

MONTGOMERY/GREENE COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999
OSU EXTENSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE
1001 SOUTH MAIN STREET
DAYTON, OHIO 45402

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Ballard - Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
Robert Bauer - Southwestern Portland Cement
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.
Gary Caprarotta - MV Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Cynette Cavaliere - General Motors Corporation
Tammi Clements – Dayton Water Department
(Alt. For Donna Winchester)
Jeff Cooper - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
(Alt. For Jim Gross)
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Michael Dickey - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.
Ron Moorefield - Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Ed Kovar - Miami Valley Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
Jim Lawrence - MV Regional Transit Authority
(Alt. For Otis Stanaford)
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Nora Lake)
Kimberly Mason - Greene Co. Public Works
(Alt. For Tim Denger)
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters
(Alt. For Carol Winslow)
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief's Association
Jerry L. Rapp - A. E. Staley
John Schlomer - Montgomery Co. Commissioners
(Alt. For Vicki Pegg)
Aaron Smith - Quality Chemicals
Andrew Steele - Dayton Fire Department
(Alt. For Barry Holbrook)
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Network
Chris Tumbusch - WPAFB
Nancy Wilson - WHIO/WHKO Radio
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gerald Alcorn - Mont. Co. Fire Chiefs
T. Shawn Campbell – Greene County Commissioners
Jerry Mahan – OSU Extension - Greene County
Jane O'Dell – Greene County Health Department
Kerry Onyett - American Red Cross - Dayton Area
Ned Pennock - Miami Conservancy District
J. Michael Phillips - Mont. Co. Comb. Health District
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
Billy Ring - Dayton Regional Haz/Mat

ALTERNATES PRESENT (MEMBER PRESENT)

Ernie Hudson - Amateur Radio Emergency Services

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Aukerman – MVRPC
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Scott Glum – MVRPC
Chuck Haught – City of Moraine
Horton Hobbs IV, MVRPC
Norbert Klopsch – City of Oakwood
Mike Kraft – Perry Township
Michael Nugent – American Red Cross Greene County
Mary Lou Pence – City of Centerville
Tim Ryerson – American Red Cross – Greene Co.
Steve Weaver – City of Centerville
Jennifer Wise – Sinclair Community College

I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Kovar called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. He noted a quorum was present.

II. **Introductions:** Mr. Kovar asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.

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III. **Approval of January 29, 1999 Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Sucher moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey, that the minutes of the January 29, 1999 quarterly meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved. (25-0-0)

IV. **Allocation of HMEP Supplemental Grant Award:** Mr. LeBlanc explained that MGCLERC has received \$3,271 as a supplement to its 1998 HMEP reimbursement. 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 supplemental disbursement would be \$1,635 to MVRPC and \$1,636 to MVEMA. Mr. Sucher moved to approve Resolution #1999-04 as submitted, seconded by Ms. Mason. Resolution #1999-02 was unanimously approved with Mr. LeBlanc, Mr. Caprarotta, and Mr. Kovar abstaining. (22-0-3)

VII. **Retail Gasoline Station Exemption Update:** Mr. LeBlanc reported that the Ohio Legislature's Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) wanted further review of the refusal by the SERC to amend Ohio's rules to exempt retail gasoline stations from reporting under SARA Title III. The SERC and other stakeholders were to get together and work out a compromise in 1999. The first meeting of the group resulted in agreement that the BUSTR, SARA, Ohio EPA Air Permit, and PUSTRCB forms should be combined into one reporting form for gasoline stations, thus reducing paperwork. The SERC fee is only 6% of the total fees paid by service stations under the four above-mentioned programs. The next meeting will be in May.

VIII. **Compliance/Enforcement Committee:** Mr. Caprarotta reported the committee has concluded its action on all violations in 1997 reporting. Most of the fines have been paid and two have been referred to the County Prosecutor. Only nine facilities filed late in 1999, an improvement over the 1998 rate. The number of facilities reporting EHS has dropped by 24 and the committee will be looking into why. The committee will also be looking at compliance on the required 30-day follow-up report for releases.

IX. **Exercise Report:** Mr. Caprarotta noted there will be two exercises this summer to fulfill MGCLERC's exercise requirement. The City of Centerville will be hosting a Y2K tabletop exercise involving haz/mat on June 3. On July 2, an EOC course will be held at the Greene County Library, followed by a tabletop exercise with the City of Xenia.

X. **Terrorism Committee Update:** Mr. Caprarotta reported that the Terrorism Committee is developing a needs assessment. It is looking at the capability we think we have, identifying generic types of potential terrorist targets, and examining the roles and responsibilities of various agencies. The group still needs a law enforcement representative, as well as US Marshall and FBI representatives.

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XI. Information Coordinator Report: Mr. LeBlanc said Risk Management Plans required under Section 112r of the Clean Air Act are to be completed by June 20, 1999. MGCLERC hosted one of the two state workshops in Risk Management Plans on March 25. The City of Cincinnati is holding four workshops for the public through the spring. The Alliance for Chemical Safety will have its "rollout" on June 3 at the American Red Cross office in Blue Ash. Mr. LeBlanc has copies of some of the handouts.

All MGCLERC membership positions will be appointed by the SERC in August. Forms have been sent to all members requesting information on any membership changes. The forms are to be returned by May 21 so a recommended list can be sent to the Montgomery and Greene County Boards of County Commissioners for approval prior to sending the list to the SERC.

Cedarville Township has indicated that Cleveland State University has exhausted its training money and is now charging for classes. The Cedarville Township Fire Chief scheduled a Haz/Mat Operations Class and an Incident Command Class before being notified of the depletion of funds. He is requesting the MGCLERC reimburse Cedarville Township for at least one of the classes. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Dickey, that authorization be approved for funding one of the Cedarville Township Fire Department classes with the condition that any unfilled seats be opened up to other fire departments in the MGCLERC emergency planning district. Motion Unanimously approved (25-0-0)

Mr. LeBlanc noted MVRPC has a web site operating and Ms. Lake has given permission for MGCLERC to be included. He reported Florida LEPCs are attached to regional planning commission web sites. The LEPC annual conference will be held in Columbus on August 12. The TRANSCAER Safety Train will be in Cleveland on October 7 and Columbus on October 8. A bulk-to-distribution transfer haz/mat exercise will be held. The bug in MGCLERC's CAMEO database has been fixed. Mr. LeBlanc introduced Mr. Glum, Mr. Hobbs, and Mr. Aukerman, who have done a lot of the work behind the scenes. Finally, Mr. LeBlanc noted Ohio EPA has reorganized its staff support to the SERC and SARA Title III. Ken Schultz has been transferred to the Central Ohio EPA District Office and will not be providing staff support to the SERC. Mr. LeBlanc noted Mr. Schultz has been the key person in making Ohio's Right-to-Know program one of the most active in the nation.

XII. Adjourn: Mr. Lane moved, seconded by Mr. Caprarotta, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:28 a.m. Motion unanimously passed 25-0-0.

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XIII. **Special Presentation:** Scott Hammond, Director of Water Quality Planning at MVRPC, introduced the participants and presented background on the Lower Great Miami Enhancement Program. One of the aims of the program is to educate local officials on improving emergency response involving releases affecting waterways within the drainage basin of the Great Miami River.

Mr. Caprarotta, Deputy Director of MVEMA, explained the Miami Valley Emergency Operations Plan. He noted local officials can help the response process by participating in exercises, developing a release response plan, participate in Haz/Mat training, and having good drainage pattern maps. Mr. Farmer, Emergency Response Coordinator at Ohio EPA, said Ohio EPA emphasis is on environmental quality. Their response is aided tremendously by good maps of storm drains and someone who knows the drainage system. They need to know what facilities have sites draining into the system and the hydraulics of the waterways. Ohio EPA does not “clean up the release.” They coordinate the response with an emphasis on maintaining environmental quality.

Ms. Clements concluded the presentation by explaining what the City of Dayton has done to improve response to haz/mat releases involving waterways and storm drainage systems. Dayton has worked hard to improve release response because its water supply is a groundwater source under the influence of storm water. The City has seven drainage areas and 313 outfalls. They keep abreast of releases by routine visual inspections, dry weather monitoring, receiving notification from Haz/Mat and Ohio EPA, and receiving complaints. Their spill response tools are MSDS, a storm sewer atlas, a camera, sampling equipment, clean-up equipment, and safety equipment. They have a joint effort philosophy that emphasizes “the more that know how to respond, the better off they are.” The information they try to give to responders includes: location; substance; medium affected; whether public or private land is affected; and the responsible party.