

WARREN COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

June 20, 1989

Members Present

Sheriff Fred Lamy

Thomas Jenkins, Deputy Director  
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

Philip J. Arthur  
Environmental Control Manager  
Finch Pruyn & Company, Inc.

Marvin Lemery, Administrator  
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

James Canavan, Coordinator  
Emergency Medical Services

R. F. Davies, President  
Ames Goldsmith, Inc.

Herbert E. Riedel  
Senior Citizens Council

Joan Dillon  
Secretary LEPC

Members Absent

Hammond Robertson, Chairman  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Joan Grishkot, Director  
Health Services

Karen Rae, Director  
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

Michael C. Robinson, M.D., Chairman  
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Chellie Mitchell, Business Manager  
WBZA

Hon. Robert D'Andrea  
Assemblyman - 108th District

Mrs. LaVerne B. Fagel, Manager  
Safety, Health & Environmental Assurance  
Ciba-Geigy Corp.

Gary Kebbel, Managing Editor  
The Post Star

GUESTS

Frank Griffin, Regional Director  
SEMO - Region II

Chief Thomas Donohue  
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

William M. Roden  
Environmental Columnist

The meeting was opened by Tom Jenkins, Chairman, at 10:09 a.m.

The chairman introduced Bill Roden, environmental columnist, as a possible candidate for our environmental representative. Mr. Roden is here today as an observer to help him decide if he has time available to sit on our committee.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Mr. Jenkins mentioned that the names of all LEPC members had been submitted to the Community Plume for mailings and asked if anyone had received anything to date.

We are still experiencing a problem with our EBS plan. Tom received a call from Chris Lynch at WWSO who seemed concerned that we weren't following the rules for the National system, as it turned out there aren't any rules for local systems. However, he spoke to several people and decided it might be a good idea to change the name to Warren County Broadcast Alerting System. He doesn't feel that we need to change the procedures any. The FCC rules say that locals must follow the State plan and presently their plan is under revision so we can do just about anything we want. He made a motion to accept the name change, there were no objections and the motion was passed.

No Old Business.

New Business:

There is an Assembly Bill #7418 which is sponsored by the Governor. It mandates each facility to write up a Risk Management Plan realizing that they may have developed a sufficient plan under Title III and it spells out exactly what should be included in the plan; mandates that a procedure should be developed for getting the plan before the public and invite their comments; mandates the establishment of annual fees to support the program in its entirety; sets a limit of \$10,000.00 a year per facility; mandates annual reporting by facilities; it gives the right of entry, inspection, monitoring and testing, all to be done at the expense of the facilities; it exempts agriculture, motor fuel, and heating fuel; it establishes civil and criminal penalties; it provides for the establishment of training programs for responders; spells out the duties of the LEPC and it appropriates money to the DEC, the SERC and the LEPC to carry out their responsibilities.

The Chairman of our LEPC went before the Warren County Legislative Committee regarding this bill and they ultimately passed Resolution #249 of 1989. (Copy attached)

Also the Attorney General sent out information in support of this bill.

There were no sub-committee reports.

A mailing received regarding a community alert network was discussed. It is a computerized telephone dialing system which costs \$14,000.00 to start and \$11,000.00 per year as a minimum. Phil Arthur told the committee that the computer system they are installing for monitoring emissions and/or spills has a feature for automatic dialing. They have not ordered it but it can be built into it at a later date. Finch Pruyn would like to get a key receptor plan from the committee so the computer can flag them in case of need. He gave a brief explanation of how it would work and will keep us up to date as things progress. Frank Griffin mentioned a group that can be tapped through SEMO that has very sophisticated mapping software and will do the mapping for us if we give them some general information.

Herb Riedel brought up the subject of James River and asked how we were set up with Saratoga County regarding them. Tom told the committee that we have sent what we have relating to Finch Pruyn to both Saratoga and Washington Counties but they have not reciprocated. Phil Arthur said the person to contact at James River is Dave Healt, their technical director and that he is also on Saratoga County's LEPC.

We provided a copy of our Emergency Broadcast Plan to Washington County at their request as a model for their plan.

Glens Falls Fire Chief Tom Donohue was then introduced. He was invited to discuss the emergency plan written for his department, and to talk with the Finch Pruyn representative about what is expected by both parties and how to better communicate with each other.

Discussion then ensued which included Chief Donohue, Marv Lemery, Sheriff Lamy and Phil Arthur about procedures, expectations, misconceptions, and how some of their mutual problems could be solved.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 6-103 at the Municipal Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.