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**Minutes for Tarrant County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting  
February 19, 2003  
Cook Children's Medical Center, 1423 Pruitt St. Fort Worth, TX**

**Members Present**

Cate Shaw – Akzo Nobel	Rudy Garcia – John Peter Smith Hospital
Sarah Tufts – American Red Cross	Ed Daniels – Lockheed Martin Aeronautics
Don Elam – Baker Hughes	Sam Williams – Lockheed Martin
Rick Wallace – Baylor Grapevine	Marilyn Perry – Plaza Medical Center
Mike Wuller – Best Maid	Peter Mollett – Polyone Corp
Robert Ramsey – Cardinal Health	Marty Verdeyen – Polyone Corp
Carl Mogavero – Cook Children's	Scott Peret – Protect Environmental
Lorrie Jansen – Cook Children's	Ray Bartik – Skywarn Systems
Ian Singleton – Cook Children's	Charlie Brown – SRS
Merritt Kendall – DFW International	Stephen Tidd – SRS
Howard Maynard – Eagle Environmental	Tag Coolidge – Talem Incorporated
Jerry McCord – Federal Prison	Jim Kerlin – TCEQ
John Patterson – FTW/Tarrant County EMO	Jason Lane – TCEQ
Larry Putman – Garner Environmental	Don Wilson – Town of Westlake DPS
Sam Bacon – Garner Environmental	Dr. Steven Cordas – Toxicology/Medicine
Kevin Brant – Garner Environmental	Gerald Johnson – TXU Energy
Stephen Young – Groendyke Transportation	Ike Liggins – U.S. Treasury BEP
Lt. Ronny Eller – John Peter Smith Hospital	Gary Medesy – U.S. Treasury BEP

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ed Daniels called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Daniels asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Seeing none, Chairman Daniels asked for a motion to accept the minutes. The approval was motioned by Tag Coolidge and seconded by Ray Bartik. The members of the LEPC passed the motion unanimously.

### **III. Financial Report**

Chairman Daniels deferred the Financial Report.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **a. Confirmation of New Members**

The committee confirmed five new members in the last meeting.

#### **b. LEPC Regional Conference – Nov. 4-7, Shreveport, LA**

John Patterson reported that the meeting was very good. Next year the Regional Conference will be merged with the Hot Zone Conference in Houston, Texas.

#### **c. Tier Two Reports – Submission begins January 1, 2003**

Reminder that Tier Two Reports are due March 1, 2003.

#### **d. Tier Two Submit**

Training was given on the Electronic Version in December. The training was well worth the time. The class took four hours and the instructors spent an additional four hours on hands on training. The training may come to Fort Worth every year in late November or early December.

#### **e. Chevron Exercise**

Report on Chevron Drill was given.

#### **f. LEPC Bylaws**

Bylaws were revised and will be available for ratification next meeting.

#### **g. Garner Training Courses**

Garner has provided a handout on open training courses for the members of the LEPC.

#### **h. EPA Region III Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Conf. – Dec. 8-12, Baltimore, MD.**

No one from the Tarrant County LEPC was able to attend this conference in December.

Chairman Daniels asked if the committee had any old business to discuss. Seeing none, he continued with the agenda.

### **V. New Business**

#### **a. Confirmation of New LEPC Members**

Mike Wuller – Best Maid

Robert Ramsey – Cardinal Health

Carl Mogavero – Cook Children's Medical Center

Don Elam – Baker Hughes  
Rick Wallace – Baylor Grapevine  
Don Wilson – Town of Westlake DPS

Dr. Steve Cordas motioned to confirm these new members and Ike Liggins  
Seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by the members of the LEPC.

**b. LEPC Bylaws Ratification**

John Patterson reviewed the draft copy of the Bylaws before the members of the LEPC. There are a few minor issues that require addressing. These issues will be brought before the LEPC at be added an amendments. All typos will be corrected in the final draft. The Logo will be added and the revised date will be changed. Mr. Patterson requested that the members review the Bylaws and present any corrections.

Article X, Section II, Item H.

Change the phrase to read, “ Photocopy of a valid Texas Drivers License or other valid government issued identification.”

Mr. Coolidge motioned to accept this revision and Merritt Kendall seconded it. The members of the LEPC passed the motion unanimously.

Article VI, Section II,

Substitute the word “indebtedness” with the word “expenditures”.

Mike Wuller motioned to accept this revision and Mr. Bartik seconded it. The members of the LEPC passed the motion unanimously.

John Patterson motioned to approve the Bylaws with the amendments and Steven Cordas seconded it. The members of the LEPC unanimously passed the motion to approve the Bylaws.

**c. Update on Shuttle Material Collection Efforts**

Jim Kerlin gave an update on the Collection of Shuttle Material. Early in the event, jurisdiction of the efforts was not clearly defined. The material miraculously survived reentry intact, in particular the fuel compounds. The event was eventually declared a disaster and FEMA took over. The State has now been withdrawn from the event, but Federal and Local agencies are still involved.

**d. Garner Training Courses**

The members of the LEPC were directed to the handout provided by Garner Environmental regarding upcoming open training courses.

**e. Chemical Site Security Guidelines – [www.americanchemistry.com](http://www.americanchemistry.com)**

Ed Daniels directed the members of the LEPC to the website if there are any question on facility Security Guidelines.

**f. Chemical News Stories**

John Patterson has compiled news worthy topics which were included in the handouts.

**g. Future LEPC Meetings / Tours**

The next two meetings are scheduled. The November and all of 2004 are not. If interested in hosting a future meeting, please contact John Patterson or Ed Daniels.

**VI. Questions, Comments, Announcements**

It is time to submit a current LEPC Roster to the State. Please verify that the information is correct.

**VII. Program Tour of Cook Children's Medical Center**

Lorrie Jansen gave the members of the LEPC a brief history of Cook Children's Medical Center. The hospital was established in 1918 as a free baby clinic and has developed into the facility today through grants and endowments. An overview of the facilities hazardous waste management, onsite hazardous materials, and WMD incident preparedness was given. Cook Children's has successfully reduced the amount of infectious waste and subsequent disposal cost through education and new contracts.

Mr. Bartik gave an overview of the EMWIN system that Cook Children's is currently utilizing. EMWIN is an acronym for Emergency Managers Weather Information Network. It is used to receive real time warning of implemental weather. Originally used by emergency managers and public safety. The National Weather Service issues warnings that are received via satellite and downloaded to a computer. Now warnings that took several minutes to receive are available almost immediately. Currently, through five sites, twenty-five counties are covered in the North Texas Region.

Lorrie Jansen and Ian Singleton gave a tour of the Cook Children's Medical Center.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Chairman Daniels adjourned the meeting a 4:45 pm.

**IX. Future Meetings**

- a. May 21, 2003 – Koch Petroleum
- b. August 20, 2003 – Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- c. November 13, 2003 – To be announced

Respectfully Submitted

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Stephen Tidd, Secretary

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Date