



Midland County
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
c/o Midland County Emergency Management Office
2727 Rodd Street
Midland, MI 48640
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MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING

November 2, 2023

1:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Ripke, Community Member at Large
Jeff Gray, Community Member at Large
Jeff Jaster, Midland Public Schools
Shawn Hale, Bullock Creek Schools
Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners
Carol Stone, Assistant City Manager, City of Midland
Lisa Hall, Director, Midland County Central Dispatch
Trish Thayer-Knivila, MyMichigan Medical Center EMS
Roger Bebeau, Battalion Chief, City of Midland Fire
Katie Romo, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Midland County Public Health
Jacob Purcilly, Director of Security, MyMichigan Medical Center
Nicole Ford, Chief, City of Midland Police
Josh McMillan, Deputy Chief, City of Midland Police
James Lang, Lieutenant, Michigan State Police Tri-City Post
James Henry, Environmental Director, Midland County Public Health
Loren Curtis, State of Michigan EGLE
Kevin Musser, Cabot
Brian Solomon, Corteva
Ryan Gwizdala, ES&S Operations, Dow
David Tippman, DuPont
Bethany Strong, IFF
Art Buck, Superintendent, Midland County Road Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Searles, Midland Education Services Agency
Jeniffer Boyer, Emergency Management Coordinator
Jake Cole, Jerome Township Fire Chief, Midland Fire Chief's Association Representative
Mark Laux, Region 3 Rescue Response Team
Chief Richard Ward, Coleman Police Department
Shannon Guilbeaux, Captain, Midland County Sheriff's Office
Carl Doud, Director, Midland County Mosquito Control
Corbin Berent, Hemlock Semi-Conductor
Peter Swartz, Water Superintendent, City of Midland
Wayne Wadsworth, Airgas
Harry White, Trinseo
Carly Owens, XALT
Karen Murphy, Midland Public Services
Eric Cozat, City of Coleman Public Works

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Charles Barker, Lieutenant, Michigan State Police, EMHSD
Ashley Getchell, DuPont Larkin Site
Ken Karls, American Red Cross
Otis Hart, DHS-CSI
James Harkness, DHS-CSI

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm by Jeff Gray. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Dick Ripke moved that September 25, 2023 minutes be approved as presented. Roger Bebeau supported the motion. All were in favor of the motion. Motion Passed

Public Comment – none.

Presentations:

Dow Chemical June RMP Exercise

Ryan Gwizdala with Dow presented on MIOPs Response to Toxic Release per Risk Management Program requirements. A Toxic Release Emergency Response Exercise was held June 21st, 2023. The scenario included a Anhydrous HCL release from railcar as part of the full scale exercise. The exercise included Dow and tenant companies of the I-Park. The Dow EOC activated. Goal is to issue community message within 15 min. Community partners goal included a test to make sure new alert levels were align. A checklist was developed to promote effective communication between Dow Emergency Dispatch and Midland County Dispatch. During the exercise, a Real-life fire alarm occurred and Midland Fire engaged to address. Dow EOC, field, & dispatch response was completed resulting in good learnings.

Executive Board Report:

Met October 26th

- Conducted a vulnerability evaluation on Transportation of Hazardous Materials Incidents and Fixed Site Hazardous Material Incidents per the Midland County Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- Discussed Emergency Plan for Dow Silicones. Lengthy plan, led to concerns about how useful it would be for EOC Response and Midland Fire. Sub-group will assemble to streamline to improve usefulness.

Letter of Request to Michigan Citizen Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC):

Official response outstanding.

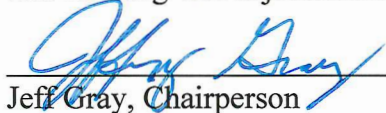
Round Table/Announcements

Jim Harkness - Chemical Security Inspector- CISA ChemLock program information provided. Offered outreach services. Flyers shared.

Next Meeting

At 1:15 pm on February 8th, 2024 at the Midland Law Enforcement Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.



Jeff Gray, Chairperson