

**Alexandria Local Emergency Planning Committee
December 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Erik Peterson, Fairfax Joint LEPC
Kevin McGunnigle, Covanta Alexandria/ Arlington
Stephanie Nikola, Alexandria Health Department
Karen Helbrecht, Citizen Representative and LEPC Chair
Paul Williams, Norfolk Southern Railway
Terry Knapp, Virginia American Water
Christopher Long, Virginia American Water
Russell Furr, Alexandria Fire Marshall
Ray Whatley, Alexandria Office of Emergency Management
Teresa Scott, Alexandria Office of Emergency Management
Johnnie Wallace, Alexandria Renew Enterprises
Wisdom Gladiame, City of Alexandria Stormwater Management
Lisa Goldberg, City of Alexandria TES/ Environmental Quality
Judith Sibert, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Anthony Casalena, Alexandria Fire Department/ Haz Mat)
Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet

Introductions

Facility Reports

Alexandria Renew

- Anammox – working towards reducing chemicals, such as nitrogen in the water.
- “Alexandria Renew Enterprises” now open on 800 Leonard St. A great visitor center located on the first floor for information on the process for cleaning the water supply. Sixth floor is also available for community meetings.

Covanta

- September 19 last OSHA accident.
- Next boiler outage will be in February.
- Recently had Alexandria Renew annual facility inspection.

Norfolk Southern

- Sprinkler system training underway; 2 units trained per week on average.

Virginia American Water

- Recently completed CPR/First Aid and active shooter training.
- Getting ready for main break season and main replacement program is ongoing.

City Agency Reports

Hazmat

- Took roughly 15 calls since September (mostly investigations). October and November have been relatively quiet.
- Three biggest incidents since last meeting:
 - 100-gallon cooking oil spill. Crews able to mitigate before it got into storm drains.
 - Hydrogen off-gassing at local school on Mt. Vernon Ave.
 - Batteries from communications equipment in Fort Meyers building off-gassing hydrogen sulfide.

Investigation

- Mobile fuel delivery (like Uber) companies are starting to pop up. Let Captain Furr know if anyone hears of start-ups for obvious safety reasons.

TES

- Sewage spill on November 1 – got into the street and some of the storm drains. Filed report to EPA.

OEM

- Tier 2 email address was discontinued but it is now reactivated. For information that was submitted in past 24 months; please re-submit Tier2@alexandriava.gov.
- October- City Council approved revised emergency operations plan.
- Participating in planning workgroups for Inauguration. EOC will be activated and staffed by OEM at a minimum for monitoring purposes.

Health Department

- Epidemiologists conducting flu monitoring and surveillance in the City. So far, only sporadic case trends found.
- Public Health Emergency Managers conducting plans revision and doing winter preparedness outreach with long term care facilities.

Additional Reports

- Fairfax LEPC
 - Working on shelter in place video that focuses on an all-hazards approach.
- FEMA
 - Continuing resolution for FY 2017 budget.
 - Preparing for the upcoming political transition and determining what the priorities of the new administration are.
- USPTO
 - Active shooter tabletop exercise will be hosted by OEM on December 9.

Safety Tip

- Pedestrians should always wear reflective clothing when walking at night.

Next meeting scheduled March 8, 2017