



DU PAGE COUNTY

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

1:30 PM

OHSEM Training Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

1:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Janus at 1:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional attendees:

John Carroll - INX International Ink Co.

Carrie LoDico - Addison (private facility)

Corey Mulryan - Fermilab

Mark Winistorfer - DuPage County State's Attorney's Office

Stephen Zulkowski - DuPage County DOT

Remote attendees:

Geoff Matteson - DuPage County Facilities Management

Ian Johnstone - DuPage County Facilities Management

Theresa Greinig - Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

Christina Seibert - Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County

PRESENT	Dieckman, Eidson, Falsey, Hinz, Janus, Loveless, McLean, Radzinski, Schultz, Schwarze, and Shay
ABSENT	Bostick, Boyle, Duval, Eckhoff, Esterquest, Hunn, Johl, Kadolph, Knight, Kosak, Lutz, Mansfield, Medrano, Mitchell, Pradel, Reusch, Ross, Selvik, Williams, Wiza, and Zbinden
LATE	Godden

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR JANUS

Chair Janus welcomed all to the meeting and asked those non-members in attendance to introduce themselves. He reminded the members that the deadline to submit Tier II reports is March 1, 2024. Chair Janus then mentioned that February 18, 2024 was National Battery Day and asked Member Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager for DuPage County, to share some information on this topic. Member Hinz encouraged all to visit the Environment and Sustainability section of the DuPage County website. Here they may view the DuPage County Drop-off Recycling Guide for information on locations throughout the county that accept a variety of batteries for recycling.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [24-0713](#)

Approval of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting.

Member McLean moved, seconded by Member Radzinski to approve the Minutes from the November 21, 2023 LEPC Meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	Michael McLean
SECONDER:	John Radzinski

6. PRESENTATION

At this time, Chair Janus introduced Dan Miller and Maxwell Weerts, who each delivered a presentation to the Committee members.

6.A. Lithium Ion Battery Presentation

The first speaker was Dan Miller, Encapsulator Technology Specialist with Hazard Control Technologies, Inc. (HCT) headquartered in Fayetteville, Georgia. Mr. Miller presented his company's solutions to fire hazards, particularly those caused by lithium-ion batteries. He spoke at length about HCT's F-500 Encapsulator Agent, a fire suppression agent that offers exceptional features to safely mitigate difficult-to-extinguish fire hazards. He indicated that F-500 has been tested consistently and successfully on lithium-ion battery fires over the course of several years. Mr. Miller shared with the members videos of some of HCT's test exercises demonstrating the differences between containing fires using the F-500 Encapsulator Agent compared with not using it. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Miller took questions and comments from the group.

The next speaker was Maxwell Weerts, Business Development Executive at CellBlock FCS located in Standish, Maine. Mr. Weerts spoke of the growing risks of lithium-ion battery fires and his company's response to containing them. Specifically, he provided an overview of CellBlockEX, which is featured in their patented fire containment products. CellBlockEX is an environmentally-friendly engineered dry loose-fill extinguishing agent that is revolutionizing the way the world handles, transports and stores lithium-ion batteries. This agent acts as a fire, heat and smoke suppressant. Members of the committee brought forth questions and comments at the conclusion of Mr. Weerts' presentation, to which he responded.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.A. LEPC Bylaws Update

Chair Janus indicated that the LEPC Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated. He encouraged the Committee members to assist him in this process.

8. NEW BUSINESS**8.A. Annual Report**

Chair Janus informed the members that the LEPC Annual Report is due on July 1, 2024. He would appreciate assistance and input from the members in preparing this report.

8.B. Discussion - Possible Tabletop Exercise

Chair Janus next spoke of the importance of planning a tabletop exercise in the near future. He said he is open to all ideas and encouraged everyone to reach out to him to discuss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Member Godden moved, seconded by Member Radzinski to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1:30 PM.