

THOMAS YATABE AWARDS LEPC DISTRICT 8 - 2011

The Thomas Yatabe Award signifies outstanding contribution(s) made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act through achievement(s), accomplishment(s) or superior participation in hazardous materials planning or response. Annually, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) awards one individual, agency and/or organization the Thomas Yatabe Award for each LEPC District within the State. The SERC issues "Certificates of Appreciation" for other worthy nominations received.

THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2011 THOMAS YATABE AWARDS FOR LEPC DISTRICT 8 WERE:

Thomas Yatabe Award Winner - Kinder Morgan - Central Florida Pipeline

Nomination read as follows:

Kinder Morgan sustained a rupture of the Central Florida Pipeline which was detected on Friday, July 22, 2011 at approximately 8:45 p.m. The particular Pipeline transports Jet Fuel "A" from the Port of Tampa to Central Florida locations such as the Orlando International Airport. The rupture was caused by a third party apparently doing work in a creek leading to Tampa Bay.



(Left to Right) LEPC District 8 Staff Coordinator John Meyer, SERC Chair/FDEM Director Bryan Koon, Christopher Fleck (accepting Award on behalf of Kinder Morgan/CFPL), and LEPC District 8 Chair Scott Ehlers. Award presented at January 6, 2012 SERC meeting.

With a "safety first" mentality, company officials immediately notified the State Watch Office and the National Response Center of the incident. Support arrived shortly thereafter from the U.S. EPA, the State Division of Emergency Management, the FDEP Bureau of Emergency Response, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue & Division of Emergency Management, the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, Florida Department of Transportation and many others, and a unified command was established.

Although not responsible for the incident and with no hesitation, Kinder Morgan decided to immediately dedicate personnel and resources to respond to the incident as efficiently and effectively as possible. With potential costs not a deterrent, response plans were immediately set into action including: coordinating with Spill Response entities; expeditiously isolating the affected pipeline by closing valves upstream and downstream of the incident; and traveling door-to-door to notify/inform residents of the incident and precautions. Having been very cooperative throughout the incident, Kinder Morgan staff ran the cleanup themselves, essentially relegating governmental

agencies roles to that of oversight with no need to expend their funds for personnel and/or resources during the ordeal. Crews tirelessly remediated nearly two miles of the creek, including a wetland area, from an estimated release of 34,400 gallons of Jet Fuel for more than a month, mostly on a 24-hour basis. Kinder Morgan will continue the long-term remediation of the project, especially in the wetland areas.

While it was a blessing that not a lot of nearby businesses were open on that Friday evening and most of the residents were already indoors, the company did an exemplary job of responding to the incident in an extremely timely and responsible manner and is worthy of recognition of this Award.

Chester “Chet” Klinger, Thomas Yatabe “Certificate of Appreciation” Recipient

Nomination read as follows:

Mr. Chet Klinger has been actively involved in the LEPC’s Facility Disaster Planning Subcommittee since its inception in 2006 and has participated in countless Subcommittee initiatives and workshops during his tenure. Over the past year, while currently serving as Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Klinger spearheaded the conduct of two Facility Disaster Preparedness Forums, two EPCRA How-to-Comply workshops and a Tier II quality control assessment, which may set the standard of a statewide initiative. These efforts certainly exemplify “Outstanding contribution made in the implementation and support of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act through achievement(s), accomplishment(s) or superior participation in hazardous material planning or response.”



Mr. Klinger is constantly seeking ways to promote and invigorate Subcommittee participation while soliciting new membership, which he has characterized as “new blood.” With a former facility operator background, Mr. Klinger prides himself in, and is certainly well-qualified for, assisting facilities with hazardous materials planning as well as the concepts of response and recovery from hazmat incidents of all types.