

August 24, 2023 – Meeting Minutes  
Story County Emergency Operations Center

**Attendees:**

Steve Arthur- Hach Chemical  
Dave Zeisneiss-Gilbert FD  
Dennis Clatt- Colo FD  
Jeff Gilchrist-Nevada FD

Russel Robinson-Hack Chemical  
Rod Geisinger- Colo FD  
Tom Hackett-Ames FD  
Melissa Spencer-SCEMA

**Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 PM by Spencer with a welcome and introductions

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

Approval of May 2022 minutes and August Tentative Agenda. Motion by Richmond, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huff. MCU

**Guest Speaker: None**

**Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Training:**

**Business Continuity Planning**

SCEMA is hosting a Business Continuity Planning Course on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Ames Chamber. This is open to first responder agencies as well. Handout for the class was provided in the meeting packet. This class was scheduled at the request of the LEPC. We need 25 to hold the class. Please consider attending.

**February Training Options:**

Would like input as to what presentations/training the LEPC would like in February. The options are Hostile Intruder provided by the Sheriff's Office or Union Pacific Emergency Response training. After discussion, the Hostile Intruders training will be provided and February with the Union Pacific Training to be provided in April.

There was discussion about trying to bring the Union Pacific Hazardous Materials Taring for Emergency Preparedness to Story County. Spencer will look into it and gather information on what is required.

Jeff also mentioned a training opportunity with the Advanced HazMat Life Support class for first responders. It is expensive but there is a lot of good information for responders and hospitals.

<https://www.ahls.org/site/take-a-course-2/provider-course/>

**Exercises: None**

**IDNR reported spills:**

- 05/25- Air Products- 59511 W Lincolnway- Anhydrous Ammonia Release- 888 lbs estimated

- 06/07- Alumni Lane, Ames- Cyride Bus spilled coolant
- 06/26- 516 1st St. Huxley- Semi Fire spilled 80 gals of diesel fuel
- 07/24- 801 Dayton Ave- BASF- Unkn liquid that turned out to be canola oil
- 08/14- 108 mm NB I-35, 60-80 gals of diesel fuel-saddle tank on semi punctured due to road debris

Hackett discussed an incident at the Ames Police station where they had a suspicious odor that caused a medical issue for three people in the PD. The incident was after hours and on a weekend so they only had to evacuate the PD side of City Hall. Samples were collected and sent to the Hygienic Lab and came back inconclusive with no hazardous materials detected. There was a question about who is responsible for transporting samples to the lab. They understood that the Iowa State Patrol was supposed to transport to maintain chain of custody but they refused. Spencer will touch base with the HSEMD Duty Officer and see if the question can get answered. The State is currently reviewing the CBRNE protocols so this is a good time to ask.

### **Risk Management Planning Session**

Due to scheduling error by Spencer, this portion of the meeting will be rescheduled for a later date.

**Next meeting:** November 16<sup>th</sup> Moved up one week due to Thanksgiving

Motion by Hackett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zeisneiss to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM