

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 2025 – 1:30 p.m.

The Alpena County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chair – Alpena County Commissioner	Lucille Bray
	Alpena County Commissioner	Todd Britton
	Director of EM and E911 Services	Kim Elkie
	Alpena County 911 Data Officer	Alysse Susan
	Alpena County Sheriff	Erik Smith
	MSP Alpena Post Commander	Anthony Utt
	Alpena City Police Department	Eric Hamp
	Alpena City Fire Department	Rob Edmonds
	City of Alpena Elected Official Representative	Danny Mitchell
	Alpena County Road Commission	Ryan Brege
	MyMichigan Hospital Representative	Cristen Pedersen
	Alpena City Fire	Andy Marceau
	Community Member-At-Large	Edna Sorensen
	Alpena Public Schools Representative	Lee Fitzpatrick
MEMBERS ABSENT	Alpena 911 Lead Dispatcher	Rory Sherwood - excused
	Alpena County Fire Representative	Seat empty
	District Health Department #4 Representative	Seat empty
	NE Michigan Medical Control Representative	Nick Harrison - excused
OTHERS PRESENT:	The Salvation Army	Major Prezza Morrison
	Red Cross	Eric Helsel

Chairperson Bray called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

As a new Red Cross partner was present at the meeting, everyone introduced themselves around the room.

APPROVE THE AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Danny Mitchell with support from Erik Smith. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion was made by Todd Britton with support from Eric Hamp to approve the minutes from the LEPC meeting held May 15, 2025. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Director Elkie reported that Mr. Bill Myers, the PFAS SME, met with her last week and gave a brief update ahead of the presentation scheduled for today; unfortunately, she received an email at 12:09 p.m. today that Mr. Myers will not be able to virtually join this meeting. Commissioner

Britton requested to have the presentation at the next meeting and to keep him posted on the progress toward that end. Director Elkie will reach out to Mr. Myers.

INFORMATION ITEM: Director Elkie presented the 2025 Amrize (formerly Holcim) Offsite Response Plan for annual review and approval. Amrize reported recently by phone regarding a new pyrotechnic substance on-site that, upon Director Elkie's research, does not require inclusion in the ORP; Thomas Matzke, EMHSD Planning Analyst and SARA Title III Planner, was consulted and confirmed the status of the substance. In an abundance of caution, Director Elkie reached out to City Fire ahead of the meeting today and advised them of the new pyrotechnic substance on-site and requested an on-site visit so they are aware of the substance as well as its storage location. Chief Edmonds and Andy Marceau both acknowledged today their intention to accomplish this visit. Motion to approve the 2025 plan was made by Rob Edmonds and supported by Cristen Pedersen. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of the 2025 Amrize (formerly Holcim) Offsite Response Plan as amended.

INFORMATION ITEM: Director Elkie presented the 2025 Meijer Store #282 Offsite Response Plan for review and approval. It was noted that information was not provided by Meijer into the EGLE software to create map layouts for vulnerable zone and worst case vulnerable zone for an accidental release of the EHS substance of lead acid batteries. Meijer was requested to provide this information into the EGLE system and the zone maps will be created and added to the plan at a later date. Motion to approve the 2025 Meijer Offsite Response Plan as amended was made by Edna Sorensen and supported by Rob Edmonds. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: The Committee recommends approval of the 2025 Meijer Store #282 Offsite Response Plan as amended.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Director Elkie reported that 60 active sites were reported this year with 15 inactive sites. Four sites required an off-site response plan. All four plans have been completed and approved for this fiscal year ending September 30. As such, after discussion, the next meeting is being rescheduled from September 18 to October 16 to count toward next year, since all tasks are completed and LEPC has met the required four times this year.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Britton with support from Danny Mitchell. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Lucille Bray, Chair

Kim Elkie, Director, Emergency Management
and E911 Services

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