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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
(NO QUORUM)**

**FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2001  
GREENE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER  
541 LEDBETTER ROAD – MEDIA ROOM  
XENIA, OHIO 45385**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Robert Bauer - Southwestern Portland Cement  
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.  
Jeffrey Cooper - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency  
(Alt. For James Gross)  
Tim Denger – Greene Co. Sanitary Engineering  
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.  
Robert Gunter – MV Emergency Mgmt. Authority  
Ralph Harper – Greene County Commissioners  
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department  
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning  
Comm.  
(Alt. for Nora Lake)  
Jerry Mahan– OSU Extension – Greene County  
Jim Napier – MV Regional Transit Authority  
Jerry Rapp - A. E. Staley  
Jay Weiskercher - Dayton Area Managers Network  
(Alt. For Bruce Sucher)  
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department

**ALTERNATE WITH MEMBER PRESENT**

Kimberly Mason - Greene Co. Public Works

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Tim Ballard – Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering  
Col. Keith Chandler – WPAFB Bioenvironmental  
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.  
Lester Flohr – Dayton Fire Department

Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County  
Ron Moorefield – Amateur Radio Emergency Services  
Jim Neary - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs  
Fran O'Shaughnessy – American Red Cross- Dayton  
Vicki Pegg – Montgomery Co. Commissioners  
J. Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health  
District  
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters  
David Price - Greene County Fire Chiefs Association  
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical  
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Fine Chemicals, Inc.  
Chris Tumbusch – WPAFB  
Dave Vore - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.  
Nancy Wilson – WHIO-TV, WHIO/WHKO Radio  
Jennifer Wise – Sinclair Community College  
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

**NONMEMBERS PRESENT**

Raymond Baker – WPAFB  
Gladys Bell – Montgomery County Risk Management  
Dennis Bristow – Regional Haz/Mat Coordinator  
Maj. William Gooden – WPAFB Bioenvironmental  
Beth Johnson – MVRPC  
Scott Snider - MVRPC

I. **Call to Order:** Ms. Winchester called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. She noted a quorum was not present, therefore no official action could be taken at the meeting.

II. **Introductions:** Ms. Winchester asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

III. **Annual Exercise:** Mr. Bristow reported the annual required exercise was held on June 9 at the Dayton International Airport. It involved a mass casualty drill. There will be a full-scale weapons of mass destruction exercise on August 17 at the University of Dayton Arena. The Department of Justice will run and evaluate the exercise. The purpose of the exercise is to demonstrate what the Dayton area has accomplished with the grants received related to response preparedness regarding weapons of mass destruction.

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**IV. Weapons of Mass Destruction:** Mr. Bristow showed the group the ADP-2000, an instrument purchased to detect nerve agents, blistering agents, and riot control/irritant agents. The device is valuable in reducing time in identifying agents, including eliminating the usual 1 – 1 1/2 hour wait for lab testing. He also showed the group a Photo Ionization Detector that detects quantities in parts-per-billion. A third purchase has been a pop-up shelter for decontamination. The shelter allows the response team to have a controlled environment on-site and to prevent hypothermia in patients during the decontamination process. Mr. Bauer asked how rugged the equipment is. Mr. Bristow said they are “fireman-proof” and can be dropped, as well as exposed to heat and cold.

Ms. Winchester distributed a handout on US Department of Justice training course for public works employees on preparing for and responding to terrorism/weapons of mass destruction. The course will be held October 16-18 and is free of charge. It will be held at Sinclair if there are enough local registrants. We need 30 registrants and 5 have signed up as of now. Ms. Bernitt said there will be a free 8-hour course for hospital and EMS personnel during the last week of August at Kettering and Grandview hospitals.

Mr. Denger said the greatest concern is biological agents, since they are the most difficult to track backwards to a source. He described training where local people are trained to mock the actions of terrorists and infiltrate key facilities in order to test security. He said additional work is needed in this area. He also said terrorist groups have as small as a 30-day turnaround from acquiring to deploying such weapons. There have been a number of alerts in Ohio on biological agents, fortunately most have been hoaxes. Mr. Gunter said Ohio EMA gets alerts about once a week.

**V. Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc noted that from April through July the MGCLERC has submitted its list of first-time filers and the January 1 - June 30 fiscal report to SERC, as well as answered five information requests from the public. Compliance activity consisted of research on facilities that have stopped reporting in preparation of a compliance sweep later this year.

The 2001 LEPC Conference will be held on September 26, the last day of the Inland Spills Conference, at the Kings Island Resort Conference Center. Mr. LeBlanc noted it is free and registration forms are available at the meeting. The revised SERC reporting procedures and fees will be in effect January 1, 2002. Service stations will report to BUSTR and Oil & Gas Producers will report to ODNR. Fees will increase for all non-service station facilities. The Ohio EPA is working with USEPA to create an electronic filing capability that will also be compatible with the new CAMEO release. Michigan already has electronic filing. The SERC is also looking into the possibility of conducting compliance workshops around the state to educate the regulated community about the new fees and filing rules.

Mr. LeBlanc noted the Ohio exercise rules have changed. The 4-year cycle remains and one full-scale exercise will still be required within that 4-year cycle. Designation of certain objectives as “core” objectives has been discontinued, as well as the requirement to exercise with an EHS chemical or EHS facility. Failure to complete all requirements within the 4-year cycle

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will result in an LEPC losing all its 4<sup>th</sup> year funds.

The MGCLERC Executive Committee discussed upgrading the training section of the MGCLERC web site. Mr. LeBlanc noted much of the schedule and descriptive information on training presented at the meeting today could easily be viewed on the web site.

**VII. Hospital Haz/Mat Preparation:** Ms. Bernitt gave a presentation on the status of haz/mat preparedness regarding area hospitals. She noted the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) Disaster Planning Task Force supported the idea of regional hazardous material medical treatment facilities (Regional Haz-Mat Hospitals – RHMHS) back in 1991. The RHMHS were to be designed according to geographic location, area risk, and interest. Levels designate the number of supine contaminated patients that can be treated, simultaneously and over time, as well as walk-ins. Level 1 designates hospitals that can treat the highest number of injured, contaminated patients.

Miami Valley Hospital is the “Level 1” RHMHS in the area. Good Samaritan Hospital, a “Level 2,” is the backup primary for Miami Valley Hospital. Miami Valley Hospital is in a higher risk area with its proximity to I-75, US 35, and industrial areas, thus the need for a backup. Children’s Medical Center, Grandview Hospital, Sycamore Hospital, Southview Hospital, and Greene Memorial Hospital are all “Level 2.” Kettering Medical Center is “Level 3” and prepared for walk-ins. The GDAHA Task Force also worked with hospitals in 6 other counties in the Miami Valley in forming the preparedness plan.

**VIII. Adjourn:** Ms. Winchester adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

**IX. SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION – Dayton Regional Haz/Mat Pop-Up Shelters for Decontamination:** After the meeting, Mr. Bristow and members of the Dayton Regional Haz/Mat Response Team demonstrated the new pop-up shelters for decontamination in the parking lot at the meeting location.

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