



Dallas County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes of the General Meeting

November 27, 2023

Meeting Host/Location:

Valley View Municipal Complex in Irving, TX; 333 Valley View Ln, Irving, Texas, 75061. A meeting agenda was posted, and the proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

Addison Holmes, Elliott Reep, Sandra Long, Joshua Venable, Craig Stanton, Kristi Robeson, Christopher Babina, Brian Weaver, Michael Anstice, Joshua Tincopa, Richard Faulkner, Les Summage, Maricarmen Palomares Garcia, De'Sean Helton, Basi Garza, Rey Zavala, Michael Glanville, David Gifford, Eric Nagel, Jonathan CJ Holt, Mariah Phipps-Jack, Jason Carriere, Malcolm Chicoye

Meeting:

- Chair, Denisse Martinez opens the meeting and brings the first order of business.
- Chair introduces Secretary, Laura Sifuentes. Secretary proceeds to seek approval of the July 17, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Elliott Reep and seconded by Maricarmen Palomares Garcia. The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.
- Chair introduces Dr. David Bierling from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to talk about the Rail Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (HMCFS) of 2024.
 - Rail Commodity Flow Studies
 - Hazmat data provided by Class I railroads (UP, BNSF, CPKC)
 - Security Sensitive Information (SSI)
 - Recipients must safeguard information according to DHS TSA guidelines
 - Only responders and emergency planners with a bona fide “need to know” may view/receive information
 - Data and analysis includes:
 - Maps, railroad, & subdivision information

- Annual hazmat commodity flow: loaded/residual totals for tank cars and intermodals
 - Commodities by DOT Class & ERG Guide Number
 - Top annual commodities by UN/NA ID
 - Special hazards analysis (includes ERG ISO and PAD, when applicable)
- Shortline & Industrial Track
 - 45 to 75 shortlines, Class IIIs, Port RRs, and non-Class I yards in Texas
 - No class IIs in Texas
 - Larger companies may own multiple shortlines:
 - WATCO, Genesee & Wyoming, and Ironhorse Resources, Inc.
 - Industrial facilities also own track/conduct rail operations on their property
 - Class Is Operating in Dallas County
 - Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
 - Emergencies – (214) 928-6300
 - Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad (DGNO)
 - Safety and Compliance – (802) 527-3499
 - Fort Worth & Western Railroad (FWWR)
 - Emergency Dispatch – (817) 821-6092
 - Trinity Railway Express (TRE)
 - Emergencies – (972) 833-430
- Subdivisions
 - Larger railroads divide their rail lines into Divisions (areas) and Subdivisions (sections of a rail line)
 - Subdivision names are like highway or street names/numbers
 - Subdivisions may cross multiple counties or only run a few miles
- Additional Recourses
 - Ask Rail
 - Used by first responders during responses (only) and provides manifests and additional response information for derailments and rail emergencies

- <https://askrail.us/>
- FRA Grade Crossing Locator App
 - Search for, identify, and filter crossings by special characteristics
 - Find and call the Emergency Notification Systems (ENS) number in case of an emergency or to report a safety concern
 - Send non-emergency information pertaining to the grade crossing to FRA via email
 - Access U.S. DOT Crossing Inventory records and collision report histories for crossings
 - Available on Google Play and Apple App Stores
- Chair, Denisse Martinez starts a presentation on the LEPC - End of Year Review
 - As of November 27th:
 - 281 open record requests have been answered
 - 8 spills have been reported (according to TCEQ)
 - 5 spills that companies reported
 - A template for off-site response and notification was created. These templates will be available on the LEPC website.
 - All cities within the county will receive their raw Tier II reports, maps that can be plug in to their ArcGIS, and an excel sheet with important information.
 - Next year the LEPC will implement:
 - New website available for the public
 - Planning cycle
 - Membership update
 - Discussion-based exercises

Public Comments:

- TCEQ representative informs on upcoming training opportunities. More information can be found at www.texastier2.org
- Secretary, Laura Sifuentes asks for a motion to end the meeting. Elliott Reep motion to end the meeting. No comments were made once this presentation had concluded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Submitted by: