

HI County LEPC Special Meeting Minutes

County of Hawaii Civil Defense

920 Ululani Street, Hilo, HI

September 12, 2019 10:00 am

Members Present: Gerald Kosaki, Chair; John Bowen, Hazmat Consultant; Andrew Burian, HPD; Barry Periat, Civil Defense; Newton Inouye, Community Representative; Daniel Gallion, HELCO; Eric Honda, Hawaii District Health Office; Cal Westergard, Dept. of Ag. Environmental Health Specialist; Jason DeKemper, Pacific Biodiesel. Non-members: Sharon Leonida, DOH HEER; Kaponu Gaughen, Dept. of Ag. Pesticides.

I. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Chair Gerald Kosaki. Introduction of all attendees.

II. Minutes – Approval of minutes from May 23rd and June 14th meetings.

III. County Reports

- Civil Defense – Barry reported on the status of the new secondary EOC at the West Hawaii Civic Center that is in building G. He also stated that the hurricane season is still ongoing. Per HVO, Mauna Loa had a briefing on the increased activity but that there was no concern for an eruption. Their warehouse at the County baseyard is replacing the roof. Sharon asked Barry on how often the EOC gets updated. Barry said every 6 hours unless it is a storm, then it would be every 3 hours.
- Fire/Hazmat/EMS – Propane leak incident at shipman was discussed – Keaau Amerigas. An intermodal container was loading to a delivery truck who departed prior to uncoupling the line and approximately 3000 gallons of propane was released.
- Police – no report

IV. Industry Partners

- HELCO – Daniel stated that during the hurricane season, HELCO increases its fuel inventory storage due to barges bringing in more fuel. Barry stated that the bunker oil is piped in to the fuel facility approximately 2.5 miles to hill 5/6 near Toyota. Daniel stated that they are working on increasing the pipeline stability at the Keaukaha location due to the road reconstruction putting in sidewalks and lowering the road. Since the integrity of the pipeline would be compromised, they hired an engineer consultant.
- Pacific Biodiesel – Alfred stated that they do not have any issues and is well aware of the hurricane season. They have action plans in place to suppress critical tanks with nitrogen that displaces the oxygen.

V. State

- **Department of Ag.** – Kaponu stated that they have no current issues but requested that we have a Dept. of Water Supply representative at our LEPC meetings.

- **DOH HEER** – Sharon offered some information on the leak at Amerigas that HFD responded to. She also stated that Liz Galvez is holding meetings to discuss the area-wide Coast Guard plan. There will also be a Marine FF workshop and will give a report at our next meeting. She discussed the Federal law EPCRA and stated that at the last HSERC meeting, it was required that they notify the water department for any spills based on the quantity and area involved. EPA is being sued by many states regarding this.
- VI. NASTTPO** – Due to the lack of attaining a quorum at some of our LEPC meetings, Chair Gerald made a suggestion pre-approve attendance to the next NASTTPO conference. The HMEP grant will usually cover the LEPC Chair to attend but last year, the grant money was taken away. Kaponu made a motion to approve the attendance of two LEPC members to attend either the annual NASTTPO conference or the mid-year NASTTPO Hotzone conference allocating up to \$5,000 for each attendee.
- VII. Old Business** – The new ERG handbooks have been ordered and Sharon will call Chair Gerald when they arrive that should be by the end of the year.
- VIII. Next meeting** – Date set for November 14 at Civil Defense
- IX. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 11:20am