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**Memphis / Shelby County
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2009
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Call to order: John Bossier, LEPC vice-Chair - 2:39pm

Welcome and roundtable introductions: All attendees. As per the sign-in sheet, there were 26 attendees.

Previous minutes: LEPC meeting minutes for 7/16/09 are posted on the LEPC website.

Motion/Second/Carry (M/S/C): A motion was made to approve the July 2009 LEPC minutes as submitted, second, motion carried.

Financial report: Rhonda Henry - LEPC Treasurer was absent, but stated via e-mail that there hasn't been any Treasury activity since the July meeting, and the numbers reported for the July meeting are still valid. Checking has \$374.91 and Savings has \$2,990.23 for total operating funds of \$3,365.14. There was a single expenditure of \$1,155.45 for annual website administration.

James Baker called the LEPC membership's attention to the fact that his notes stated the July Treasurer's report was not accepted via vote. Since there wasn't any Treasury activity, the motion was made to accept the July Treasurer's report for both July & August.

M/S/C: Motion to accept August Treasurer's report for August and for July on a retroactive basis, second, motion carried.

Incident discussions:

- There weren't any incidents brought to the LEPC's attention.

Reports:

- **Drill:** Renee Whitehouse-Drill Committee Chair was absent. John Bossier contacted Gloria Wells with Nike, who referred John to other personnel. As of the date of the meeting, John's call hadn't been returned. Sammy Crews-EMA, stated he had nothing to report from his side. John would like to call an emergency meeting of the LEPC Executive Committee to plan an exercise, most likely a tabletop, as the LEPC is required to have an annual drill.
- **Emergency Response (ER) Plan:** Joe Lowery-ER Plan Committee Chair was absent. Sammy Crews-EMA, stated he had a short meeting with Joe, and work continues on the ER Plan.

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Old business:

- James Baker asked about the status of the 501c3 application. John Bossier stated this will be discussed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting, which has been set for Friday, September 4, 2009.

New business:

- John Bossier reported that Karen Birkenstock floated the idea that the LEPC should go to “all hazards” in regards of emergency planning as a way of increasing participation. If the LEPC membership thinks this is a good idea that may require a change in the By-Laws. Karen also told John that she was looking at contacting all the Tier II submitters in Shelby County.

Presentation: Jim Holt – with Memphis & Shelby County Health Department-Air Pollution Control Department.

Jim discussed the qualitative checks of tanker barges carrying organic liquids (mainly gasoline and other organic liquids) on the Mississippi River and McKellar Lake. Tanker barges have pressure release valves that open at a set pressure. A helicopter mounted Infra-Red camera took videos of these tanker barges, and vapors could be seen coming from the valves, and in one case, perhaps an open hatch. These organic vapors are precursors, which when combined with Oxides of Nitrogen, in the presence of sunlight, produce ground-level ozone. Jim applied for, and received a grant to do quantitative analyses on these barges to determine the quantity of material coming from these valves. Set-up will use Fourier Transform Infra-Red (FTIR) and special “cube reflectors” to do this analyses. Jim will inform all the appropriate officials charged with maritime security when the work begins in late September 2009. Jim stated one large barge company has voluntarily changed out pressure release valves for another that will open at higher pressures. James Baker asked if industries that have known releases of organic vapors will be checked, and Jim stated the grant has sufficient funds only for the barge study.

Jim also stated that it will be hard for the Memphis metropolitan area to meet the current EPA standard for ground-level ozone, much less the stricter standard that is coming on line. He asked the LEPC membership to think how they could reduce emissions of ozone precursors; such as ride share, performing lawn maintenance “when the sun is low”, reducing electricity use, etc.

Hearing no further business, John Bossier asked for a motion to adjourn.

(M/S/C): Motion to adjourn, second, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2009

Submitted by: James H. Baker-LEPC Secretary

Approved as submitted at LEPC meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009