

# Penobscot County Local Emergency Planning Committee

## Quarterly Meeting Minutes



**Date:** October 17, 2019  
**Time:** 0900 – 1000  
**Location:** Penobscot County EMA  
69 Hammond Street  
Bangor, Maine

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Jesse Smith – Air National Guard  
Oscar Gerry – Pan Am Rail  
Henry Burrill – GE  
Tom Bahun – Maine Rural Water Assoc.  
Mike Plazick – Maine Rural Water Assoc.  
Eric MacDonald – Maine Air Guard  
Ralph Cammack – Brewer Fire Dept  
Scott Luciano – Penobscot County EMA  
Bradley Nuding – Penobscot County EMA  
Chandler Corriveau – Bangor Fire Dept  
Debra Merry – Kindred Hospice  
Greg Urban – Maine Veterans' Homes  
Jen Wingard – Kindred Hospice

### II. Member Updates and Recruitment

Tier II Reports -Currently Penobscot County has 273 facilities and 68 EHS facilities reporting. We are asking LEPC members to notify EMA if they have any facilities in their jurisdiction that have chemicals, such as propane, that may not currently be reporting. This would help the LEPC and first responders develop plans and better respond.

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New Membership Applications / Updates – Robert Gross from Dorothea Dix hospital submitted an application for LEPC membership. His application was nominated for approval by Ralph Cammack and seconded by Henry Burrill. Unanimous approval.

### Member Updates

Chandler Corriveau – Bangor Fire has recently completed haz mat operations refresher training. They are also looking at funding alternatives for a generator at the Park and Rec building. This may provide additional shelter capabilities.

Ralph Cammack – Brewer Fire is also looking for funding alternatives for a large generator that could be used at their Brewer shelter.

Eric MacDonald – That Air National Guard just completed joint exercise training with the 11<sup>th</sup> CST and the Bangor PD EOD team. They also have received a portable water trailer capable of carrying 3000 gallons of potable water.

Greg Urban – The Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor is currently in the process of updating their Emergency Operations Plan.

Oscar Gerry – Pan Am discussed and demonstrated an app for responders and civilians to locate railroad crossings in their community.

Henry Burrill – GE is currently updating their storm water plan.

### **III. Penobscot County EMA Updates                      Bradley Nuding**

Penobscot County EMA has received a new Commodity Flow Study that can be used to determine which chemicals are being shipped through the communities. SERC is reevaluation the fee structure for tier II reporters. More information will be coming. The Orono RRT is looking to increase their funding. An updated coverage map for the RRTs has been distributed and shows the large coverage area of the team.

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#### IV. Presentation Notes

Tom Bahun and Mike Plaziak presented an overview of the Maine Rural Water Association and updates to the EPCRA American Water Infrastructure Act. Key points included a need for:

- Planning for resilience in areas of physical and cyber security
- Collaboration between community water systems and response agencies
- Participation of community water systems and LEPCs / SERC
- Education of LEPCs / SERC / Response agencies to notify CWS if there is a spill
- Collaborative exercising, planning, and response.
- The role of MRWA is fostering these relationships

#### V. Questions or Comments

A reminder to recruit new membership for the LEPC, especially from areas currently not represented such as law enforcement, elected officials, and community members. We also have a need for a chair and vice chair candidates for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2020

#### VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am.