



Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC Meeting

Date: Friday, 06/07/2024 from 1 PM to 2:15 PM

Location: Delta Western Petroleum warehouse (next to Delta Western main office)

Thank you very much to LEPC Member Wayne Jackson and Delta Western Petroleum personnel for their generosity in hosting this meeting and having a BBQ for the committee. They did a really great job setting up their warehouse to accommodate the BBQ and meeting and it made for a great event!

**Attendees:** Wayne Jackson, Peter Gurney, Ferdinand Lopez, Shari Coleman, Greg Peters, Tiffany Angus, Arianna Morales, Ben Knowles, Aleutia Peters, Eric Freeman, Josephine Padgett, Erica Aus, Rachel Alinsunurin, Lynn Crane (Zoom), Layton Lockett (Zoom), Tom Wray, Ken Reeves, Deborah Osman, Gio Bacalso, Sean Peters, and Roy Gulanes.

Meeting Recap:

**1) Introduce new members**

- a. Eric Freeman—Resolve Marine Facility Manager
- b. Gregory Walz—Delta Western Petroleum Operations Supervisor
- c. Tom Wray—Ounalashka Corporation Operations Manager
- d. Laresa Syverson—Ounalashka Corporation Technical Lands Manager

**2) Learn about Delta Western Petroleum and their commitment to safety**

- a. Delta Western Petroleum Terminal Manager Wayne Jackson introduced himself to the group and spoke on some recent training activities Delta Western has done. He advised that they would be planning out some table top exercises in the future and that he plans to invite LEPC to attend. Wayne then discussed the importance of local industry helping each other in emergency situations such as an oil spill, etc. Wayne then introduced the idea of developing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in Unalaska.

**3) Development of a Community Emergency Response Team.**

- a. Shared a brief video from FEMA website detailing Community Emergency Response Team program. See [video detailing CERT](#)
- b. Advised group that we are working to develop a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.
- c. CERT program would teach members about basic first aid, light search and rescue, fire suppression, etc. and would allow community members to better assist family, friends, and neighbors during a disaster/emergency situation. With how isolated our community is, having a CERT program in place will make us more resilient during a disaster event.

- d. Fire Department and Police Department could deploy CERT members to assist with a particular response when needed.
- e. Will send email to group advising of how you can sign up and certification options.

**4) Funding for LEPC / LEPC bank account**

- a. City Council awarded us \$15,000 in funding at last council meeting. This is the amount that LEPC's used to get annually through the Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant program. That program stopped being funded back in 2019 which is when the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC and many other LEPC's throughout the state went dormant.
- b. Met with the City Manager to discuss how we would go about getting the funds. He stated that they would likely cut us a check:
  - i. We need to create a Business Bank Account for LEPC
  - ii. We will need a treasurer for our committee.
- c. The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association (APICDA) is meeting to discuss making a donation to the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC. APICDA is our local CDQ (Community Development Quota) organization. CDQ's have donated to other LEPC's in the State of Alaska which is why I submitted a sponsorship request to them.
- d. My thought process is that if we are able to build up our bank account, we can help make LEPC sustainable for years to come. I don't want to rely on future funding that may or may not be available to us. So whether we spend it all this year or not, it will be beneficial to have some money in reserve.

**5) Treasurer position**

- a. Looking for volunteers to serve as treasurer for the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands LEPC.
- b. Treasurer: Manages finances, maintains financial records, and provides financial reports at meetings.

**6) LEPC Bylaws**

- a. Discuss Officer positions and terms.
  - i. Should there be a term of service? If so, how long?
  - ii. Are there other Officer positions we should consider for our committee?

**7) Upcoming visit from Alaska Volcano Observatory**

- a. We are pleased to announce that personnel from the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) will be visiting Unalaska later this month. In collaboration with the AVO, we have scheduled a special LEPC meeting where they will present information on the volcanoes in our area.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 2 PM at the WWII Museum. This presentation will be an excellent opportunity for our group and any interested stakeholders to learn more about local volcanic activity and safety measures.

Hannah Dietterich from the AVO will be following up with additional details via email.

## 8) Roundtable

- a. Rachel brought up that we may want to write our local legislature regarding funding for the Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant program.
- b. Josie mentioned a recent incident where person got stuck on Overland Drive and was able to use SOS feature on Apple device. Apple contacted Unalaska Public Safety to provide coordinates for the incident. We may want to do further testing of the SOS feature to learn how it works and educate the public.
- c. Group was advised that we have unveiled our [new website](http://api-lepc.org). Website is available via the following url: [api-lepc.org](http://api-lepc.org)
- d. Ferdie mentioned the importance of QR codes for getting information about the website out to the Public.
- e. We will continue to work on the website over time so that it can reach its full potential.
- f. Fire Chief Knowles advises of Tsunami Ready event in August with National Weather Service. This will help us regain our Tsunami Ready community status.
- g. Ferdie brought up What3words for people that don't have phone service in emergency situations.
- h. Fire Chief Knowles advised the group that he has gotten great feedback from State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) officials regarding the performance of our LEPC. He stated that we have done an exceptional job bringing LEPC back to our area.