

**Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee**  
**Location: St. Joseph's Hospital, Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401**  
**10/19/17 Meeting Minutes**

**In attendance:** Chad LaBree, Denise Molinaro, Ralph Cammack, Kathy Knight, Bob Shannon, Daisy Mueller, Bill DeLong, Matt Leland, Tom Bahun, Lisa Burton, Steven Lane, Matt Levesque, Lynn Johnston, Jennifer Sullivan.

Jennifer opened the meeting welcoming everyone and introductions were made around the room.

Presenters:

1. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Infrastructure Protection - Bill DeLong, Protective Security Advisor
2. Maine Rural Water Association - Tom Bahun, Training Specialist

Agenda items:

- Vote on new membership application.

1.) Bill clarified his agency is non-regulator, non-law enforcement. Each state or territory has a DHS Protective Security Advisor assigned to it. A significant objective of DHS's strategy is to improve the protection of critical infrastructure and key resources across the State. The State and its partners support this initiative through the Critical Infrastructure Protection Program (CIPP), which aims to improve the flow of information and intelligence to, from and among all partners to strengthen the protection, resiliency and recovery of the "lifeline sectors". The focus is on building partnerships across all 16 sectors, including both public officials and private representatives.

The 16 Critical Infrastructure "Lifeline" Sectors are as follows.

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| 1. Energy* (electric, oil, natural gas)                          | 10. Dams   |
| 2. Water/Wastewater*   | 11. Defense Industrial Bases                               |
| 3. Transportation*   | 12. IT Facilities  |
| 4. Communications*   | 13. Financial Facilities<br>(Banks, investment, insurance) |
| 5. Healthcare/Public Health<br>(Hospitals, clinics, labs, pharm) | 14. Critical Manufacturing                                 |
| 6. Food/Agriculture  | 15. Nuclear Facilities/Waste                               |
| 7. Emergency Services  | 16. Chemical Facilities                                    |
| 8. Government Facilities<br>(Schools)                            |  |
| 9. Commercial Facilities<br>(Mass gatherings)                    |  |

**\*Lifeline Sectors:** All other sectors are dependent on lifeline sectors to function

Bill stated he recently realized the value of reaching out to the county LEPC committees to help CIPP efforts extend beyond vulnerability assessments and improved physical security at key facilities in Maine. Bill offered his service, and expertise in assisting facilities, private, public, and municipalities. DHS partners with CFATS - Chemical Facility Terrorist Security, upon request they will conduct an evaluation of your facility. Contact Bill, (see contact info below), if you'd like to discuss planning an exercise, training, or schedule an evaluation. He has a two hour workshop, (which can be shorten if needed), covering all hazards, natural or manmade, and their impacts on critical infrastructure.

Bill's contact information: William DeLong, Protective Security Advisor. DHS P.O. Box 673, Portland, ME 04101, email: William.delong@hq.dhs.gov.

2.) Tom began his presentation with a quick overview of Maine Rural Water Association (MRWA). MRWA is a non-profit organization with the goal of helping rural water and wastewater systems provide safe drinking water and protect the environment at affordable cost. FEMA and EPA support the efforts of the organization and encourage MRWA to continue with their mission. The MRWA system is run by and for rural water systems. They train personnel on federal and state rules, operations, maintenance, finance, and offer technical assistance. They will work with partners in emergency preparedness by assisting with developing or exercising an emergency plan, identify critical assets, conduct a gap analysis and identify vulnerabilities and threats. Currently MRWA has 121 members and is growing.

Many different water systems fall under MRWA's watch. Water & Wastewater departments & districts, Tribal systems, small communities, including mobile home & trailer parks, apartment complexes, schools, daycares, nursing homes, some medical care facilities, food producers/processors, restaurants, convenience stores, campgrounds, hunting/fishing camps and ski resorts.

MRWA partners with several different agencies across the private and public sector, such as, Maine Drinking Water Program, Maine Health & Environmental Testing Labs, Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Unit, Health Inspection Program, Maine DEP, EPA, Indian Health Service, USAG, Maine Public Utilities Commission, Maine Bureau of Labor Standards, MEMA and County EMA offices.

If you think MRWA can help your rural community contact Tom at: Tom Bahun at Maine Rural Water Association 254 Alexander Reed Rd, Richmond, ME 04357 Phone: 207.737.4092 or email: [tbahun@mainerwa.org](mailto:tbahun@mainerwa.org).

Jennifer presented a new membership application for a vote.

- Richard Cox, Plant Engineer for Getchell Brothers applied for membership.
  - Kathy motioned to accept Richard as a new member.
  - Ralph second the motion, and all were in favor.

Jennifer thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 10:30.

The next LEPC quarterly meeting will be held on \*January 18th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Location TBD.