LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 16, 1999

Members Present

John J. Farrell, Deputy Director
Office of Natural Disaster & Civil Defense

Philip J. Arthur
Environmental Control Manager

Max Reichen, Occupational Health and Training Manager
Finch Pruyn

John Ellingsworth
Glens Falls Fire Dept.

Pat Auer, Director
Health Services

James Canavan, Coordinator
Emergency Medical Services

Herbert E. Riedel
Senior Citizens Council

Larry Cleveland
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Chief R. Carey
Glens Falls Police Dept.

Deborah Rose
Adirondack Chapter - American Red Cross

Susan Losinger
Adirondack Chapter - American Red Cross

Sgt. Chris Devlin
New York State Police - Troop G

Steve Craig
New York State Police - EMO

Laura Stebbins
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

Robert Baccari, Director
NYSEMO - Region III

Members Absent

Marvin Lemery, Administrator
Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement

Charles McCabe
Ames Goldsmith, Inc

Sgt. Eric Meybaum
New York State Police

David Capron, Plant Engineer
Schneider/NAMIC

Robert Gilchrist, Manager
Environmental Health and Safety
Schneider/NAMIC

Andrew J. Roden
Environmental Representative

Patrick Campbell, Director
Greater Glens Falls Transit System

James G. Marshall, Publisher/Editor
The Post Star

Bob Desiderio, M.D.
Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Glens Falls Hospital

David Cedarstrom
The Chronicle

William Trombley, Director
Adirondack Chapter-American Red Cross

Guests

Jason White
Glens Falls Hospital

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Arthur requested that the record of the November 16, 1999 meeting be amended to show his attendance.

The participants introduced themselves at the request of Mr. Farrell.

Old Business:

Mr. Farrell and Mr. Lemery have finalized the County Hazardous Materials Plan. Mr. Lemery sent it to OFPC for review and suggestions. They suggested that we not attempt to assign responsibility for clean up ourselves. We therefore rewrote that section to have that responsibility remain with En Con. Steve Craig of the State Police explained the protocol for incidents. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of a regional haz mat van. The Chairman suggested that we write a position paper after the first of the year to show that we have thoroughly researched this issue.

New Business:

SEMO will be assisting us with a Human Needs Assessment. This meeting will be held on November 24, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the Civil Defense Meeting Room. Mr. Baccari explained why SEMO felt it was necessary to address this issue and what they hoped to accomplish.

Mr. Farrell mentioned one of the positives of Y2K is that it is forcing everyone to review and update their plans. Mr. Riedel discussed the concern for seniors withdrawing money from the bank and the possibility of their losing it through theft or fraud. Sue Losinger of Red Cross distributed several publications directed towards seniors. There was some discussion on dispelling fears and addressing cases of misinformation.

Our EOC will be manned from 6:00 p.m. December 31 until 6:00 a.m. January 1 or until it is clear there will be no problems. Representatives of Red Cross, Sheriff's Dept., NY State Police, Niagara Mohawk, NYS DOT, RACES and Civil Defense.

Mr. Arthur gave an update on the required Risk Management Planning. They held a meeting attended by most of this committee. It is necessary for them to hold a public meeting by February 1st. They will be running a full-page ad in the newspaper explaining the plan, and announcing a public meeting at their facility.

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.