

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESSO PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED : EXXON CHEMICALS

LIAISON MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 1998
TIME: 11.00 A.M.
VENUE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, APPLETREE COURT,
LYNDHURST
ENQUIRIES: Peter Thompson (Direct Line (01703) 285379)

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AGENDA

1. Notes

To receive the notes of the liaison meeting held on 25 May 1997 (attached at A).

2. Esso Petroleum Business Update

3. Exxon Chemicals Business Outlook

4. Safety Progress

5. Fawley Site Growth Plans

6. Oil Additives (Planning)

7. Fosplanex 97 : Views and Feedback

The exercise took place on the 16 October 1997 involving the local authority, industry, the emergency services and voluntary organisations.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the Fawley Off-Site Plan in respect of control and co-ordination, inter-agency communications and the co-ordinated response to the media through the establishment of a media centre.

The formal exercise report from HCC Emergency Planning has now been published and distributed to the participating members of the exercise. A report on the exercise from the New Forest Emergency Organisation perspective was compiled by the retiring DEPC from NFDC and the recommendations contained have yet to be examined.

8. Emergency Planning

On a local note, Brad Bradley has now retired and his replacement, Simon Parker, is now firmly seated in his new position.

On the national scene, the Home Office continues to carry out its review of emergency planning under the guise of the comprehensive spending review. A consultation document has been circulated entitled 'The Future Role and Funding of Local Civil Protection in England and Wales'. The general consensus in reply to the consultation from the Local Government Association, Emergency Planning Associations and Emergency Services is for a statutory duty for emergency planning by local authorities with specific grant funding.

A white paper on this is due by the summer.

9. Oil Spill Response and the National Contingency Plan

The Institute of Petroleum recently held a conference on this specific subject, it was attended by nearly 300 delegates and opened by Glenda Jackson, CBE, MP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the DETR. The Minister reinforced the Government's position to pollution in that the 'polluter pays' and that this is a policy decision. The DETR are seeking to enhance the legislation for enforcement activity and intend that the minimum fine imposed by the 'lower courts' should be raised to £250,000, to act as a deterrent to disregarding polluters. The minister also spoke of the role of the Coastguard in pollution matters as having a role of protection to our shoreline.

The conference also supported the need for a statutory emergency planning responsibility to ensure a sound partnership arrangement in the planning for oil-spill response.

10. Delivery Lorries

At the Planning and Transportation Committee on 13 August 1997, Cllr Derek Burdle expressed concern about Esso lorries using the A326 instead of the M27/Totton Bypass. From his observation, these lorries have no need to use the A326 for access purposes.

11. Date of Next Meeting