

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 2:30 PM
Meeting Location: Room 255/257/260 Government Services Center
801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Burns, Elizabeth McCrank, James Kelly, Michael Caylor, Jennifer Gartmann, and Tyler Verhasselt
MEMBERS EXCUSED: None
MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Marlowe, Josh Klug, and Sarah Brooks
VISITORS: Robert Caylor

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order by Burns at 2:40 pm.
2. Meeting minutes from May 7, 2024 will be reviewed and approved on October 15, 2025.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Spill Reports:
 - a. WI SPILL #22251
 - i. On June 21, 2025 approximately 6 gallons of diesel fuel was spilled by DLC Trucking and Excavating during a vehicle accident. Responders used oil dry and dug out area the fuel went into and was taken to the landfill. No environmental impact due to no fuel entering soil or water.
 - b. WI SPILL #22545
 - i. Between July 7, 2025 and August 7, 2025 approximately 6,000,000 gallons of wastewater (sewage) was spilled by the City of Tomahawk—Wastewater Treatment Plant. Response and recovery operations are on-going. The Committee discussed inviting the City of Tomahawk, Wisconsin DNR, Wisconsin DHS, Lincoln County Health Department, Lincoln County Land Services, and Lincoln County Corporation Council to next meeting to discuss further.
5. 2025 Off-Site Response Plan Approval
 - a. City of Merrill Wastewater Treatment Plant; M/S Burns/Verhasselt—carried.
 - b. Frontier (Merrill); M/S Burns/Verhasselt—carried.
 - c. Frontier (Tomahawk); Burns/Verhasselt—carried.
 - d. Harley Davidson; Burns/Verhasselt—carried.
 - e. Mitchell Metal Products; Burns/Verhasselt—carried.
6. Next Meeting set for October 8, 2025 at 2:30 pm.
7. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Tyler Verhasselt