are still in the land use permit application phase. Expect lithium ion



battery production will be limited to begin with and will ramp up, but the belief is that production may start by year's end.

**Ron Sigman**: There is another facility in Thornton that is similar, it's smaller, but kind of comparable. Suncor was trying to come online, but haven't heard if it has come online fully or not, not sure the status. Excel energy is proposing a hydrogen blend storage facility that is being described as a "demonstration." This will be in the Box Elder area, close to Highway 7. Timeline is not clear, but that's all the information we have. **Gerard Lutz**: 160<sup>th</sup> and Haysmount. Moving from 2% to 10% injection, no hazards are anticipated. Planning on being a two year project to collect data, with the aim of trying to reduce greenhouse emissions. **Katie**: Might be a good idea to bring in E470 or CDOT into the conversation, just to take into account transportation of the compressed hydrogen.

Adams County Health Department – Environmental health team is doing routine inspections and emergency complaint response. If you need to get ahold of them after hours, dial 303-220-9200 and select the appropriate prompt. For EPR, call 720-200-1637. The water team is up and running and will be hiring a specialist to focus on PFOS and groundwater contamination. Childcare program is implementing school chemistry inspections again. There are regulations about what and how much can be held at a school. For some, the best disposal is detonation, which requires an emergency detonation order. EPR is currently hiring for two positions, Senior Planner and Level 1 Planner.

**Local Agencies** – Some people in CCPD may need some clarification on who does what for HazMat response. They can notify OEM if they want, but the notification has to go through the health department.

**Dave Burns**: Weld is holding a CAMEO/Marplot class next week, registration closes today, we still need one or two more people to join up.

Local Chemical Facilities – No updates.

**Oil and Gas** – CPRN: Change in the board of directors. We continue to have bi-monthly stake holders on the third Friday in the mornings. We just finished our job aids for Oil and Gas 101 for first responders as a help. Contact Card is done for DJ Basin as well. Some security concerns about the "How to Blow Up a Pipeline" movie that came out, which is a bit unsettling. Had a successful wild-well control management class, probably will have another one at the end of the year. Still researching the best industrial firefighting classes, and we're trying to send some firefighters down to Texas to take some of those good classes. We also have the Clean Waterways Conference coming up in Denver in mid-April. There is a lot of good training taking place.

**Glen**: If people are looking for some extra money for some training they may work through the Region to apply for some grant money, there hasn't been a lot of training grant applications.

State of Colorado – No one here from the State.

**Federal Partners** – **Bree** (EPA): No regulatory updates right now. We are trying to ramp up the training that we can provide. We've been having discussions about exercising local plans. We also want to reinforce the value of the LEPCs. Looking on developing a short training on some of the RMP requirements, that might be of assistance since Adams County has 18 RMP facilities. Next Western Regions Conference is in Jan 2024 in



Nevada. SERC/TERC level conference usually, but looking to open that up to some local LEPCs.;

**Homeland Security**: Nothing from Homeland Security. **Other** – None

## **Continuing Business**

Spill Report – Completed by Dean. See PPT. Committee Reports – No committee reports were submitted. Open Request for Site Visits – We would love to visit anyone's site.

# **Old Business – None**

# **New Business**

Katie noted that the CDPHE Air Pollution Control Division launched a new, interactive online mapping tool that displays air permit source facilities. The map is integrated with CDPHE;s existing public database and provides access to a permitted facility's air permit records.

https://cdphe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ae184f93b6954f26923 4ba2b62b74ea1

Adams County Hazmat Plan Review/Approval – Dean: We underwent our annual HazMat plan review. The updated plan was sent out, comments were gathered and sent to Glenn. We are looking at finishing by the end May meeting. Mark asks if we can get it sent to the whole group, Dean just needs to verify the process for sharing an FOUO document.

# **Additional Announcements**

CSP Leadership Changes – We have partnered with Denver so we have additional access to equipment. Also we are holding a tech class in May if anyone needs to go to that. Neely Duran – 811 – If you ever want to get some training or some outreach, we are here for all stakeholder. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual trench safety summit is scheduled for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fairground.

Mark Schuman – A group has put in for assistance for two trailers, trying to increase the capability for hands on HazMat training.

Mark feels like this LEPC needs to be a bit more aggressive on the planning side. It would be great if this group had a subcommittee that attends public events and get out ahead of issues so that if something happens we've been part of the process and so the community can see us a liaison between the facilities and community. This group should have more proactive, interactive engagement with the community to prepare the community in case something happens at a facility, like Suncor.

Adjournment – Adjourned at 10:53. Dean moves and Ron seconds.