



March 05, 2009

The monthly meeting of the LEPC was called to order by Ron Perry at 9:00 am. Present were: Robert Markell, Anita Brown, Joe Fiamingo, Ron Perry, Teresa Covey, David Lewis, Al Bunt, Wallace Lester, Nicole Gonzalez, Bea Ramsey, John Beatty, Joe Zapola, Buddy McIntyre, Don Ruckelshausen, Jeff Wilkins, Burton Berry, A.J. Turner, Elizabeth Cortez, Susan Wills, Wayne Click, Heidi Vukasin, Matt Berry, Skip Bolding, Jerry Hunt, Kevin Lassiter, and Sarah Balkey.

The quorum was established.

Call for motion to approve minutes was made by Nicole Gonzalez and seconded by Ron Perry.

**Old business:**

Mr. Swenson will work to finalize the website.

Mr. Perry recently attended the Region 6 LEPC Conference. He spoke of the many organizations represented, such as the National Association of SARA Title III. He also showed the new 2008 copy of the Emergency Response Guide which is available online at: [www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/library/erg).

The EPA site posts the purpose of the LEPC on their website at [www.EPA.gov/region6/LEPC](http://www.EPA.gov/region6/LEPC). Mr. Perry also recommended members to visit the Deer Park LEPC website to see how their program works. It can be viewed at: [www.deerparklepc.org](http://www.deerparklepc.org).

The EPA will be holding a training session at a later date for MARPLOT, CAMEO, and ALOHA software.

The LEPC will check on the copyright and license to use Wally Wise Guy suit and material to teach children about Shelter-In-Place. The LEPC had lost the grant to pay for the materials in the past.

**Agency Reports are listed below:**

**New business:**

Mr. Swenson fixed the LEPC website.

Connor Steel Production's Robert Markell gave a presentation about their company and what kind of products they carry and store. They dispelled rumors about the amount of Styrene Resin that they have out on their property. They carry up to 90,000lbs but it usually maintains a rate of 63,000lbs or 6300gal. He also mentioned that EPA will be there to inspect the company in two weeks. Mr. Markell stated that Connor Steel has a 99% reduction of emissions from their fumes.

Connor Steel Production's Joe Fiamingo talked about the importance of the safety and well-being of all individuals in the company. He also talked about how even though they have a high rate of turnovers in personnel, they are constantly exceeding expectations.

There will be a 100 ICS course conducted next Friday, 13 March, 2009. There will be a 200 ICS course conducted on 20 March, 2009. There will also be a 300 ICS course conducted for City Management officials only. If you want to find out more about the courses, when they are held, and where you can go to attend the course without waiting for an opening here, you can visit the website [www.preparingtexas.com](http://www.preparingtexas.com)

**Announcements:**

The Department Of Homeland Security Conference will be March 23-26 in San Antonio.

On 18 March, 2009, there is Damage Assessment training. If you would like to attend you must register first and then sign up online.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 10:00 am by Chairman Wayne Click.