

MONTGOMERY/GREENE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1999
MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
40 WEST FOURTH CENTRE - 3rd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
DAYTON, OHIO 45402

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Ballard - Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
Robert Bauer - Southwestern Portland Cement
Gary Caprarotta - MV Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Cynette Cavaliere - General Motors Corporation
Tammi Clements – Dayton Water Department
(Alt. For Donna Winchester)
Michael Dickey - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.
Barry Holbrook - Dayton Fire Department
Ron Moorefield - Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Ed Kovar - Miami Valley Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Nora Lake)
Kimberly Mason - Greene Co. Public Works
(Alt. For Tim Denger)
J. Michael Phillips - Mont. Co. Comb. Health District
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters
(Alt. For Carol Winslow)
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief's Association
Jerry L. Rapp - A. E. Staley
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Tim Ryerson – American Red Cross – Greene Co.
Otis Stanaford - MV Regional Transit Authority
Chris Tumbusch - WPAFB

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gerald Alcorn - Mont. Co. Fire Chiefs
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.
T. Shawn Campbell – Greene County Commissioners
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Chris Foster - Cargill, Inc.
James Gross - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Jerry Mahan – OSU Extension - Greene County
Jane O'Dell – Greene County Health Department
Kerry Onyett - American Red Cross - Dayton Area
Vicki Pegg - Montgomery Co. Commissioners
Ned Pennock - Miami Conservancy District
Billy Ring - Dayton Regional Haz/Mat
Aaron Smith - Quality Chemicals
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Network
Nancy Wilson - WHIO/WHKO Radio
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

ALTERNATES PRESENT (MEMBER PRESENT)

Ernie Hudson - Amateur Radio Emergency Services

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Brown - HELPLINK
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Scott Glum - MVRPC
Horton Hobbs IV, MVRPC
Bob Johnson, Emery Worldwide
Camille Lewis, HELPLINK

- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Price called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. He noted a quorum was present.
- II. **Introductions:** Mr. Price asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

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III. Special Presentation: Mr. Caprarotta introduced Mr. Bruce Brown, Operations Manager for HELPLINK information and referral service. Mr. Brown stated HELPLINK has been in existence for 36 years. Its two core elements are a database of services and linking people to help services. There is a 24-hour telephone line for referral services. An appropriate referral is given after an assessment is conducted. The HELPLINK database consists of all non-profit health and human service agencies and government agencies within Montgomery, Greene, and Preble Counties. HELPLINK has a directory of Community Services and acts as after-hours answering service for other agencies. They also provide client advocacy. HELPLINK data is comparable to a "Dewey Decimal System" of human services. HELPLINK is also tied into the NERIN (National Response Information Network) formed in 1996. The NERIN website is www.cdd.sc.edu/4nerin.

During a disaster, HELPLINK provides information different from what first responders are asked. In the event of a chemical spill, HELPLINK would not be at the disaster site, but focus on the recovery stage. In 1998, HELPLINK received 67,000 total calls, of which 38,000 were disaster calls. HELPLINK will also participate in exercises. Mr. Hudson asked if HELPLINK has a way to feed information into TV stations. Mr. Brown said they are working with the media so people will be more aware of HELPLINK services when a disaster occurs. Mr. Caprarotta asked if agencies contact HELPLINK for assistance. Mr. Brown said HELPLINK is not recognized as a response helper yet. Mr. Caprarotta thanked Mr. Brown for the presentation.

IV. Approval of October 30, 1998 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Cavaliere moved, seconded by Mr. Holbrook, that the minutes of the October 30, 1999 quarterly meeting be approved with the noted spelling correction to Ms. Cavaliere's name. The motion was unanimously approved. (20-0-0)

V. Service Agreement With MVRPC and MVEMA: Mr. LeBlanc noted proposed Resolution #1999-01 authorized the MGCLERC Chair to enter into an agreement with MVRPC and MVEMA to provide staff support services to the MGCLERC. Mr. LeBlanc noted the agreement formalizes the support services as required by the State Auditor's office. The formalization is necessary due to the use of the SERC annual grant to pay for such services. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Lane, that Resolution #1999-01 be approved as submitted. Resolution #1999-01 was approved unanimously with Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Kovar abstaining. (18-0-2)

VI. Allocation of SERC Grant and HMEP Grant Awards: Mr. LeBlanc explained that MGCLERC has received \$49,517 for its 1998 SERC Grant and \$6,681 for HMEP reimbursement. The SERC grant is to be divided 65% to MVRPC and 35% to MVEMA after \$2,178 is withheld for the required training allocation. The HMEP award is to be divided 50% to MVRPC and 50% to MVEMA for work completed in the railroad haz/mat study and the hazards analysis completed in 1998. The total disbursement to MVRPC would be \$34,111 and the total disbursement to MVEMA would be \$19,910. Ms. Cavaliere asked if the basic requirements could be accomplished with the

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reduction in funding that would result from the proposed retail gasoline station exemption. Mr. LeBlanc said more volunteer help would be needed, as was the case prior to amendment of the Ohio EPCRA law to insert a funding mechanism. Ohio places ten requirements on LEPCs to receive funding through the SERC grant. Ms. Cavaliere moved to approve Resolution #1999-02 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Bauer. Resolution #1999-02 was unanimously approved with Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Kovar abstaining. (18-0-2)

VII. **1999 SERC Grant Application:** Mr. LeBlanc said Resolution #1999-03 authorizes submission of the 1999 SERC grant application, requesting \$89,300. Proposed activities for 1999 include receiving and processing facility reports, maintaining a database of report information, updating the chemical emergency response preparedness plan, update hazards analyses, finish a pipeline commodity flow study, exercise the plan, fulfill public information requests, publish an LEPC newsletter, and participate in public awareness events. Planned training activities include risk management plans, public officials awareness, facility compliance, LEPC member workshop, and a regional haz/mat team workshop. Mr. Holbrook moved, seconded by Mr. Moorefield, that Resolution #1999-03 be approved as submitted. Resolution #1999-03 was unanimously approved. (20-0-0)

VIII. **Election of Officers:** Mr. Price noted Mr. Kovar, as MGCLERC Vice Chair, will rotate into the position of MGCLERC Chair as stated by the MGCLERC ByLaws. He reported that the MGCLERC Executive Committee recommends Mr. Dickey be nominated for MGCLERC Vice-Chair for 1999. Mr. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Caprarotta that Mr. Dickey be nominated for Vice Chair. Motion unanimously approved. (20-0-0) Mr. Bauer moved the nominations be closed and Mr. Dickey be elected Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Kovar. Motion unanimously approved. (20-0-0) Mr. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Mr. Caprarotta, that Mr. Bauer continue as MGCLERC Secretary. Motion unanimously approved. (20-0-0)

IX. **Appointment of Coordinators:** Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Holbrook, that Mr. LeBlanc continue as MGCLERC Information Coordinator and Mr. Ring continue as MGCLERC Community Emergency Coordinator. Motion unanimously approved. (20-0-0)

X. **Compliance/Enforcement Committee:** Mr. Kovar, as MGCLERC Chair, appointed Mr. Caprarotta as Chair of the Compliance/Enforcement Committee. The committee is currently checking into late filings by a number of facilities and why some facilities have stopped reporting to MGCLERC.

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XI. **SERC Report:** Mr. LeBlanc said the USEPA has established a tentative effective date of March 1 for the proposed Federal exemption for retail gasoline service stations. He said the State Emergency Response Commission has proposed not to change Ohio's rules to allow the exemption. The primary reason is that the BUSTR program is not seen as a suitable source of emergency response information required under the EPCRA program. BUSTR does not require annual inventory reports, an emergency contact name, or a site map. There will be a public hearing on February 26 at Ohio EMA. The proposed rules will go to JCARR in March. Local JCARR members include Rep. Donald Mottley, Rep. Dixie Allen, and Sen. M. Grace Kearns.

XII. **New Business:** Mr. LeBlanc reported that Risk Management Plans required under Section 112r of the Clean Air Act are to be completed by June 20, 1999. MGCLERC is trying to get a local workshop organized by spring. Mr. Caprarotta made a presentation to a number of local land use planners at the Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop on December 4. The presentation illustrated the relationship between SARA Title III information and land use decisions made by local planning staff and boards. The presentation was received well.

Mr. Hudson asked what the impact would be if the City of Dayton discontinued its siren warning system. Mr. Kovar said other notification methods exist and an evaluation would be needed to make any final determination. A public relations campaign would be needed to inform citizens how they would be notified in lieu of the sirens. Mr. Caprarotta said Greene County is considering purchasing an emergency activation system. Montgomery County has EAS receivers that will be installed and tested in February. Mr. Hudson said temporary warning sirens are in place for the Valleycrest Landfill remediation project.

Mr. Caprarotta said the Terrorism Committee members are Tim Marcus from DOE, Mike Phillips from the Montgomery County Combined Health District, Greg Carter from Kettering Medical Center, Patricia Bernitt from Greater Dayton Hospital Association, Jim Stevens from the Veterans Center, Bob Bauer from the industry sector, and Kerry Onyett from American Red Cross. Representatives are still needed from WPAFB, and the fire and law sectors. A number of plans have been obtained.

Mr. Kovar noted the Y2K issue is stirring more interest. Members of the MGCLERC need to look at how they might be affected. Notification systems must be looked at. He will provide an update on Y2K compliance at the next meeting. Mr. Caprarotta said the Governor has requested local jurisdictions to open up their EOCs around critical dates. Mr. Kovar said telephone and banking sectors have been the first to tackle the issue.

The Executive Committee is recommending a Y2K exercise involving haz/mat response be conducted before the end of the year. Washington Township and the City of Centerville may be interested in participating. Mr. Caprarotta will pursue the interest. Mr. LeBlanc noted a pipeline study is underway. The location pipelines and the materials shipped are being studied. A hazard analysis similar to the highway and rail studies will be conducted.

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Mr. LeBlanc said Ms. Bernitt was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to provide an update to the proposed consolidation of poison control centers. All such work has been cancelled in 1998. The proposal would have been funded by all hospitals in the state and provided the service at a reduced cost to the Dayton area. The Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association has successfully negotiated with the Central Ohio Poison Center in Columbus for services in 1999. Alternate funding options are being studied.

Mr. Kovar expressed thanks to Dave Price for his work as MGCLERC Chair during 1998. Mr. LeBlanc introduced Horton Hobbs, a new planner with MVRPC who will assist with MGCLERC duties.

XIII. **Adjourn:** Mr. Lane moved, seconded by Mr. Caprarotta, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 a.m. Motion unanimously passed 20-0-0.