

February 27, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Matthew Conley-3M

Jason Ziph- Ames Fire

Mary Navratil- Essential Water

Stephen Simpson- ISU EH&S

Chris Perrin- Mary Greeley Medical

Jason Grubbs- SCSO

Keith Morgan- SCEMA

Doug Allen-Ames Fire

James Stevens-Burke Corp

Glenn Goode- Iowa DOT MVE

Clayton Oliver- ISU EH&S

Maria Melendez-Merck

Rawlin Kinney-Syngenta

Melissa Spencer – SCEMA

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Morgan with a welcome and introductions

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Motion by Ziph, 2nd by Goode to approve the August minutes and the February agenda. MCU

Guest Speaker: Jeff Ishmael- Story City Electric Administrator/ Story City Power Plan Incident-Lesson Identified

On July 1, 2019, staff found a 250-gallon day tank of diesel fuel that had leaked an estimated 200 gallons into a floor drain and the storm sewer. The fuel traveled through a drainage ditch and stopped short of the South Skunk River. The city was able to build a berm at the river bank to continue to protect the river from contamination.

Along the route, the storm sewer crossed into a sanitary sewer which lead to the waste water treatment plant becoming contaminated with fuel. The waste water treatment plant was shut down for two weeks due to the fuel killing the “bugs” in the digester. They also had to pump water and sludge into a holding pond for disposal. After the spill was contained, a company inspected the drain with a remote camera in an attempt to identify where the drain met the sanitary sewer. They have not been able to find the location where the systems met.

The utility contracted with Clean Harbors to remove the contaminated water and sludge from the waste water plant and other spill areas. The DNR has been very helpful and no excavation of land was required. Estimated cost to the utility for clean-up will be \$1.3 million dollars when it is complete.

As a result of the spill the utility will be taking the following actions:

- Move any fuel tanks outside of the building and build additional containment.
- Improve operations to prevent releases from getting outside the property.
- Consider any drain a threat and ensure that any drains do not go outside of containment areas.
- Have a separate insurance policy for HAZMAT releases and have a good understanding of the pollution clause.

Old Business:

Business Preparedness Committee

Two years ago, this committee was formed to assist Story County businesses become better prepared for disaster. A needs assessment was conducted which led to a lunch and learn training and a cyber security training. Morgan asked if there are any additional training or planning needs for next year. He also asked if businesses aware of any workshops or trainings that could be brought to Story County. It was suggested to send out a survey to determine needs.

New Business:

Corona Virus Information

There is a link on the SCEMA Facebook page to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) for information on corona virus. The SCEMA will continue to share information with the LEPC and Business Resiliency groups as it become available. There are cases in the United States but not currently in Iowa. It is starting to move beyond China with additional spread in Asia and Italy. Businesses should be prepared for impacts to the supply chain as China is a major manufacturer and importer of good to the US. Businesses should review pandemic plans and address how they will monitor illness rates, how sick employees will be handled, and identify the capability for staff work from home.

Chris Perrin added that there is supposed to be a COVID-19 webinar for businesses next week. He will send the link. The State Hygienic Lab will assist the CDC with testing soon. The World Health Organization and CDC have good messaging. There are still unknowns on the amount of time an individual is contagious and shedding virus.

New Tier II Reporting System

Morgan asked for inputs on the new Tier II reporting system from the DNR. Syngenta reported that it is not as user friendly but he wasn't able to complete training on the system prior to completing their report. The system is not as intuitive to work with. Burke Corp agreed that it is not as intuitive. They had issues with getting container size information to stay in the system. There were also new max amounts for containers in the system.

Training

LEPC has nothing coming up.

Syngenta is looking to collaborate with other businesses for First Aid and CPR training for staff. Perrin added that "Stop the Bleed" training is available to businesses and there are several trainers in Story County. Spencer added that there are hazardous material training grants available from the State but they have to tie back to transportation related issues.

Exercises

The state-wide tornado drill is scheduled for March 25th at 10AM. This is a good time to review your response plans and treat the drill as a real event to test your plans.

On March 11, the SCEMA and Nevada FD are hosting the annual National Weather Service Severe Weather Spotter Class at the Fawcett Pavilion in Nevada at 6PM.

IDNR reported spills

10/18/2019- Car accident on I-35 at 115mm with a saddle tank punctured on a semi. Estimated 40-gallon release

9/29/2019- Car accident on I-35 at 120mm. Semi struck a guardrail and punctured a saddle tank. Estimated 50 gallons release with an unknown amount of fuel going onto Bear Creek.

08/14/2019-Cy-Ride bus radiator leak on University and Hwy 30.

Other

The NWS has issued the spring flood outlook. The soil is still 99% saturated with the Mississippi and Missouri rivers expected to flood this spring. Story County may be susceptible if storms drop a significant amount of rain into the basin. Flood gauges are available on the NWS Des Moines site and also on the Iowa Flood Center.

Iowa Flood Center: <https://iowafloodcenter.org/>

NWS Des Moines Rivers & Lakes: <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=DMX>

Next meeting: May 28, 2020, 1:30PM Location to be determined. Potential speaker from the Collins Coop anhydrous release.

Motion to adjourn by Stevens, 2nd by Kinney, MCU at 3:00 pm.