

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Codi Donahoe

Quarterly Meeting Minutes May 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Virtual at Microsoft Teams

In-Person at Westlake Epoxy; 2525 S Combee Rd, Lakeland, Florida 33801

1. Call to Order

A. Daniel Bartle called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Those in attendance both online and in person included:

Emergency Management

- Rick Christoff, DeSoto Co Emergency Management
- Ashley Shive, A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure Inc.

Facility Owners and Operators

- James Villarreal, Gulfstream Natural Gas
- Eileen Nutt, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
- Keith Nadaskay, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
- Paul Moore, Westlake Epoxy
- Joe Noel, Florikan ESA, LLC

Fire Recue

- Codi Donahoe, Polk County Fire Recue
- Brett Hogan, Highlands County Fire Rescue
- Chad Jorgenson, DeSoto County

Health

- Ralph Meder, FL Dept of Health-Polk County
- Kevin King, FL Dept of Health - Hardee County

Education

- Danial Bartle, Florida

Polytechnic University

Local Environmental

- Joseph De Luna, FL Department of Environmental Protection
- Brandon Hooper, Hull's Environmental Services

Local Option

- Kelly Gibbs Winiarz, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (Dept. of Homeland Security)

Staff

- Curtis Knowles, LEPC Staff
- Jerri Sackett, LEPC Staff
- April Dasilva, LEPC Staff

Public

- Yaillet Cruz, Walmart
- Megan Wells, Walmart
- Douglas Wolfe, Response Technologies
- Charles Lucas, CWI Logistics
- Andrew Wildey, CWI Logistics
- Kathy Nadaskay, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
- Sean McGinnis, Lakeland Electric

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2. Approve Draft February 22, 2024, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft November 16, 2023, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Daniel Bartle
Second	Brandon Hooper
Approved:	Passed

3. Old Business

- a. Curtis reminded attendees that the Polk County Landfill Tabletop Exercise is tentatively scheduled on August 7, 2024

4. New Business

- a. West Lake Epoxy spokesperson, Paul Moore briefed the in-person attendees on the safety procedures while on site. Information was also provided to all meeting attendees on the Westlake property site as well as the history of Westlake Epoxy. Members were briefed on the production of products at Westlake Epoxy and the 47 employees on site.
- b. 2024 ERG Books and Digital App guidebooks are available. If LEPC members are looking for hardcopies, please reach out to Curtis.
- c. No local incidents were reported/shared during the meeting.
- d. Risk Management Planning Program Audit/Inspection Work Plan from May 2024 – March 2025. This lets everyone know the schedule for the different regions statewide.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Membership
 - i. No applications were submitted prior to the meeting and nothing was added or sent to the state.
- b. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials
Daniel Bartle reported that discussions at the recent SERC meeting revolved around lithium-ion batteries and PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl).

Ashley reported that ACT will conduct a test of electric vehicles both prior and post lithium-ion fires as well as soil samples to determine impacts of these kinds of fires. The test is currently scheduled for July. Regarding PFOSS, ACT is trying to help disposal efforts throughout the state. A lot of research is ongoing.

- i. Recap April 2024 SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 1. Appointed new primary members:
 - a. Eileen Nutt, Mosaic Company

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2. Appointed new alternate members:
 - a. None
 - ii. Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 1. SERC's Training Task Force – July 18, 2024 in Sarasota, FL
 2. SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – July 18, 2024 in Sarasota, FL
 3. SERC – July 19, 2024 in Sarasota, FL
- c. Training
 - i. Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Training for Old FDEM Regions 4 and 6 can be found online at:
<https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>
 - ii. TRANSCAER training information can be found online at:
<https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>
6. **Comments from Members/Public – Please announce yourself before you speak.**

Doug Wolfe shared that the upcoming Florida Hazmat Symposium is scheduled for a week earlier than previous years. He also shared that there is a 5-minute video posted to see where the money goes for this event/training and that there has been a lot of out of state interest.

James Villareal – from Gulf Stream Natural Gas mentioned that they will be expanding training in Orlando and Tampa and encouraged members to attend, if possible.

Curtis Knowles reminded attendees the upcoming LEPC meeting in August will include information on the Polk County Hazmat Team and Special Operations at the Polk County Fire Rescue Center in Bartow.
7. **Next CF-LEPC Meeting**
 - a. August 1, 2024 at 9:30am – Polk County Fire Rescue, Bartow FL
8. **Adjourn**

Dan Bartle adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the May 13, 2024 issue of the Florida Administrative Register, Issue: 50/95