



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

**May 19, 2025**

### **Meeting Host/Location:**

Dallas County LEPC held its quarterly meeting at 1410 E Renner Rd, Suite 100, Richardson, TX 75082. A meeting agenda was posted, and proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting.

### **Meeting Attendees:**

Scott T. Forster, Rob Irvin, Tie Gebru, Pat McGrath, Jay Johnson, Ferrule Rose, Rebecca Banks, Andy Medina, Brian Chamberlin, Tommy Bell, Tina Sanders, Jordan Serrano, Justin Kirk, Nadia Avacos, Gail B., Luke Parton, Ryan Ansah, Aaron Bouchard, Ray Feagins, Brad Kavanaugh, Susan Harris, Ray Porras, John Wise, Lauren Sanchez, Kevin Brackley, David Gifford, Rigoberto G., Ryan Steele, Maricarmen Garcia

### **Meeting:**

- Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests.
- The Secretary presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on March 2025.
  - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tina Sanders and seconded by Luke Parton.
  - The minutes were approved as written by unanimous consent of the members present.

### **Presentations and Reports:**

#### **UNFI Facility Safety and Spill Preparedness**

*Presenter: Brian Chamberlin, UNFI*

- Mr. Chamberlin delivered a comprehensive overview of UNFI's internal emergency preparedness framework, focused on hazardous materials management and spill response.
- Highlights included:
  - Implementation of a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
  - Regular training and spill response drills in partnership with the local fire department.
  - Deployment of spill containment systems and adequate PPE stockpiles.
  - Internal and external communication protocols for emergency events.
  - Risk assessments performed to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities.
  - Support from Emergency Response Teams and LEPC partnerships.
  - Commitment to post-incident audits and continuous improvement.
  - Environmental protection and public safety cited as core priorities.

## **Hazardous Rail Transport Overview**

*Presenter: Denisse Martinez*

- Ms. Martinez presented findings from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)-funded rail transport study in partnership with Texas A&M.
- Key elements of the study:
  - Covered 233 miles of mainline and 165 miles of shortline/passenger rail across Dallas County.
  - Assessed both loaded and residual cargo, including intermodal shipments.
  - Rail lines evaluated included:
    - Union Pacific (UP): Manolo, Ennis, and Dallas subdivisions
    - Kansas City Southern (KCS): White Branch and Dallas subdivisions
    - Short Line: Medill Subdivision
  - Top hazardous materials transported included:
  - Elevated Temperature Liquids, Diesel Fuel, Butane, Caustic Soda, Carbon Dioxide, Vinyl Acetate, Sulfuric Acid, Methanol, and various Class 9 environmental hazards.
- Hazard classes reviewed included: Explosives, gases, flammable liquids/solids, oxidizers, toxic inhalants, radioactive materials, corrosives, and other regulated materials.
- Cities were invited to request localized rail data. A highway hazardous materials study is currently pending approval.

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

### **Training Subcommittee Report**

- The newly formed Training Subcommittee provided an update on initiatives to enhance facility readiness and regulatory compliance.
- Key goals discussed included:
  - Supporting facility-level emergency exercises and Tier II reporting compliance.
  - Promoting stronger collaboration between Tier II facilities, LEPC stakeholders, and the State.
  - Developing tabletop exercise templates and providing centralized or on-site training.
  - Encouraging active participation and idea-sharing among all LEPC members.

### **Officer Elections:**

- Elections were held for officer positions following the completion of the previous two-year term.
  - **Vice Chair Nominee: David Gifford**
    - Noted for his dual experience in industry and local LEPC involvement.
    - Emphasized strengthening public-private collaboration and emergency preparedness.
  - **Secretary Nominee: Tina Sanders**
    - Background in damage prevention and regulatory compliance.
    - Advocated for increased engagement among LEPC participants.
    - Results:
  - **David Gifford** was elected **Vice Chair**.
  - **Tina Sanders** was elected **Secretary**.

### **Public Comments:**

- No public comments were received.

**Adjournment:**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jay Johnson and seconded by Ryan Steele.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.