



SEDGWICK COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

Meeting Minutes

**May 15th, 2025
2pm**

ON SITE:

Phillips 66
2400 E 37th St N Wichita, KS 67219
2pm to 3pm

ZOOM Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83174694446>

- 1. Call To Order:** LEPC Chairperson Ann Houk called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

A. Attendance:

Ann Houk, LEPC Chair	Jason Unruh, Wildcat Construction	Gina Gregory, Valley Center City Council
Jaron Barrett, Oxy Chem	Stewart Segraves, Ascension Hospitals	Jeff Koehn, Worthington Enterprises
Rorik Moore-Jansen, SCHD	Tom Kneil, Sierra Club	Robert McKenzie, Phillips 66
Jon Schropfer, SCEM	Corina Snyder, Southern Star	Trista Clevenger, Sedgwick County Department on Aging & Disability
Jil Reichle, McConnell AFB EM	Lane Pearman, WFD	Scott Norlin, Spirit Aerosystems
Steve Smith, PVS DX	Tammy Griffith, Paradigm	Ryan Gadbury, WFD Training Chief
Derek West	Kyle Burtch, SCEMS	Preston Warren
Regan Gerber, Spirit		

B. Introductions: Ann provides a “thank you” to Phillips 66, Robert McKenzie, for hosting the LEPC meeting.

- 2. MINUTES APPROVED:** Minutes from the February 13th, 2025 meeting are approved with recommended changes from Jaron Barrett. Ann states they will be corrected before submitting on the website. Motion to approve by Gina Gregory and second by Jason Unruh. All present in agreement with minutes with amended changes approved and accepted.

Robert provides logistics for the building if an emergency should occur.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. HMEP Grant Status

Ann states we were awarded approximately \$30,000. Ann states the battery class was completed and the next class is the Propane class in July. Ann defers anyone interested to contact Bryan Ellis. Ann states that there are 3 classes, 1 on July 1, July 2 and July 3. Jon states that there is a couple classes being offered that is open for attendance which is the G300 and G400 class. Ann



states that KDEM is offering classes and the next class is the Ammonia Class. Chief Gadbury states that the next class for the Ammonia Class will be Wednesday July 30th at the Regional Fire Training Center.

B. LEOP Review

Jon states that the review is completed for the base plan. Jon states that he will be contacting all businesses either via survey, email or phone for injects into the ESF 14 plan. Jon states the whole review is due in July and he is confident it will be ready for submission.

C. 2025 Safety Expo

Ann reminds everyone that the LEPC is going to be hosting the first community wide safety expo. Ann states that the sub committee will continue to meet to formulate a plan. Ann states that she was excited to hear that the event may be held at Century II. Ann states that Everygy has confirmed attendance and will be conducting the training with the live demonstration. Ann states that the committee will be meeting to determine the logistics to the event soon. Ann states that the goal is literally to distribute tools and resources. Ann states that she is still working on confirming with Century II.

D. Emergency Prep Guidebook

Ann states that the LEPC sub committee has created and prepared a Community Safety Guidebook. Ann states that we all need to have resources available and not rely on having the internet with quick responses in an emergency situation. Ann states that she has emailed everyone a draft to review and would like recommendations for changes or revisions to her no later than May 31st. Ann states that she would like to make sure all LEPC members have the opportunity to have a spot in the book or full-page ad. Ann states she wants our community to recognize those companies who have safety as a priority. Ann states that the book will be ready for final print no later than July 1, 2025. Gina states she likes the book. Ann states that she had a federal surveyor review the book with recommendations for a single sheet Personal Emergency Plan page that the individuals can fill out and keep. Ann states that has been added to the book.

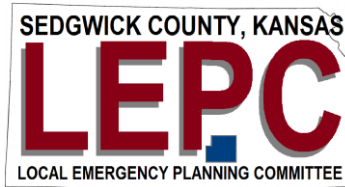
E. Round Table

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Open for Discussion

Ann states that for 2026 she would like to find a way to post the videos of the meeting to help reduce burden and minutes.

Ann states that for 2026 she would like new sites for hosting the LEPC meetings and offers the following dates to choose from: February 12th, May 14th, August 13th, and November 12th. Ann states that the November meetings will include lunches.



5. PRESENTATION:
Southern Star Pipeline
Corina Snyder

Corina states that Southern Star covers 6 states and over 6000 miles of pipeline and 42 compressor stations. Corina states that the pipeline contains natural compressed gas. Corina states that the compressors are about 14 inches and massive.

Corina states that Southern Star is only a transportation not a supplier like Kansas Gas. Corina states that they are regulated by the Department of Transportation and FEMSA. Corina states that because the pipelines cross state lines it is regulated by DOT.

Corina discusses the San Bernadino incident. Corina states that in 2010 a natural gas line measuring about 30 inches in diameter leaked and ignited. The incident killed 8 people and destroyed about 37 houses. Corina states that it was the equivalent of a 1.1 magnitude earthquake. Corina states the area of destruction was 72ft long x 26 ft wide, 8 alarm fire, took 4000 feet of hose 200 fire fighters, and 25 fire engines to contain the incident. Corina stated it left a huge crater in the ground.

Corina states that Southern Star is a safety-first company and recently received 2 awards for their safe practices.

Corina discusses how hot and disastrous an incident can be as well as how vital it is for everyone to be provided with education.

Gina asks what is put in the gas so help you identify a leak. Corina states that Mercaptin is added to local lines to help identify a leak (rotten eggs). Corina states that it is not injected in all lines as it is \$100/gallon. Corina states that it is added when it gets to the edge of town by the local provider.

Corina discusses the recent incident in Missouri in which a contractor was working and did not realize a line has been breached and the home owner turned on a light which led to an explosion and a 5 year old child lost his life. Corina discusses the importance of calling before you dig. Robert injects that in Kansas it is call before you break the ground as it use to be if you were digging more than 8 inches below the surface. Corina states that there is more than 3 million lines in the ground and more than 20 million miles of line.

Corina discusses how to recognize a pipeline leak. The following are indicators of a leak:

- *bubbling on the ground
- *dead vegetation
- *sounds
- *smell
- *frost on the grass in summer

Corina states that they do aerial inspections of the pipeline. Corina shares pictures of the pipeline markers. Corina states that if you feel there is an issue that you should always call 9-1-1 and they will contact Southern Star. Corina states that the pipelines are encased with metal casings to maintain integrity.

Corina states that if anyone sees anyone tampering with the lines or secured holding areas to contact 9-1-1.



Corina states that Southern Star has a 1-hour response time to incidents but in the meantime, they have the capability to monitor gas flow from the main station. Corina states that an initial response will include vacating the area as the natural gas does migrate. Corina states that when you call for the emergency, they will need basic information for the incident to know how to properly respond.

Corina states that a standard fire response for natural gas will not be successful as it will continue to burn.

Corina provides steps in how Southern Star is working to protect the community:

- *Deploying readers in the lines to monitor inside the lines

- *Routine visual inspections

- *Routine maintenance

Corina states that they want to have a table at the Safety Expo for 8-1-1. Corina states it takes about 3 days for “call you before you dig” can get onsite to mark.

Corina states that the FEMSA website will show you what is running in the lines and where the lines are. Corina states that anytime you are going to purchase houses or land that you should look at the website, so you know where and what is under you.

Phillips 66

Robert states that Phillips 66 provides the same services as Southern Star with the exception of what is transported. Robert states that the Wichita site does have Ethanol that can not be transported by pipeline and requires transport by truck. Robert states that the base for Ethanol is corn and it can get molded and that is why it can not be moved through pipeline. Robert states that they do have branded stations but they are not transportation stations.

Robert states that there are 8' and 12' lines that run from Oklahoma to Wichita that carries premium gases. Phillips 66 was created in Border Texas in 1936. States that there is the original gas line has been in the ground more than 100 years. Robert states that with the acquisitions that they have several stations.

Robert states that they do frequent internal sweeps of the lines to ensure that they are clean and safe. Robert states regardless of the gases in the lines they are at least inspected quarterly.

Robert says in Conway Kansas they run the NGL gases.

Robert states that every 3 weeks they are required to do inspections per FEMSA regulations.

Robert states that they are working to automate their systems and reports that currently Bartlesville can shut down the system to slow down the incident which allows them to respond. Robert states that about every 30 miles there is an automated box to regulate lines. Robert states that once a gas leaves the line it will vaporize.

Robert states that a butane leak will result in frost on the ground with frost balls.

Robert states that their policy is everyone has the capability to “STOP WORK” if there is any question to the safety or integrity of the lines. Robert states that any employee can shut down operations until the situation is resolved.



Robert states that annual mailers to residents to provide ongoing education. Robert states that they are constantly trying to ensure that all households have the information.

Robert states that they have an incident response team to respond to any situation.

Robert states that the trucks on site haul and the site has DOT tanks and not DOT tanks. Robert states they are supplied by 2 refineries.

Robert states if there is an interruption or situation that this site has enough resources for 2 weeks to run the city.

Robert states that they focus on safety for the community.

6. ROUND TABLE:

7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 3:00pm. Gina approves adjournment for online attendees.

8. NEXT MEETING:

August 14th 2pm ON SITE AND ZOOM

****Presenter: Lane Sekavec**

Location: UPR

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