

Minutes: Alexandria Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
Minutes for Local Emergency Planning Commission
Call to Order

A Commission Meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Commission was held on March 28

Attendance:

Michael Lee Pope (Chair) - present
Elizabeth Chimento - present
Vernon Miles - present
Russell Furr, Chief Deputy Fire Marshall for the City - present
Jasmin Johnson, Public Health Emergency Manager - present
Curicè Paulüs, Deputy Emergency Manager - present
Battalion Chief David Plunkett - special operations chief - not present. Corey Smedley filling in.

Not present:

Virginia Department Environmental Quality Representative
Alexandria Hospital Representative
Red Cross Representative
FEMA Representative
City Council Member Kirk McPike
City Council Member Alyia Gaskins

Item 1: Presentation on Potomac River Generating Station demolition

Presentation from Bill Skrabak, Deputy Director for Infrastructure and Environmental Quality on the demolition plans for the Potomac River Generating Station (formerly GenOn).

Skrabak explained the building will be taken down in phases. Once building is demolished, work will shift to remediation.

Chimento - "How many underground storage tanks are on the property?"

Skrabak - "There are two large underground oil tanks on the property that were closed out already. Because that's a different program, they were remediated under oversight of Virginia department of environmental quality."

Chimento - "How many are leaking or have leaked?"

Skrabak - "There was an underground leaking tank case under that which was overseen by VDEQ. (Around 2013, remediation from 2016-2019)."

Skrabak also noted that there are smaller tanks around the site.

Skrabak said soil will be hauled off-site and disposed of, with soil typically carried in sealed or covered trucks.

Audience members asked what route the trucks will take, but Skrabak said that's still to be determined.

Question from audience - "What recourse do citizens have in response [to contaminated material]?"

Skrabak - "Hopefully the control measures put in place are sufficient that you won't have significant impacts, that's the whole purpose of controls and the water spray. We monitor dust pretty closely from that site. If there is a problem, we would have the ability to make them do either additional controls."

Chimento suggested a monitoring group be set up for citizens to get a constant flow of information. Pope suggested a memo be prepared outlining what a monitoring group would do and present that at the next meeting.

Vernon motioned for the group to come back with a memo for a citizen oversight group to monitor demolition plans at the power plant. The motion was approved.

Skrabak addressed additional audience questions until the LEPC voted to close the meeting.