

**Richland County LEPC**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 19, 2018**

**Members present:**

Clay Porter – RCSO	Aaron Sanders – RCRE
Barry Roghair – RCFD	Zach Thayer – Schreiber East
Chris Kanable – ARES/RACES	Rose Kohout – Richland County H&HS
Brandon Fetterly – UW Richland	Kerry Severson – Richland County Board
Darin Gudgeon – RCEM	Amber Burch – RCEMS
Steve Krueger – RCFD	John Heinen – JT Heinen Global
Scott Gald – RCFD	Jon Bosworth – Richland School District
Paul Theobald – RCRE	

1. **Meeting called to order** at 6:08pm by Brandon Fetterly.
2. **Proof of notification** by Darin Gudgeon.
3. **Motion to approve agenda** by Kerry Severson, second by Paul Theobald. Motion carried.
4. **Motion to approve minutes** of March 15, 2018 meeting by Chris Kanable, second by Kerry Severson. Motion carried.
5. **Director/Chairman's Report:** Gudgeon reviewed the HazMat call from earlier in the day (7/19/18). At 09:18am, a call was received that vapors/smoke were coming from the back of a garbage truck on the south side of the city. Richland Center Fire was dispatched to the location to determine the cause of the mist plume. RC-DEM, in collaboration with Vernon County HazMat and RCFD, discovered the source to be a ruptured gallon jug of hydrochloric acid (muriatic) reacting with other materials on board. In addition, there were hot tub/pool chemicals in proximity to the acid which were co-reacting. The truck was taken up to the Richland Center Landfill, the reacting portion of the contents removed and barn lime added to neutralize the acid. All the inventory that Chet's and Ace had was used in the process. The neutralized materials were reloaded into the truck and the response finalized. To facilitate chemical identification in future response efforts, RC-DEM and RCFD will get a supply of pH paper and keep it readily available. It was also noted that WISER was quite instrumental on this call. Richland Center Renewable Energy (RCRE) has offered to assist in future HazMat calls as needed. They can provide both technical and material support. Richland County LEPC advises that notice be sent out to the community to properly recycle/dispose of household chemicals – do NOT put any quantity of them in the regular garbage stream.
6. **Public Comments and Input:** RCRE will be depleting Sulfuric Acid down to 1 tote (330 gallons) in the upcoming months. Ferric sulfate will be the replacement chemistry, coming up to a 124,000 lb. (~ 9,500gal) inventory. The existing tanks should be suitable for storage. As soon as the details are known, Tier II will be updated.

An additional HazMat call came in the end of June/beginning of July regarding a possible natural gas leak. RCFD was paged to an area south of the courthouse to investigate. After eliminating several potential sources, it was finally determined that super-heated differential oil coming out of a semi tractor was producing the odor. It is uncertain how it was being produced, but there was some

speculation that the asphalt the oil was leaking out onto might be involved. There has been an attempt at follow-up between the trucking company, We Energies and the oil manufacturer. It remains a mystery how leaking, hot differential oil could mimic the mercaptan (thiol) used in natural gas odorant. It is similarly mysterious how such relatively low air concentrations could create a detection zone almost a mile long.

## 7. New Business

### a) EPCRA Plan of Work, Administration:

#### 1. Election of Officers:

Chair – Brandon Fetterly nominated by Kerry Severson; seconded by Paul Theobald. Nominations closed. Vote carried. Brandon Fetterly elected.

Vice Chair – Zach Thayer nominated by Brandon Fetterly; seconded by John Heinen. Nominations closed. Vote carried. Zach Thayer elected.

Secretary – Barry Roghair nominated by Steve Krueger. Barry declined. Rose Kohout nominated by John Heinen; seconded by Zach Thayer. Nominations closed. Vote carried. Rose Kohout elected.

- 2. Review Membership List, Update:** Final updates were made to the list, reviewed by the committee and approved. A detailed, in-house roster will be maintained by the LEPC; WEM's version will be updated per that list and forwarded to them when the Plan Of Work materials are submitted.

- 8. Meeting adjourned** at 6:56pm by Brandon Fetterly. If needed, a meeting will be held in Sept/Oct. Otherwise, the next meeting will be held in March of 2019.