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LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2000
MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM – 40 WEST FOURTH CENTRE
DAYTON, OHIO 45402

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Bauer - Southwestern Portland Cement
Patricia Bernitt - Greater Dayton Area Hospital Assn.
Cynette Cavaliere - General Motors/DELPHI
James Gross - Reg. Air Pollution Control Agency
Ernie Hudson - Amateur Radio Emergency Services
(Alt. For Ron Moorefield)
Ed Kovar - Miami Valley Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Ken LeBlanc - Miami Valley Regional Planning Comm.
(Alt. for Nora Lake)
Jim Lawrence - MV Regional Transit Authority
(Alt. For Otis Stanaford)
Jim Neary - Montgomery Co. Fire Chiefs
Fran O'Shaughnessy – American Red Cross- Dayton
J. Michael Phillips - Mont. Co. Comb. Health District
Gavine Pitner - League of Women Voters
Jerry Rapp - A. E. Staley
Tim Reichard - Ashland Chemical
John Schlomer - Montgomery Co. Commissioners
(Alt. For Vicki Pegg)
Joe Spitler - Montgomery Co. Police Chiefs Assn.
(Alt. For Dave Vore)
Andrew Steele - Dayton Fire Department
(Alt. For Lester Flohr)
Chris Tumbusch - WPAFB
Donna Winchester – Dayton Water Department
Jennifer Wise – Sinclair Community College
Doug Zink - Montgomery County Township Assn.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tim Ballard - Mont. Co. Sanitary Engineering
T. Shawn Campbell – Greene County Commissioners
Gary Caprarotta - MV Emergency Mgmt. Authority
Col. Keith Chandler – WPAFB Bioenvironmental
Tim Denger - Greene Co. Public Works
Jeffrey DeVoe - Greene Co. Law Enforcement Assn.
Angie Duvall – Cargill, Inc.
Beth Lackey – Greene Co. Health Department.
Pete Lane - OSU Extension – Montgomery County
Jerry Mahan– OSU Extension – Greene County
J. Michael Phillips – Mont. Co. Combined Health
District
David Price - Greene County Fire Chief's Association
Billy Ring - Dayton Regional Haz/Mat
Aaron Smith – ChemFirst Fine Chemicals, Inc.
Bruce Sucher - Dayton Area Managers Network
Loretta Williams – American Red Cross – Greene Co.
Nancy Wilson - WHIO/WHKO Radio

NONMEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Glum - MVRPC
Horton Hobbs IV - MVRPC
Nancy McDonald – Appleton Papers, Inc.
Phil Mielke - MVRPC
Glenn Smith - Chemical Services

I. **Call to Order:** Ms. Bernitt called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. She noted a quorum was present.

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

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III. Approval of July 28, 2000 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Gross moved, seconded by Mr. Neary, that the minutes of the July 28, 2000 quarterly meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved (21-0-0).

IV. FFY 2001 HMEP Grant Submission: Mr. LeBlanc noted that the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant is received yearly. He stated that he and Mr. Caprarotta prepared the grant submission. The grant is designated for planning for transportation-related materials, such as truck studies and hazard analyses. Mr. LeBlanc said he expects a 35% increase next year in the grant. Next year, he noted, we will be doing the hazard analyses for the routes surveyed in 2000, transportation risk analysis, mapping upgrade, analysis of transportation-related Haz/Mat incidents, and an update of facility hazard analyses. Mr. LeBlanc stated that the grant will be received next year and must be expended by the end of September 2001.

V. Resolution # 2000-05 Disbursement of SFY 2001 SERC Grant: Mr. LeBlanc noted that the grant received this year was \$48,755, and of that amount, \$46,591 is reserved for the LEPC function and \$2,164 is reserved for fire department training. Mr. LeBlanc explained further that of our 65/35% allocation, MVRPC is allocated \$30,284, while MVEMA receives \$16,307. Mr. Bauer moved, seconded by Mr. Gross, that disbursement of SFY 2001 SERC Grant be approved as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved (19-0-2 – Mr. LeBlanc of MVRPC and Mr. Kovar of MVEMA abstain).

VI. Community Emergency Coordinator Position: Mr. Kovar noted that this position has historically been filled by the Haz/Mat Response Team Coordinator, however, Mr. Ring has submitted his resignation and will be going into private consulting. He stated that MVEMA is going through the process of interviewing and hiring a new Haz/Mat Team Coordinator. He is confident that someone will be named to the position in the next 10 days. He is hopeful to have the person on-board by the second or third week in November. Mr. Kovar said he assumes, with the approval of the SERC and the MGCLERC, that individual would be named to the Community Emergency Coordinator position. Mr. Gross asked if this position would still be full-time. Mr. Kovar acknowledged that the Haz/Mat Board voted it would remain full-time. The only difference might be that it would become a contractual position because of budgetary reasons, but Mr. Kovar noted that this still needs to be worked out. Mr. Gross asked if this person would be employed by MVEMA. Mr. Kovar said that this has been the practice since the inception of the Haz/Mat program. However, a concern with the liability insurance costs associated with the Haz/Mat program has resulted in a re-evaluation of who houses the team.

VII. Compliance/Enforcement Committee Report: Mr. Kovar said that he was not prepared to report on compliance/enforcement, however, Mr. Glum offered to report on behalf of the committee. Mr. Glum stated that there were approximately 21 facilities that filed late (past the March 1 deadline). Each was fined and all have paid. Mr. Glum said the committee was preparing for a compliance sweep of approximately 50 companies that have not filed for a couple of years but are believed to be using hazardous chemicals in reportable quantities.

VIII. Website Report – www.mgclerc.org: Mr. Hobbs said the website is operational and there have been approximately 460 visits to the site to date. He said he was pleased with this number because he anticipated a low number of visits because the intended users are relatively few in

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number. However, Mr. Hobbs explained, the marketing emphasis to this point has been directed toward facilities that report to MGCLERC, but citizenry will be a main target in the months to come.

XI. **Emergency Directory Distribution:** Mr. Hobbs reported that the 1996 Emergency Directory has been updated and has been mailed to members, facilities, emergency responders and the media. The directory contains important non-emergency phone numbers, the name and number of the local chemical treatment hospitals, and chemicals release notification procedures. Mr. Hobbs added that the directory is available on the website as well.

X. **Information Coordinator Report:** Mr. LeBlanc said approximately 700 facilities reported this year to the MGCLERC and 71 were first-time filers. He added that 18 requests for information were processed since the last MGCLERC meeting. In addition, he explained that MGCLERC is exploring the option of converting our existing CAMEO database into Microsoft Access format. He explained that this would alleviate some of the current problems with the current use of CAMEO.

XI. **State Emergency Response Commission Report:** Mr. LeBlanc explained that service stations will report in March 2001, while the following year they will report to BUSTR. This change in reporting will cause an Ohio SERC revenue loss of \$445,000 in 2002. The MGCLERC will lose approximately 25% of funding. The SERC may ask for a general revenue fund addition to the EPA budget, otherwise the state may have to increase reporting fees. Mr. LeBlanc displayed a couple of charts to show how active the State of Ohio has been in funding LEPC.

XII. **Review of MGCLERC By-laws:** Mr. LeBlanc said the State has asked us to review the MGCLERC By-laws. He suggested that a small committee should be formed to review the by-laws. He asked if there was any interest. No interest was shown, therefore Ms. Bernitt will nominate a person at a later time.

XIII. **Review of Fine Distribution Policy:** Mr. LeBlanc explained that MGCLERC adopted a fine distribution policy in 1997. This policy is to be reviewed by the end of 2000. Ms. Wise asked under what authority do inspections occur at facilities. Mr. LeBlanc replied that LEPC's can conduct inspections. Mr. LeBlanc added that fine monies have exclusively been distributed to MGCLERC because they have been the sole party involved in the collection of the fines. For those fines collected by MGCLERC, the following distribution of these monies has been used: MGCLERC: 40%, MVEMA: 35%, Dayton Regional Haz/Mat: 15%, and Other participants: 10%. So far, however, MVRPC and MVEMA have been the only participants in the compliance program. Mr. Bauer motioned to keep the fine distribution the same. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wise. The motion passed unanimously (19-0-2 – Mr. LeBlanc of MVRPC and Mr. Kovar of MVEMA abstain).

XIV. **2000 Haz/Mat Truck Survey:** Mr. LeBlanc explained that the MGCLERC surveyed 12 locations in Montgomery and Greene Counties. Needmore Road and Webster Street locations had the most placard types. Sixty-three percent of all placards viewed were on fuel trucks. The two Stanley Avenue locations had the highest percentage of Haz/Mat. Gasoline was the most

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common Haz/Mat observed, while Hydrochloric Acid was the most frequently observed EHS. The peak time for observed placards was between 11AM and 2PM. Mr. Kovar stated that Transuranic Waste and other low-level radioactive materials will be removed from the Mound over the next 18 months. As a result, there will be increased radiological first response training to the fire and police departments along the major transportation corridors in the region. Additionally, Mr. LeBlanc said that the City of Kettering has offered MGCLERC the use of existing cameras at intersections to assist with Haz/Mat studies.

XV. **Other Business:** Ms. Wise explained that the Senior students at Sinclair are always looking for a required capstone project and suggested that if any facility, or the MGCLERC, had any projects, 10 weeks in length or less, to get in touch with her. Ms. Winchester suggested that MGCLERC should publish an Emergency Responder Book like Clark County's. She added that this might be the kind of project for Ms. Wise's students. In addition, Mr. Schlomer volunteered to be the chair of the nominating committee.

XVI. **Adjourn:** Mr. Gross moved, seconded by Mr. Neary, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:33 a.m. Motion unanimously passed 21-0-0.

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