



CASS COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Cass County Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Chair – Manny DeLaRosa

Vice Chair- Jennifer Zordan

**LEPC Meeting Minutes
Meeting by Zoom and EOC
Minutes- Thursday, Jan. 5th, 2023, 1:00 pm**

In Attendance:

Manny DeLaRosa - Emergency Management Office / **Cody Davis** - Health Department, Environmental Division / **Evan Bressler** - Energy Facility Operator Electric/propane / **Thomas Ayers** - Department of Health and Human Services / **Erika Espeland** - GIS Department / **Captain Jacobs** - Cass County Sheriff's Office / **Ron Butts** - Cass County Sheriff's Office, Animal Control / **Donovan Thomas** - MI EGLE / **Julie Hartman** – Public Transportation / **Emily Haluda** – Ag Michigan Environmental Assurance / **Jennifer Zordan** – Van Buren/Cass Health Department / **Erika Espeland** – Cass County GIS Department, Director / **Alex Biles** – Cass County GIS Department, Deputy Director / **Jen Robinson** – 911 Coordinator

Call to Order – Time: 1:01pm

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Minutes were reviewed by Manny. There were no questions or concerns.

Old Business

Reporting of Natural Gas Pipeline- Buildings and Structures request was discussed. Task was completed and submitted before deadline of December 31st, 2022.

New Business

Community Mills Inc. - Main Facility, 611 South O'Keefe St. Cassopolis- Tier II report. – Manny

- Manny spoke on Community Mills' Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory report. Manny met with Joe Tone-General Manager of Community Mills

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last month and found that they are still in the application process and licensing. Currently Community Mills does not have a hazardous chemical reported at the facility that meets or exceeds the threshold. The thresholds refer to the total amount of chemicals on-site, in storage, and in process at any one time.

Plans Business & Industry Binder - Manny

- Manny spoke on the Plans Business & Industry binder and it's status. A discussion occurred with the decision to keep the binder and begin updating by removing business's that no longer exist and adding new business's in the County. This will also include attaining a copy of their Facility Emergency Plans.

Indeck Niles Energy Center – Off-Site Plan remarks - Manny

- Manny spoke on the Indeck Niles Energy Center. Kiewit Power Constructors currently have an Emergency Action Plan, and we have a copy of this plan. It was also explained that Berrien County has a plan in place for the Energy Center being that it is in Niles' jurisdiction. However, we should consider having our own Off-Site Plan as well. Reason being that if an incident were to occur, Cass County First responders will be responding as the facility is in Cass County. It is our understanding that Kiewit Power Constructors will be turning over responsibility of the Energy Center to Indeck sometime this year. Exact date is unknown at this time.

Next meeting

LEPC: May 4th, 2023, Thursday @ 1pm

LPT: March 2nd, 2023, Thursday @ 1pm