L.E.P.C. of Albany County



Local Emergency Planning Committee PO Box A, 58 Verda Avenue Clarksville, New York 12041



2013 Meeting		
12.12.2013	11:00pm	NYSDEC Office (Port of Albany)
Meeting called by	Chairman Harry Merriman	
Facilitator	Chairman Harry Merriman	

Note taker George Morehouse

Attendees See attached attendance sheets (3).

Meeting started at 11:03pm with a self-introduction.

Presentation by Chuck Furman of the Global Terminals:

The Global Terminals product piping is now color coded in the racks area, tank farms, and barge docks. The product piping is double walled for the crude oil and ethanol. The emergency safety features are overflow shut offs, shut down buttons, and manual checks. The tank farm tanks are double bottomed and epoxy coated on the interior. 110% volume of the largest tank must be contained (Federal Regulation). Global Terminals has donated a foam trailer to Albany Fire Department. There is 3100 gal. and 800 gal. of foam concentrate in the tank farm and rack area respectively. The foam is applied with a ratio of one gallon of foam concentrate mixed with one hundred gallons of water. If more foam concentrate is needed, the Albany County Fire Coordinator should be contacted. NRC and Clean Harbors is used for spill response. Boat response is also available from Albany Fire Department, Global Terminals, and Selkirk Fire Department. The Regional Hazmat Team is also available for response.

Presentation by Commander Jeff Eldridge of the USCG Sector New York:

The Area Contingency Plan is developed by USCG, NYSOEM, NYSDEC and other agencies. The USEPA is responsible for inland waterways. The USCG is responsible for navigable waterways and the lead response agency for an industrial incident. Party types are, RP- Responsible Party and IP- Involved Party. There is a Pollution Team on call at all times, this team involves CG IMAT/NSF/AST/ESF and funding through the National Pollution Fund. Addition Pollution Teams are available, also, ICS Qualified Response Teams are accessible. The National Strike Force is made up of three teams consisting of two hundred active members, also, the Public Information Assistance Team (PIAT) is available for response.





Floor Discussions:

Evacuation possibilities/availabilities for large scale incidents; Activate shelters, hospitals, EMS, health, mental health, and resources from surrounding counties.

Training, exercise, and lessons learned have developed working knowledge of emergency events.

CANA representative discussed the possibility of a Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT) or similar. CERT has been discussed in Albany County, with little interest. The few people that have had interest have been referred to other volunteer organizations such as the Red Cross and volunteer fire or EMS agencies. Consideration for a CERT and community training will continue.

Albany County has an online Self Preparedness Program at www.albanycountysheriff.com, preparedness courses are available through the Red Cross, County Health and Sheriff's Emergency Management Office.

Tidal waters effects material clean up in rivers and their tributaries.

Petroleum boom local availability.

After 2015, only doubled hulled barges will be allowed for petroleum

Mike Franchini from the Capital District Transportation Committee has the ability to develop transportation plans. These modeling plans can be used for traffic flow, detours, and emergency planning. There is no cost for local governments.

Next meeting: Hospitals Response for a Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI) Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Albany Medical Center Room F309 from 11am-1pm. Lunch provided by AMC. Parking vouchers will be supplied for garage parking. (enter main entrance with pillars, left at main corridor to first set of elevators. F309 is the 3rd floor board room.

The meeting was closed at 12:25pm



