

June 4, 2025

Greater Houston Local Emergency Planning Committee Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes

Logistics

10:00AM – 12:00PM

American Red Cross, 2700 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098

Next month's meeting location subject to change – Stay Tuned

Welcome

Business

- Welcome & Introductions
- Chair & Vice Chair Reports
 - **DRRC&E**, formerly the Weather Expo, occurred May 17 at the GRB. CenterPoint Energy was the primary sponsor. GHLEPC is also a sponsor. Post review of event occurred Monday. Overall it well however fewer attendees than in past years.
 - **TCEQ Grant Award** effective June 1, 2025 (See page 8)
 - **FirstNet - Satellite** connectivity trials are set for 2025. FCC authorized direct-to-cellular satellite connectivity on Band 14 spectrum, beginning with select public safety agencies to trial satellite communications designed to extend coverage in remote and off-grid areas.
 - **Pipeline Emergency Response Grant** (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) (See Page 9)
 - TCEQ Enforcement activities (See below)
- Local Updates (See below)
- TCEQ Updates (See below)
- EPA Updates (See below)
- Member Reports
- Meeting Notes (available at <https://ghlepc.org/information>)
- New Business
 - Suggestions for **2025 tabletop exercises** include MCI or AI incidents.
 - **Seek donations** of PPE (googles, N95 masks, gloves, and drawstring bags to provide to attendees of *"Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals"* training.

Treasurer Report

\$400 in expenses incurred since March 29, 2025; no new revenue or donations



STEVE MEEK



PRESENTATION: Invista Houston Propylene site 2025 Emergency Response and Coordination Steve Meek – Emergency Response Leader | Chemical Industry Veteran

My name is Steve Meek, and I bring over 36 years of experience in the chemical industry. I currently work at Invista Propylene, LLC on Highway 225, where I spent 23.5 years as a plant operator before transitioning into the Health, Safety & Security (HS&S) department. For the past 13+ years, I've served as the ERT Coordinator and Fire Chief, combining operational knowledge with a strong commitment to safety and emergency preparedness. My involvement in emergency response spans more than 35 years. Throughout my career, I've held various leadership roles within the Emergency Response Team (ERT), and I take pride in helping build a strong safety culture within the organization. I've also been a dedicated member of the Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA) organization for over 16 years. For the past 5.5

years, I've served as a CIMA Specialist and currently hold the role of Vice Chairman—supporting industry-wide collaboration and emergency coordination across the region. On the personal side, I've been married to my high school sweetheart for over 35 years. We have two grown, married children and one grandchild. Outside of work, I spent about two decades coaching youth sports in Deer Park and enjoy hunting, fishing, and relaxing at the lake with family and friends.

PIO Report

Houston Fire Department Updates

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

2025 Meeting Dates: Jan 29, Mar 26, Jun 4, **Jul 30**, Sep 24, and Dec 3.

LOCAL UPDATES

1. **Ambipar | Witt O'Brien's 10th Annual EPA Compliance Workshop.** Topic: Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) & Facility Response Plan (FRP) Compliance, September 9-10, 2025, Houston, TX and Virtual. Contact jcarroll@wittobriens.com for more information.
2. 2nd Quarter 2025 **Greater Harris County LEPC (GHCLEPC)** meeting occurred on 15 May 2025 @ USCG Sector Houston – Galveston, Ellington Air Base.
3. Free **EHCMA** Member Breakfast on June 17 - Key Infrastructure Projects from TxDOT, providing an in-depth briefing on critical TxDOT initiatives shaping the future of our region, including the SH 225 Redevelopment Project, the Bayport Container Terminal Southern Access Road and the I-610 Ship Channel Bridge Replacement. Health & Safety Council, 5213 Center St., Pasadena, Texas 77505. Contact admin@ehcma.org or 281-334-9091 to register.
4. Hurricane Season 2025: Preparation, Response and Resilience, Jun 11, 2025 10:00 AM via Zoom. Presenters: Jeff Lindner, Meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District, and David Wade, Incident Liaison with the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Jeff Lindner will provide the latest forecast and preparedness strategies for the 2025 hurricane season. David Wade will share how Harris County supports businesses in preparing for severe weather and will provide guidance on completing the EHCMA Industry Status Board. To register visit <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/ihHoOI0hS1-qhBh05C5hgq#/registration>
5. **Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA)** is a non-profit organization seamlessly integrating firefighting, rescue, hazardous material handling, and emergency medical capabilities within the refining and petrochemical sector in the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area. To learn more visit <https://g.co/kgs/XD7La82>.

STATE UPDATES

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

1. **Upcoming Grants:** <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/financial/funding>
2. **Rulemaking** (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/whatsnew.html>)
 - a. Adoption, Leaking Water Wells Grant Program (Rule Project No. 2025-008-353-OW). House Bill (HB) 4256, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 amended the Texas Water Code (TWC), Chapter 28, Subchapter E to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) to establish and administer a Leaking Water Wells Grant Program (LWWGP, or program). Eligible Groundwater Conservation Districts (GCDs) may receive grant funding to offset the costs of plugging leaking water wells in their district.
(https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/rules/adoptions/25008353_aex.pdf)

3. TCEQ Pending Enforcement Action – TCEQ Cases

Below are new pending enforcement actions since January 28, 2025 within the GHLEPC jurisdiction.
A complete list of all enforcement actions across Texas as well as file an open records request at
<https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/oce/penenfac/>

Case #	RN	RE Name	Respondent	Enforcement Type	Order Type	Program	Status
65894	RN101775104	HANDI PLUS 333 8003 ANTOINE DR HOUSTON, TX 77088	ANTOINE CH INVESTMENTS LLC CN604696989	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 04/22/2024
65897	RN101979433	SUNMART 457 14049 EASTEX FWY HOUSTON, TX 77032	PETROLEUM WHOLESALE LP CN601542616	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Original EDPRP Filed - 12/31/2024
65937	RN102998374	WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD 11 8665 W Sam Houston Tollway, Houston TX 77040	WEST HARRIS COUNTY MUD 11 CN600740013	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 06/19/2024
65941	RN102371093	HEMPSTEAD FOOD MART, 11650 HEMPSTEAD RD HOUSTON, TX 77092	SAIF MALIK ENTERPRISES INC CN603031733	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 04/29/2024
66007	RN104215710	BEST CYPRESS FOOD MART, 9811 SPRING CYPRESS RD., HOUSTON, TX 77070	SPRING C-STORE INC CN605908623	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed – 12/06/2024
66008	RN106914633	BRAZOS TOWER BAYOU MANOR, 4141 S BRAESWOOD BLVD, HOUSTON, TX 77025	BRAZOS PRESBYTERIAN HOMES INC CN600587182	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 05/13/2024
66172	RN102028974	T FOOD MART 11002 TOWER OAKS BLVD, HOUSTON, TX 77065	HOUSTON YZC INC CN605915750	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed – 11/26/2024
66220	RN102275591	SUSAN KEHOE STRAKE BLDG 1819 LA BRANCH ST HOUSTON, TX 77002	STEWART HEALTH CARE SYSTEM LLC CN605774967	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed – 11/08/2024
66221	RN101177707	DOGWOOD TREE WATER SYSTEM 14330 DOGWOOD TREE ST, HOUSTON, TX 77060	BLUE BELL MANOR UTILITY CO INC CN600625586	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Signed Order Received From Respondent – 01/28/2025
66222	RN100663996	TEXAS PIPE BENDING 2500 GALVESTON RD HOUSTON, TX 77017	BOCCARD REAL ESTATE LTD CN601674963	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 06/11/2024
66231	RN101232288	SUBURBAN MOBILE HOME PARK 2 7638 FAIRVIEW ST HOUSTON, TX 77041	MISSION INDEV LLC CN603548314	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/ SUPPLY	Agenda Held – Order Approved – 04/08/2025
66247	RN100685510	OLDS PRESS & KO FORGE 3315 CARR ST HOUSTON, TX 77026	OLDS PRESS & FORGE INC - CN600392393; TEXCON READY MIX INC; TEXAS CONCRETE ENTERPRISE LLC -	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 06/13/2024

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CN603171026							
66389	RN109758672	CONCRETE BATCH PLANT 5421 SCHURMIER RD HOUSTON, TX 77048	ALL DAY CONCRETE INC; METRO READY MIX LIMITED COMPANY; PADRON, FELIPE	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 07/12/2024
66398	RN108794264	LIBERTY ROAD CRUSHER 7445 Liberty Rd., Houston, TX 77028	TEXAS MATERIALS GROUP INC	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening – 07/11/2024
66514	RN110468105	CASA DEL MAR APARTMENTS LLC 2431 FM 1960 RD W HOUSTON, TX 77068	Casa Del Mar Apartments LLC	Court Order	Final Judgment	MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Trail Date – 10/02/2024
66504	RN101271500	LONGHORN MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY 5931 Mcinty Dr., Houston, TX 77041	LONGHORN MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY LTD	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Signed Order Received From Respondent – 4/29/2025
66530	RN102340288	MOUNT HOUSTON ROAD MUD, 2265 STUEBNER PARK LN, HOUSTON, TX 77038	MOUNT HOUSTON ROAD MUD	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Proposed Agenda - 06/10/2025
66545	RN102341070	RANKIN ROAD WEST MUD, 1000 FT E & 3000 FT N OF INTX OF WALTERS RD & SPEARS RD 2063 LAUREL OAKS HOUSTON, TX 77066	RANKIN ROAD WEST MUD	Administrative Order	1660	WATER QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed - 02/10/2025
66580	RN102674082	CREEKSIDE ESTATES SOUTH, 9006 LAKE DRIVE, HOUSTON, TX 77040	AQUA TEXAS INC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Texas Register Publication - 05/23/2025
67284	RN101219871	TALLOWS MOBILE HOME PARK, 1413 ALDINE MAIL RTE, HOUSTON, TX 77039	SMITH, WILLIAM DONALD	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Proposed Order Mailed – 05/23/2025
67369	RN101916997	R S CONCRETE, 14508 CHRISMAN RD HOUSTON, TX 77039	SALINAS, RUBEN; R & S CONCRETE LLC	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL; & INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 02/05/2025
67371	RN100245968	WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY, 6100 MAIN ST, HOUSTON, TX 77005	WILLIAM MARSH RICE UNIVERSITY	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 02/05/2025
67401	RN107631533	ALAMO CONCRETE PRODUCTS PLANT 109, 11206C GIFFORD HILL ROAD, HOUSTON, TX 77041	ALAMO CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL; & INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 01/28/2025

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67414	RN100250067	DORSETT BROTHERS CONCRETE SUPPLY, 11206 FM 529 RD HOUSTON, TX 77041	ALAMO CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY	Court Order	Final Judgment	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL;	Initial Screening Date – 01/28/2025
67430	RN111368767	PAKS FOOD STORE, 9700 RIVERSTONE RANCH RD STE A HOUSTON, TX 77089	RAJPUT ENTERPRISES LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Proposed Order Mailed - 05/19/2025
67440	RN106032097	ORBITS, 1419 NASA PKWY, HOUSTON, TX 77058	PARSH INVESTMENT INC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 02/19/2025
67535	RN101268258	ACORN VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK, 5510 MOUNT HOUSTON RD HOUSTON, TX 77093	5510 ACORN LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 03/04/2025
67553	RN101267177	PADOK TIMBERS SUBDIVISION WS KEY MAP 418N	EAST HOUSTON UTILITIES INC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 03/05/2025
67652	RN112167556	LUCKY HOMES RV PARK, 8608 CONGO LN HOUSTON, TX 77040	LUCKY HOMES RV PARK LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 03/24/2025
67666	RN102682580	PARKWAY UD, 12851 TIDWELL RD HOUSTON, TX 77044	PARKWAY UTILITY DISTRICT	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 03/19/2025
67671	RN102076601	BRENNTAG-SOUTHWEST, 1632 HADEN RD HOUSTON, TX 77015	BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST INC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 03/26/2025
67675	RN100211002	MAUSER 4004 HOMESTEAD RD HOUSTON, TX 77028	MAUSER USA LLC	Administrative Order	1660	AIR QUALITY - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 03/26/2025
67689	RN101208536	FOUNTAIN OF LIFE CHURCH OF GOD, 15010 MUESCHKE RD CYPRESS, TX 77433	TAOSON GROUP LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 04/01/2025
67714	RN101223634	HOUSTON SUBURBAN HEIGHTS MHP, 1426 SUBURBAN RD HOUSTON, TX 77016	WEATHERFORD, EARNEST WAYNE	Administrative Order	Findings	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 04/09/2025
67759	RN102834314	HARRIS COUNTY MUD 196, 1200 TRAVIS ST HOUSTON, TX 77002	HARRIS COUNTY MUD 196	Administrative Order	1660	Water Quality – High Level	Initial Screening Date – 04/16/2025
67761	RN100621119	DELTA SPECIALTY COATINGS, 5738 HEISER ST, HOUSTON, TX 77087	DELTA SPECIALTY COATINGS LLC	Administrative Order	1660	INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 04/17/2025
67802	RN105147870	PLANT 1, 14915 MARKET STREET RD, HOUSTON, TX 77015	PETE SANCHEZ DBA BUDGET READY MIX; BUDGET READY MIX LLC	Court Order	Final Judgment	MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 04/23/2025

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67854	RN110635752	CHEVRON GT-2, 7107 FAIRBANKS N HOUSTON RD, HOUSTON, TX 77040	JAINEMANI HOLDINGS LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 05/09/2025
67857	RN107096224	NOW & FOREVER ELDRIDGE, 13629 ALIEF CLODINE RD HOUSTON, TX 77082	TEXAS CIRCLE FUEL MANAGEMENT LLC	Administrative Order	1660	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK - HIGH LEVEL	Initial Screening Date – 05/09/2025
67863	RN101283331	KINGMONT MOBILE HOME PARK, 10706 CORA ST, HOUSTON, TX 77088	SMITH, WILLIAM DONALD	Administrative Order	Findings	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 05/13/2025
67926	RN101205292	TRAVIS BODY AND TRAILER, 13955 FM 529 RD, HOUSTON, TX 77041	TRAVIS BODY AND TRAILER INC	Administrative Order	Findings	PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY	Initial Screening Date – 05/28/2025

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI)

1. **State insurance commissioner urges Texans to shop for home insurance.** Texans can start at [Helpline.com](https://www.helpline.com). This website lets you compare sample rates and policies from insurance companies selling in your area. It also includes a company's financial rating and complaint index, two important factors to consider. Also Insurance tips for hurricane season. If you can't find coverage, the Texas FAIR Plan, the state's property insurer of last resort, might be an option. Review this video for tips <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pju2hQgZNNw> . Visit <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/news/2025/tdi02032025.html>
 - a. **Flood Insurance (typically not included in home insurance and usually has a 30 day waiting period.** Visit <https://www.tdi.texas.gov/>
2. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)'s top 10 most frequently cited workplace safety and health violations, June 18 at 10 a.m., a CompCourses webinar Visit https://tdi-texas.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_TB-tw12kQRaTJ76sDQ_mqA#/registration

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

1. **Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens UPRR Update.** The EPA website for the Fifth Ward/Kashmere Gardens Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) site (Site). To find important updates on the Site. EPA and UPRR have provided soil sampling results to private property owners. (<https://fifth-ward-kashmere-gardens-uprr-epa.hub.arcgis.com/>)
2. **Webinar: Managing Indoor Air Quality Before and During Wildfire Smoke Events: Smoke-Ready Schools,** Recorded April 15, 2025 Visit https://www.epa.gov/iaq-schools/webinar-managing-indoor-air-quality-and-during-wildfire-smoke-events-smoke-ready?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=
3. EPA to provide \$382,000 to Texas to help protect beachgoers from illness. Contacts Joe Robledo and Jennah Durant (R6press@epa.gov) at 214-665-2200 for details. The grant will help local authorities monitor beach water quality, notify the public of conditions that may be unsafe for swimming, and submit data to the EPA for inclusion in a publicly accessible system, BEACON.

4. Health Risks of Secondhand Smoke and Aerosols Factsheet https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/health-risks-secondhand-smoke-and-aerosols-factsheet?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

Federal Communications Commission:

FCC approval paves way for FirstNet satellite connectivity trials in 2025

AST SpaceMobile and AT&T are working to bring direct-to-cellular connectivity to first responders on FirstNet via BlueBird satellites. (https://www.firstnet.com/community/news/firstnet-satellite-connectivity-trials-in-2025.html?Source=EBfN0000000FMN00E&wtExtndSource=05_25_NL&LinkID=readArticle2)

US. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEES The purpose of this open letter is to advise all federal firearms licensees (FFLs) of updated guidance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) that reminds you of your obligations under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (Brady Act), 18 U.S.C. § 922(t), when transferring a firearm to a person who is not an FFL. (<https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/open-letter/all-ffls-may-2025-open-letter-all-federal-firearm-licensees-brady-act-nics/download>)

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1. **ChemLock: Secure Your Chemicals Security Planning Training Course, Virtual.** Email ChemLock@cisa.dhs.gov for on-site training.
2. Visit www.ghlepc.org/training for listing of training.
3. **TCEQ, the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS), Tier II Reporting (TIERII)** visit <https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>
4. **ONLINE & IN-PERSON HazMat Training. TRANSCAER®** (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response). <https://www.transcaer.com/training>.
5. **Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC).** Visit <https://txssc.txstate.edu/tools/pipeline-safety/> for details.
6. **Other Training Opportunities:**
 - <https://preparingtexas.org>
 - www.fema.gov
 - www.harriscountycitizencorps.com
 - <https://houstonuasi.com/regional-training-registration-2021/>
 - Texas Department of Insurance

Subject: TCEQ: GHLEPC Grant Project “Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals”

TCEQ Grant Award: \$16,758.80. (Training and Project Administration only)

GHLEPC is seeking the donation of PPE as defined below.

Project Dates: June 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026

This project will expand GHLEPC’s efforts to educate and protect Houston-area families from the dangers posed by household chemicals. These chemicals are commonly found in products used around the home and garden, including medicines for both people and animals. The public education and outreach initiative, titled “**Keep Your Family Safe From Household Chemicals,**” will have two key components: training (covered by the TCEQ grant) and personal protective equipment (PPE) (seeking donations) distribution. The grant scope includes Content development and design, Website design and hosting, Online Training Video Conference Tool, Training facilitation, printing materials, and contracted salaries (90 hours). This training will be delivered both in-person and virtually, reaching a broad audience across Houston.

1. **Training:** The training will cover a range of important topics, including:
 - Safe storage and disposal of medications
 - Proper buying, using, storing, and disposing of household chemicals
 - Understanding labels on chemical products
 - Medicine and poison safety
 - Preventing poisoning in the home
 - Poisoning first aid
 - Regulation of poisons
 - Promotion of Harris County’s free Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility Disposal Services.
2. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Our desire, **through donations,** is to provide families who participate in the training t a drawstring bag containing goggles, N95 masks, gloves, flyers, brochures, and training materials, while supplies last. PPE serves as the first line of defense against contact with harmful substances during cleanups or emergency situations. It helps protect against immediate dangers, such as chemical burns or inhalation of toxic fumes, which can result in serious injury or death.
3. **Project Administration:** The administration of this TCEQ grant. This work will be performed by the Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer, all of whom are volunteers. Compensation is requested for professional services outside of their regular volunteer duties, such as grant writing, project management, and administrative tasks. The scope of this project is extensive and goes beyond what can reasonably be expected from unpaid volunteer work.

Subject: Update on PHMSA Grant Payment Status

Date: June 4, 2025

Dear GHLEPC Membership,

We are writing to provide an update on the outstanding payment of \$40,000.00 for the Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PHMSA PERG 693JK323NF0001) related to the pipeline tabletop exercise and drill we conducted on September 25, 2024. As of today, June 4, 2025, despite our comprehensive efforts, the payment from Sanders Resources from the grant remains outstanding.

Additional Actions Taken Since January 29, 2025:

- **State of Utah and State Fire Marshal Office:** We submitted three formal open records requests and paid approximately \$300 in fees for limited documentation. The State indicated the funds were disbursed to Sanders Resources through a third party. After consulting their legal counsel, they have ceased communication with GHLEPC regarding the grant and outstanding payment.
- **PHMSA:** PHMSA confirmed they fulfilled their obligation by disbursing the funds to the State of Utah. We filed a FOIA request in March 2025 (PHMS-2025-00121) and have since submitted two follow-ups. PHMSA cited a delay due to high request volumes post-administration change. We continue to pursue documentation and accountability through this channel.
- **Meeting Request (Recommended by PHMSA):** PHMSA advised a direct meeting between GHLEPC, Sanders Resources, and the State of Utah. Despite our outreach in February 2025, no response has been received from either party.
- **Sanders Resources Position:** Sanders Resources has asked GHLEPC to retract our final and published AAR/IP report and any reference to Buxus technology—well after the final release and public comment period. They further stated that payment is contingent on GHLEPC conducting a second exercise with revised requirements. These requests are clearly outside the grant's original scope, submitted post-completion, and are not aligned with the established grant deliverables. GHLEPC fulfilled all obligations under the original grant terms.

We understand the importance of these funds for our operations and assure you that we continue to diligently pursue all avenues for a satisfactory resolution. We will continue to keep you informed of any significant developments.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Dr. Denise Chatam Walker
Chair
GHLEPC