

CENTRAL FLORIDA REGION LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk Counties



CHAIRMAN: Dan Bartle
VICE-CHAIR: Codi Donahoe

Quarterly Meeting Minutes November 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.
Virtual at Microsoft Teams
In-Person at Polk County Landfill; 10 Environmental Loop S, Winter Haven, FL 33880

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:

Category	Name	Agency
Emergency Management	Rick Christoff	DeSoto County Emergency Management
Emergency Management	Billy Abernathy	Polk County Emergency Management
Facility Owners and Operators	Wes Allen	Florida Gas Transmission Company
Facility Owners and Operators	Greg Hall	Publix Super Markets, Inc.
Facility Owners and Operators	Gary Doyen	AOC
Facility Owners and Operators	James Villarreal	Gulfstream Natural Gas
Facility Owners and Operators	Jenna Downing	Westlake Epoxy
Facility Owners and Operators	Rachel Garard	Arkema-ArrMaz
Facility Owners and Operators	Justin Straka	Lineage Logistics
Facility Owners and Operators	Joe Noel	Florikan ESA, LLC
Fire Recue	Codi Donahoe	Polk County Fire Recue
Fire Recue	Brett Hogan	Highlands County Fire Rescue
Fire Recue	Andrew Marcy	Avon Park Fire Department
Health	Kevin King	FL Dept of Health -Hardee County
Education	Danial Bartle	Florida Polytechnic University
Local Environmental	Joseph De Luna	FL Department of Environmental Protection
Local Environmental	Brandon Hooper	Hull's Environmental Services
Local Environmental	Heidi Hoffman	FL Department of Environmental Protection
Staff	Curtis Knowles	LEPC Staff
Staff	Jerri Sackett	LEPC Staff
Staff	April Dasilva	LEPC Staff
Public	Burt Mckee	Polk County
Public	Todd Nichols	DHS/CISA
Public	Erica Jacobson	Sabel Trail Transmission
Public	Adrian Brene	Seminole Electric

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Public	Andres Rivera	Coca-Cola
Public	Jessica Massanelli	Publix Super Markets, Inc.

2. Approve Draft August 1, 2024, Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes

Actions Requested:	Approve Draft August 1, 2024 Central Florida LEPC Meeting Minutes
Motion	Gary Doyen
Second	Justin Straka
Approved:	Passed

3. Old Business

- a. None

4. New Business

- a. Landfill presentation and tour was cancelled due to an event occurring at the landfill.
- b. Central Florida LEPC Region's Pipeline Operators provided a group presentation that included talking points from Gulfstream Natural Gas, Sabal Trail Transmission, Florida Southeast Connection, and Florida Gas Transmission. Due to sensitivity within the presentation, it cannot be shared as part of these minutes. Gulfstream Natural Gas has 280 miles of pipeline in Florida. Florida Southeast Connection goes through Polk County for approximately 5,500 miles of pipeline. Topics of discussion included; high pressure gas, piping liquids and solids, flammable liquids, non-flammable liquids, high/low pressure, compressed gas cylinders, electrical, etc. Presenters clarified questions the public commonly faces, for example pipeline markers will always have company name, contact number and product in the pipeline. It was also important for presenters to share:
 - Only facility owners can let you know if the pipe has asbestos coating.
 - Valves should only be operated by qualified company personnel.
 - Mainline valves are frequently reviewed and can allow for shut off to stop the flow of products.
 - Representatives encouraged attendees to have some situation awareness as some buried lines are a few inches down to several feet.
- c. Lithium-Ion Symposium Recap
 - Jerri Sackett attended the Symposium and shared a helpful takeaway and some of the symposium details.
 - "Treat LI fires as you would a virus, manage the symptoms".
 - There is a lithium-ion fire dashboard that reflects all the LI fires reported in the State of Florida. This is publicly available information.
 - Fire departments can voluntarily report LI fires to the dashboard to share data

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- Tesla provides training opportunities to first responder and they also track their fires.
- d. 2025 CF-LEPC Meeting Dates/Times
 - Curtis reviewed the meeting dates for the upcoming year. Attendees would like to continue the hybrid option of both in-person and virtual. 2025 meeting dates are:
 - February 13, 2025
 - May 22, 2025
 - August 14, 2025
 - November 20, 2025
- e. Incident Report(s) Discussion for the Region
 - The state cancelled the October SERC meeting, so no report from the State.
 - No local incidents were shared.

5. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Membership
 - Curtis reviewed the members that will be going to SERC in January for approval.
 - Jasson Drinkard, Alternate, FDEP
 - Devin Duncan, Primary, Global Environmental & Industrial Response
 - Gary Doyen, Primary, AOC
 - Justin Straka, Primary, Lineage Logistics
 - Lane Schneider, Primary, Hardee County Emergency Management
 - William Stiles, Primary, FDOH-Okeechobee
- b. State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for Hazardous Materials
 - Cancelled their October Meeting due to the recent hurricanes
 - Next SERC, TTF, and LEPC Chairs and Coordinators Meetings
 - SERC's Training Task Force – January 13, 2025 in Daytona Beach, FL
 - SERC's LEPC Chairs and Coordinators – January 13, 2025 in Daytona Beach, FL
 - SERC – January 14, 2025 in Daytona Beach, FL
- c. Training
 - 2025 Hazardous Materials Training Symposium, January 14-17, 2025, Daytona Beach

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- LEPC is looking at the budget to see how many attendees we can send to the Symposium. James let everyone know that the pipeline group will be presenting at the symposium as well.
 - Upcoming Florida Division of Emergency Management Training Calendar <https://trac.floridadisaster.org/trac/trainingcalendar.aspx>. Still listed as old regions.
 - TRANSCAER <https://www.transcaer.com/training/training-events/us-fl>. No trainings in Florida currently.
- 6. Comments from Members/Public – Please announce yourself before you speak**
- a. None
- 7. Next CF-LEPC Meeting**
- a. February 13, 2025 at 9:30am – Location TBD
- 8. Adjourn**
- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Bartle, LEPC Chairman

This meeting was duly advertised in the October 31, 2024 issue of the Florida Administrative Register, Issue 50/214.