



DU PAGE COUNTY

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Local Emergency Planning Committee Final Summary

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

1:30 PM

OHSEM Training Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

1:30 PM meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Janus at 1:36 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Additional attendees:

Members of the United States Coast Guard Great Lakes Marine Safety Unit

Claire Kissane - DuPage County Stormwater Management

John Carroll - INX International

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR JANUS

Chair Janus welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to members of the United States Coast Guard Great Lakes Marine Safety Unit that were in attendance. He then recognized Bill Eidson from the DuPage County Division of Transportation. Mr. Eidson was authorized by the County Board earlier that day to take the examination for DuPage County Engineer, a position which will become vacant on November 4, 2023 due to the retirement of the current County Engineer. Chair Janus congratulated Mr. Eidson and wished him well. Lastly, Chair Janus commented that the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management recently filed its Annual Report with IEMA. He extended his thanks to all for their contributions to the report.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-2782](#)

Approval of Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting.

The motion was approved on a voice vote, all "ayes".

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
MOVER:	Greg Schwarze
SECONDER:	John Radzinski

6. PRESENTATION

At this time, Chair Janus introduced today's presenter, Dr. Arden Warner. Dr. Warner has been an accelerator physicist at Fermilab for approximately 30 years. In addition, he is an inventor, mentor, published author, public speaker and co-founder of Natural Science, LLC.

6.A. Dr. Arden Warner, Magnetisorb

Dr. Arden Warner introduced himself and his partners at Natural Science, LLC, Gary Cullen and John Nelson (not in attendance). He then stated that his interest in attempting to create a solution for the remediation of oil spills in waterways began back in 2010 after hearing of the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico. At that time, Dr. Warner began to experiment with the use of magnets to see if this could be a process by which to remove oil from waterways. These experiments proved to be successful. Natural Science, LLC was then founded in 2014 and the company offers products such as E-MOP Oil Spill Remediation Technology and MAT Magnetizable Absorbent Technology. Dr. Warner went on to explain the science behind electromagnetic remediation. At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Warner took questions and comments from the group.

Following Dr. Warner's presentation, Chair Janus encouraged everyone to attend an upcoming Chemical Release Tabletop Exercise on October 4, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Libertyville. A handout containing detailed information about the event is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

[23-2848](#)

Chemical Release Tabletop Exercise handout

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.A. Tier II Update

Chair Janus commented that he has been working with Will County and both agencies have been working with Flow MSP and IEMA in order to get information into the hands of first responders. This is a top priority, however, IEMA has expressed concerns. Chair Janus is hoping there will be discussion on this issue at the upcoming IEMA Summit.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Election of Officers

According to the LEPC Bylaws, the current officers can choose to remain in office. However, if others are interested in serving as an officer, they may be nominated for the position. The election of officers will take place at the November 21, 2023 meeting.

8.B. LEPC Bylaws - Update

Chair Janus stated that the existing LEPC Bylaws are five years old and need to be updated. He encouraged everyone to review the Bylaws and provide suggestions on ways to revise them. He then asked for volunteers to assist with updating the document. A few members indicated they are interested in doing that.

8.C. IEMA Summit

Chair Janus reminded everyone that the IEMA Summit will be taking place September 5-8, 2023 in Springfield, Illinois and he encouraged all to attend. If anyone would like to provide feedback for the IEMA SERC, Chair Janus will pass it along.

Final comments were offered by OHSEM Director Craig Dieckman who thanked Dr. Warner for his presentation today. Director Dieckman also introduced the members of the U.S. Coast Guard that were present to Ben Kadolph, Deputy Chief of the Willowbrook Police Department.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Member Radzinski moved, seconded by Member Shay to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 1:30 PM.