



**Midland County  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)**  
c/o Midland County Emergency Management Office  
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**MINUTES OF LEPC MEETING  
August 15, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Karls, American Red Cross  
Richard Ripke, Community Member at Large  
Jenifler Boyer, Emergency Management  
Kevin Musser, Cabot  
Carl Doud, Midland County Mosquito Control  
Chris Coughlin, Midland City Fire Chief  
Josh Mosher, Midland City Fire  
Bob McNett, Jerome Township Fire Chief  
Marc Goulette, Midland Police, Deputy Chief  
Carl Hurtig, DuPont EH&S

Scott Stephenson, Midland County Sheriff  
James Lang, MSP Tri-City Post Lieutenant  
Jeanette Snyder, Board of Commissioners  
Ronnie Mabile Jr., Dow Chemical ES&S  
Jeff Homa, DuPont EH&S  
Lisa Hall, Midland County 911  
Nicole Swanton, Midland County Health Dept  
Corbin Berent, DuPont EH&S  
Harry White, Trinseo

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 1:18 pm by Vice Chairman Dick Ripke.

Introductions were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Marc Goulette moved that the April 18, 2019 minutes be accepted. Chris Coughlin supported the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comment - None**

**Executive Committee**

Jenifler Boyer reported that the Executive Committee has not met since March due to workloads and the availability of members.

**MCCERCC**

Jenifler Boyer reported that she attended the August 12<sup>th</sup> MCCERCC meeting. The items tabled from the last meeting which were the public availability of the MCCERCC Plan and the Governor's Directive 11 had some discussion, however tabled again. The Governor's Directive 11 gives guidance on making information available to the public and even suggests live-streaming meetings for the public's access. There was limited discussion on this, many concerns were brought up. Jenifler suggested that potentially accessibility of the MCCERCC to community partners and local LEOC could be a focus. Yes the public and other agencies are able to attend this meeting however access isn't just about holding a meeting in a public place. Access is also limited by time and travel. As the Midland County EM who is centrally located in the State, travel alone is an hour and a half one way. Many partnering agencies and local LEPC are

unable to make those time commitments of hours for a meeting that usually last less than an hour. Jenifier shared that great information across state agencies was shared here that is not getting to County EM's or local LEPC's. Reading the minutes of a meeting is very different than attending one. Jenifier suggested a conference call capability being utilized for partner agencies similar to other statewide calls that MSP-EMHSD holds. This would allow more access across the State. Local LEPC's are held to the same public information rules that the MCCERCC has and must provide information as such. The MCCERCC Plan falls under those same rules as it was created by this "public body." The plan should be at least shared with local LEPC to provide communication on the goals of the MCCERCC and potentially direction for local LEPC's to do the same thing. The plan is continuing to be updated and will be adopted next month. The discussion on public information was also tabled further as there is supposed to be a "transparency liaison" for each agency to provide guidance and that has yet to be completed for MSP.

Jenifier came across a notice that the City of Detroit LEPC is hosting a Safety Day this Saturday and looks very similar to what this group has discussed doing in the future. Though Jenifier cannot make it to the Detroit event this weekend, she will share the flyer with the rest of the membership.

Dick Ripke requested that members provide recommendations on additional agencies or facilities that could be part of the LEPC. A diverse membership will help with the development of our outreach campaign.

### **Tier II Reports**

Jenifier Boyer reported that all the Tier II Reports have been received and any needing corrections have been contacted.

It appears that for the time being, DowAgroscience is reporting on behalf of Corteva.

### **New Sites Plans**

SK Saran now meets planning threshold for Ammonia, an offsite plan template has been sent to them. The City Water Treatment Plant had to update their RMP maps so new maps were added to their offsite response plan which was just approved in April. The City is currently looking for a new Water Superintendent so likely additional contact changes will be made before the end of the year.

Jenifier reported that while creating some maps for some chemical releases, current software needs specific weather conditions. When contacting the National Weather Service for predominate weather patterns, it changes throughout the year. Jenifier would like to see guidance set for maps of chemical releases that are consistent across all plans. She would also like to see 360 degree impacts given that our weather changes so frequently. Jenifier will be meeting next week with Midland Fire Marshall to discuss further. Harry White recommended using RMP guidance as most facilities already must follow that guidance and provide maps to the EPA. This would help with the consistency of maps across plans and something facilities would have readily available. Harry offered to work with the committee on this topic.

### **Round Table/Announcements**

Jenifier Boyer reported that her office has requested a \$3,000 grant extension from the Michigan Community Services Commission to assist in the finalization and exercising of the Community Disaster Recovery Plan started earlier this year. She is also working with the Fire Chief's and other public safety partners across the county to develop a Dam Failure Response Plan. This Friday Boyce Hydro is hosting a tabletop exercise and a functional exercise in September.

Scott Stephenson announced that the Sheriff's Office and City Police have recently implemented body camera's in addition to their in-car camera's.

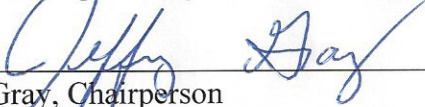
**Next Meeting**

Thursday October 3, 2019 at 1:15 p.m. at the Midland Law Enforcement Center

**Adjourn**

No further business was brought by committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.

  
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Jeff Gray, Chairperson