

# Adams County

Local Emergency Planning Committee



## **ATTENDEES:**

### Emergency Mgmt.

Jay Weise,

Kim Coreson

### Fire District #1

David McCormick

### Fire District #5

Gary Lebacken

### Fire District #7

Byron Allen

### Health

### Department

Kate Brueske

### **Brent Stentson**

### Sheriff's Office

Doug Barger

### Big Bend Electric

Dion Kammers

### CF Industries, Inc.

Dennis Schilling

### CHS Inc. Bruce

Mark Verosi

### Jimmy Yamamoto

### City of Lind Mayor

Jamie Schmunk

### City of Othello

Ehman Sheldon

### City of Ritzville

Debi Balfe

### Connell Oil Inc

Jeff Garoutte

### Irrigation Dist.

Tim Fought

### McCains

John Lallas

### Monsanto

Clint Opheikens

### Nu Chem LTD

Jerry Branson

The Adams County LEPC held its first meeting at the Othello Senior Center, 755 N. Seventh Avenue in Othello on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 11:30am, adjourning at 1:00pm.

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Jay Weise, Adams County Emergency Management Coordinator, opened the meeting with an introduction of himself and his history of affiliations with Adams County. He invited each person in the room to state their name and their business or entity.

## **Presentation**

Jay gave a short presentation on "What is an LEPC?" LEPC's purpose is to protect the community through awareness of potential danger and preparation in case of an accident or disaster. After the presentation, he invited everyone to begin thinking about what level of involvement they need to have in this LEPC, given the state requirements, the needs in our community and their individual business or entity need.

## **Lunch Break**

Lunch catered by the Othello Senior Center.

## **Hand-Outs & Discussion**

Jay introduced a draft of bylaws and asked everyone to consider how to adapt this to our own needs in Adams County. He solicited suggestions for meeting frequency, day and times. The group came up with the third Wednesday of February, May, August and November. Kate Bueske suggested using Tele-Health in the Ritzville and Othello communities to have a simultaneous audio/visual meeting from each location. Each room could accommodate the amount of participants represented by each community.

## **ATTENDEES**

(continued):

Othello

Community

Hosp.

Jody Ulrich

Othello Outlook

Briana Alzola

Othello PD

Steve Dunnagan

SemStream LP

Gary Kelly

Simplot

Rhonda Wilkins

Don Weldert

Bill Gilmour

Ruben Soldaña

Andrea Bongen

Jay then drew everyone's attention to a handout of a Community Emergency Plan. He discussed how each may be involved in an effective plan for our community in case of an emergency and asked who would be interested in getting an electronic copy of the draft.

Several indicated interest.

A clipboard with sign-in information was sent around for each person to indicate their attendance as well as to correct any contact information.

Jay displayed 3 websites for more information. They are:

*Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)*

<http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/index.htm>

*LEPC*

[http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/epcra\\_plan.htm#LEPC](http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/epcra/epcra_plan.htm#LEPC)

*Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards*

[http://www.dhs.gov/files/laws/gc\\_1166796969417.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/files/laws/gc_1166796969417.shtm)

### **Agenda Items for August**

1. Election of officers
2. Institution of by-laws
3. Area business, government official, and first-responder input regarding Emergency Plan

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Adams County LEPC will be at East Adams Rural Hospital and the Othello Community Hospital, Conference Room A on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. *Confirmation for Ritzville pending.*