

MONTGOMERY/GREENE COUNTY  
LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 1995**

**GREENE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER - MEDIA ROOM  
541 LEDBETTER ROAD  
XENIA, OHIO 45385  
8:30 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeana Bailey - American Red Cross, Greene County  
Robert Bauer - Retired  
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association  
Amy Radachu - Thompson, Hine & Flory  
(Alt. For Wray Blattner)  
Delmer Bone - Greene County Commission  
Gary Caprarotta - Miami Valley Emergency Management  
Michael Dickey - Mont. Co. Police Chiefs Association  
Nancy Glidden - United Way of Greater Dayton  
Otis Stanaford - Regional Transit Authority  
(Alt. For John Grigsby)  
Donna Gorby Lee - Dayton Water Department  
(Alt. For Douglas Hall)  
Kurt Rinehart - Miami Conservancy District  
(Alt. For Douglas Johnson)  
Ed Kovar - Miami Valley Emergency Management Agency  
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission  
(Alt. For Nora Lake)  
Pete Lane - Montgomery County Agricultural Extension  
Gerald Mahan - Greene County Agricultural Extension  
Dennis McCloskey - Dayton Fire Department  
Clare Mendelsohn - Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
(Alt. For Michael Merker)  
Ernie Hudson - Amateur Radio Emergency Services  
(Alt. For Ron Moorefield)  
Dennis Nagel - Buckeye Countrymark  
J. Michael Phillips - Montgomery County Health District  
Mary Porter - Greene Memorial Hospital/HERO  
David Price - Greene County Fire Chiefs Association  
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical Environmental Sciences  
(Alt. for John Purvis)  
Janice Richards - Cargill, Inc.  
Thomas Scrivens - Greene County Combined Health District  
Stephanie Smith - Montgomery County  
Robert Sponseller - Greene County Fire-at-Large  
Richard Webster - General Motors

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Gerald Alcorn - Mont. Co. Fire Chiefs Association  
Daniel Bever - Mont. Co. Engineers Office  
Vern Copeland - Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering  
Timothy Denger - Greene Co. Sanitary Engineering  
Martha Dunsky - WDTN- Channel 2  
James Gross - Regional Air Pollution Control  
Stewart Hacker - Sierra Club - Tecumseh Council  
Gary Heeg - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assoc.  
Mike Kamp - American Red Cross, Dayton Area  
Rita Krasnonski - E G & G Mound  
Sandra Kulik - University of Dayton  
Curtis Nielson, Jr. - Quality Chemicals, Inc.  
Bill Pearson - Dayton Priority Boards  
Jane Forrest Robin - Ohio Citizen Action  
Marian Simmons - League of Women Voters  
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Association  
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Trustees Assoc.

**NONMEMBERS PRESENT**

Jan DeVeny - Montgomery County Health District  
Karinlee Knoller - Woolpert  
YashPaul Saini - Quality Chemicals, Inc.  
John B. Schlomer - Mont. Co. Bd. of Commissioners  
Rosalie Wallenhaupt - City of Dayton Risk Management

I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Bone, MGCLERC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m. Mr. Bone noted a quorum was present.

II. **Introductions:** Mr. Bone asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves.  
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III. **Approval of April 28, 1995 Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Webster moved, seconded by Mr. Bauer, that the minutes of the April 28, 1995 quarterly meeting be approved as written. The motion was unanimously approved 28-0-0.

IV. **Proposed By-Laws Amendment:** Ken LeBlanc explained the proposed amendments to the MGCLERC By-Laws regarding participation in the MGCLERC by both Boards of County Commissioners, the rotation of the Chairperson position, and the composition of the Executive Subcommittee. He indicated that at the last meeting it was moved that these proposed By-Laws Amendments be presented for a vote at the July meeting. This change will be reflected in the membership for the next term and will be effective August 9, 1995. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Kovar that the By-Laws Amendments be adopted. The vote was unanimous 28-0-0. Mr. Bone noted the vote reflected the necessary 60% approval for ByLaws changes.

V. **Subcommittee Reports:**

**Executive Subcommittee:** Mr. Bone announced that the membership lists have been approved by the County Commissioners and will be forwarded to SERC for final approval on August 9, 1995. The membership has been reduced from 46 to 40.

**Compliance/Enforcement Subcommittee:** Mr. Kovar reported that the Compliance/Enforcement Subcommittee has been meeting regularly. They have been putting the final touches on the inspection form. They have revised the notification form that the County Sheriff's Office dispatchers fill out when receiving a release report from a facility. Mr. Kovar stressed that is the responsibility of the facility to make this report and not the responsibility of local fire departments. The Subcommittee has approved identification cards that will be used by the inspection team when entering a facility. The inspection team will consist primarily of Ed Kovar, Gary Caprarotta, and Jeff Adams of the Montgomery County Health District. These individuals have enforcement backgrounds and will be taking additional OSHA courses later in the year. Appleton Paper received a new scrubber on July 15, so releases that have been occurring since the beginning of the year should soon cease. The Subcommittee is prioritizing cases relating to violations and will be sending out warning letters the beginning of August. There are 10 facilities that failed to send in hazard analysis information. There are 17 facilities that failed to identify their representative/emergency coordinator to MGCLERC. The Compliance/Enforcement Subcommittee will be making a report to the Executive Committee concerning a budget. The first expense will be the certified costs for mailing the warning letters.

**Training Subcommittee:** Ms. Porter reported that the Training Subcommittee had not been meeting as regularly since the last MGCLERC meeting. The Subcommittee worked with Mr. LeBlanc to file the paperwork necessary for the return of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act grant funds. Only \$2,382 of the \$2,978 available to MGCLERC was requested by local fire departments. On June 30, a request came in to MGCLERC for reimbursement in the amount of \$1,800 for some training done early in 1995. There was inadequate time for the necessary paperwork to submit the

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request on time to SERC. Ms. Porter stressed that it is important that information for training is submitted at the time the training occurs to insure reimbursement. The Training Subcommittee has been trying to encourage more representation from the Hazardous Materials Team. Ms. Porter attended a Hazardous Materials Training Committee meeting to request additional representation from that group.

**Emergency Planning Subcommittee:** Mr. Price announced that fire chiefs are beginning to use Hazard Analysis. He has received positive feedback from Greene County.

**Exercise Subcommittee:** Chief Sponseller announced that the table-top exercise was conducted on June 1, 1995, in accordance with SERC requirements. The exercise involved a chlorine release at the Wright State University water treatment facility. The scenario included injuries and a plume heading for both a day care center and the Wright State University Campus. Key players included Chief Sponseller and Gary Caprarotta. Twenty-three people participated and/or observed, including State and local evaluators, Wright State University Division of Environmental Health and Safety, Wright State University Public Safety Department, Xenia and Fairborn officials. There were four phases: (1) Evaluation of response to incident by Wright State personnel; (2) Response portion, including the fire department and other agencies involved in supporting Wright State; (3) The EOC portion involving the Fairborn Emergency Operation Center staff; and (4) Post Incident Evaluation where comments were exchanged. The exercise and evaluation were completed by approximately 4:30 p.m. Copies of the State Evaluator's Report were made available at the meeting. The exercise went very well, and the maximum possible points were awarded.

VI. **Community Emergency Coordinator Report:** Mr. Kovar stated the Dayton Regional Haz/Mat Coordinator position has not yet been filled. That individual also fills in as the MGCLERC Community Emergency Coordinator. The Regional Haz/Mat search committee has been reviewing resumes and has now narrowed it down to 8-10 candidates. They will begin interviews and hope to have someone employed before the end of August. Mr. Dickey asked who funds the Haz/Mat Coordinator position. Mr. Kovar said the funds come from the Regional Haz/Mat per capita fee and the Coordinator is employed by the Miami Valley Emergency Management Authority.

Since the last meeting, there have been three releases that fell into the Title III category: (1) Anhydrous Ammonia in Washington Township; (2) Oil Spill into Wolf Creek; and (3) broken glass panes storing mineral oil and Cobalt 60 radiation during excavation at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Ms. Mendelsohn from Wright Patterson Air Force Base reported that the liquid between the glass panes was a solution of zinc bromide and mineral oil. There was no evidence it contained any radioactive material, but it is used as a shield against radiation. She will gather additional information and report to Mr. Kovar.

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VII. **Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc announced that approximately 1,400 facilities have reported to MGCLERC. Over the next three months they expect to make some changes in the database and the way things are filed because the new Cameo Windows software is expected to be out soon. They plan to review the fields in the database with the fire departments using Cameo to make sure that the fields between the databases are interchangeable. They have also been working on the MVRPC mapping system identifying all SARA facility locations. In May they conducted a cross check with all fire departments listing all facilities in their jurisdiction. It was sent out the fire chiefs and some responses have been received.

Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. Caprarotta finished up the sections required for the MGCLERC Chemical Emergency Response Plan update due on June 30. They sent a survey out last year to nursing homes and day care centers. About 50% have responded. Also, letters were sent to all facilities failing to name an emergency response coordinator. Of the 54 letters sent out, 30 have responded. The remaining 24 will receive a letter from the Compliance/Enforcement Subcommittee, as discussed earlier by Mr. Kovar.

The State Emergency Response Commission has been trying to help the local committees in the State improve their ability to fulfill their requirements under SARA Title III. There will be a LEPC handbook made available. The SERC will also have a video and speakers bureau. The MGCLERC looks like it will receive about the same size grant from the State, according to the new funding formula. Mr. LeBlanc reviewed a variance request submitted to SERC from Cuyahoga County requesting all facilities to report inventories of Cobalt 60. The SERC ordered one facility with Cobalt 60 to participate in Cuyahoga County LEPC's plan, but denied the request for reporting by all facilities with Cobalt 60. A number of LEPCs throughout the State have been receiving money but not meeting regularly nor spending the funds on writing a plan, exercising their plan, and conducting a compliance program. As a result, the SERC will be conducting audits of LEPCs. The MGCLERC Executive Subcommittee supports the audits.

IX. **New Business:** Ms. Bernitt from the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association gave a report on the Ohio Poison Control Center. In the first six months of 1995, there were 6,350 calls from Montgomery County and 864 calls from Greene County to the Center. The Center is staffed by Children's Hospital and a pharmacy in Columbus.

Mr. Mahan from the Greene County Agricultural Extension Office announced that the Ohio Department of Agriculture is organizing a pesticide collection for farmers in November. They plan to have two or three collection sites in southwestern Ohio. Commercial businesses will not be permitted to participate, only farmers. Farmers are defined as someone who produces food or fiber. The Ohio Department of Agriculture contracts with a company to handle disposal of the products. Mr. Mahan will provide Mr. LeBlanc with collection locations to make sure that locations are not near sensitive facilities.

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A minor irritant release inside the Englewood Meijer's store was discussed.

X. **Other Business:** None.

XI. **Next Meeting:** It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 1995 at 8:30 a.m. at the MVRPC offices.

XII. **Adjourn:** Mr. Phillips moved, seconded by Mr. Kovar, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:29 a.m. Motion unanimously passed 28-0-0.