



## March 18, 2021

### Teton LEPC Meeting Minutes

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- I. **Call to Order-** Rich Ochs called the meeting to order at 8:30
- II. **Around the Room Introductions-** Attendees – Rich Ochs, Brian Carr, Shannon Burns (for Kelli Hardwick), Brady Hansen, Peter Purchase, Michelle Weber, Brian Coe, Alton George, Rachael Wheeler, Paul Cote, Heather Voster, Mack McFarland, Kristen Waters, Mike Moyer, Brent Blue, Rafe Cordell
- III. **Approval of January LEPC Meeting Minutes-** Chief Hansen made a motion to approve the January LEPC Meeting Minutes. Mack McFarland seconded. Approval without dissent
- IV. **Elections-**
  - Current positions:
    - Chair – Rich Ochs (appointed by the County Commission)
    - Vice Chair – Brian Coe
    - Secretary – Kelli Hardwick
    - Public Representative – Jim Ligori
    - Media Representative – Tom Ninnemann
    - First Responder Representative – Brian Carr
  - \*Vice Chair, Secretary, and First Responder Representative all stay the same. Chief Hansen nominated all three and the majority voted.
  - \*Rich nominated Tom Ninnemann as the Media Rep, and Jim Ligori as the Public Rep - both positions were elected as slate.

## V. 2020 Tier II Reports Overview-

Background on Tier II Reports - EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) began in 1986 based off an incident in Bhopal, India. Death toll from that incident is still unknown. Act requires hazmat facilities that store over a threshold of materials to report annually to their LEPC, fire department, and state emergency response commission.

- Threshold is 10,000 lbs for most materials, lower quantities for extremely hazardous substances.
- This report is called a Tier II Report
- Reports are to include facility name, facility location (including lat/long, address), 24-hour contact, chemicals in inventory during *prior* calendar year, emergency plans, and site diagrams.
- Reports **don't** include- transportation information, past incidents, what facility will be storing THIS year, chemicals in inventory below 10,000 lbs, or their threshold planning quantity.

Summary of Teton County's Tier II Report – (much fewer than other counties in Wyoming)

- Facilities – 47
- Chemicals in inventory – 93
- Extremely hazardous substances – 21
- New facilities – 2 (Rivermeadows ISD and National Car Rental)
- Facility location changes – Avis car rental. Some airport facilities dropped off with Sky West leaving
- In 2019 – 46 facilities, 95 chemicals in inventory, and 22 extremely hazardous substances

### Facilities by response zone:

- Station 1 – 11
- Station 2 – 1
- Station 3 – 4
- Station 6 – 3
- Station 7 – 7
- Station 4 – 1
- Colter – i7
- YNP – 5
- JH Airport – 2
- TVFD – 3
- Teton ID fire department (Alta) – 1

### EHS (Extremely Hazardous Substances) Reported by response zone:

- ST1 – 6
- ST2 - 1
- ST3 - 3
- ST4 - 0
- St6 – 3
- ST7 -3
- Moose - 0

- Colter - 1
- YNP- 2
- Airport - 0
- TVFD – 3

**Total amount of chemicals** – Station 3 has 29 (Evans Construction)

**Top 3 reported chemicals:** Diesel (16), gasoline (11), propane (10)

If a facility sells gasoline to public, they do not have to report if they are storing unless it's above 70,000 pounds.

**Reported EHS:**

- Anhydrous ammonia – refrigerant
- Sulfuric acid- batteries – telecommunication facilities
- Chlorine – water treatment (100 pounds of chlorine is the reporting threshold)

**VI. 2020 Emergency Response Guidebook Distribution:**

Distributed last month. Limited quantity, but the ERG App is a great tool to download. Reminder that it is good short term, but not a good long-term tool.

**VII. Airport Tabletop Update –**

Alton reported that last year was the tri-annual in person exercise. Next 2 years will be tabletop exercises.

This year, the tabletop will have a fire with a fuel farm. **It will be April the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0900.**

Rich pointed out that LEPC is required to do an exercise with a fuel farm and this exercise will count towards that. There is a sizeable fuel farm at the airport. Conrad Bischoff is another fuel farm in Teton County.

**VIII. COVID-19 Update-**

- Rachael Wheeler reported that Public Health is currently taking registration for Phase 1C group, which is the largest group in Phase 1. Spread the word that people can sign up. Due to changes in health orders, hotels, retail, basically anyone who has direct contact with visitors are now added into Phase 1. There are roughly 7000 people on the Phase 1 list.
- Public Health has been doing about 1500 vaccine per week. They are randomly selecting people from the three different criteria – work, age, chronic condition. Oldest will receive appointment first. Now pulling an extra hundred people a week to be on standby. Public Health is seeing a lot more cancellations each day and do not want any doses to go to waste.

- Expect to open vaccine appointments to general public by mid-April. Still must iron out how that will work. Likely will not be a registry, they will be opening appointments on a certain day of the week.
- There will be mega clinic to get as many people off Phase 1 as possible. Hoping for the last Saturday of March. Possibly vaccinating 1000 people
- There have been questions about seasonal workers. Public Health is working with the state and hospital on how to accommodate them.
- Anyone interested in volunteering at the call center or vaccine clinic – go to website. <http://www.tetonwyo.org/163/Health-Dept>
- Teton County is in the Moderate risk level. There are 9 metrics to determine what risk level we are in
- Kristin Waters – reported that the Health Department did a Q&A on Facebook live. They busted some myths, and it had a lot of good information. They had a translator, so it is in Spanish as well.
- Link: <https://www.facebook.com/TCHealthDepartment/videos/426775071944565>
- Updated goal of July 31<sup>st</sup> for “herd immunity” (previously was August 31)

#### **IX. Training and Exercise Update –**

- Only upcoming training is the Airport training.

#### **X. Around the Room-**

##### GRTE UPDATE

- Michael Nash accepted a position with the Washington Office and will be transitioning into that position in the next few weeks. He will remain in the valley but will be working for WASO.
- Park is working on appointing an acting chief ranger.
- About 170 seasonal employees inbound for summer operations. This is higher than 2020 but still lower than 2019 due to CDC housing guidance.
- GTLC clinic will be operational this year and GTLC staffing to much higher numbers this year as their operations are expanded from 2020 summer season.
- Impacts from high visitation and associated actions are being discussed and coordinated with the BTNF
- Working with local, State, and National outlets to encourage responsible behavior from visitors who may be new to visiting western parks and wilderness areas.
- GRTE has one fire engine (E-41) out of service with a mechanical/computer issue, we have moved that engine to the Colter Bay shop and moved the colter bay engine (E-2) to Station 4 in Moran. Hoping to have E-41 back in service next week.
- Heather Voster – staffing changes – 3 incoming permanent to replace those lost last September. 5 incoming seasonal. Exceed capacity to train and mentor – figuring out how to juggle. Sent folks to Pinedale to help – 4 resources throughout the company assisting.

Brian Coe – brief update on incident last June – tanker rollover at base of rim. RERT 8 responded. Taking courses to increase ability to offload safely – including transfer of liquids and the flaring off that is necessary. The hands-on portion will be the end of March. Also had an overturned tanker in Yellowstone. Soon have capability to handle these incidents.

Rich said it goes back to Tier II Reports – they don't tell us how many tankers are coming through our county. He is pushing the state to get us on the list for commodity flow study. Primarily focusing on counties that have interstates, but we are low on the list. It was put on pause for covid but hoping to get one in the next year. We will then have a better idea of what is actually coming through our area.

Moyer – starting WUI (Wildland Urban Interface) field trips this spring. Anyone interested and not on the email list, let him know.

XI. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 9:34

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2021**