

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
December 6, 2016, 1:00 p.m.  
Multi-Agency State Office Building  
195 North 1950 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

**Attendance List:**

Everett, Brent ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Hamlet, Kris..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM

**Also Attending:**

Alvord, Scott..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Barton, Cody..... Sevier County Emergency Management  
Behunin, Tara ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Buchanan, Jim.....SERC Advisory Committee Applicant  
Deyo, Art..... Utah Department of Public Safety/Fire Marshal’s Office  
Fossum, Embret.....Salt Lake County Emergency Management  
Gallagher, Jeff..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Giles, Kimberly ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Hammer, Kim..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Martin, Chris..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Mortensen, Duane..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Ormond, Wayne..... Utah National Guard  
Owens, Andrew..... Utah National Guard  
Parker, Joe..... Utah National Guard  
Scharman, Reed ..... West Jordan Fire Department  
Smith, Elisa ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Taylor, Neil ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Urban, Dale ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Whitesides, Jona ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Brent Everett**

Brent Everett welcomed attendees to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting and thanked them for their participation.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of September 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Brent Everett**

Minutes from the September 29, 2016 SERC meeting have been reviewed by the SERC. No comments or changes needed to be made and a motion was made by Kris Hamlet, seconded by Brent Everett and unanimously approved.

**Approve General Public Representative**

**Brent Everett**

Jim Buchanan has been recommended as the General Public Representative for the SERC Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Kris Hamlet to approve Jim Buchanan as the General Public Representative for the SERC Advisory Committee, seconded by Brent Everett and unanimously approved.

**Approve SERC Advisory Vice Chair**

**Brent Everett**

John Hart of Envirocare has been recommended as the SERC Advisory Committee Vice Chair. A motion was made by Kris Hamlet to approve John Hart as the SERC Advisory Committee Vice Chair, seconded by Brent Everett and unanimously approved.

**Approve Sub-Committee to Create Program Guidance**

**Brent Everett**

Brent Everett requested additional information regarding the approval of a sub-committee. Jim Buchanan explained that requests have been made for the SERC Advisory Committee to provide information to both Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and city councils. This is an opportunity to reach out to elected officials to encourage their support of LEPCs. A three-tiered approach will be used to address needs. The SERC Advisory Committee will present an outline of the tiered approach at the March SERC meeting. Kris Hamlet motioned to approve a sub-committee to create SERC/LEPC program guidance and presentations. The motion was seconded by Brent Everett and unanimously approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Discussion of the Utah DEM Strategic Plan for 2016-2021**

**Jona Whitesides**

The Division of Emergency Management (DEM) goes through an accreditation process and is currently undergoing reaccreditation. Previously an all hazards approach has been used. The idea is to support local first responders in their training, preparedness, response and recovery, and mitigation efforts. The DEM has worked to engage many groups and is obtaining feedback on overarching strategies. The SERC Advisory Committee has been asked to provide feedback on LEPC support and communication. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will coordinate with the Emergency Response Workgroup in order to obtain feedback from the entire department. The DEM will be working to finalize their Strategic Plan in January.

**OTHER ITEMS**

**EO 13650 Quarterly Meeting**

**Neil Taylor**

Neil Taylor reported that an Executive Order 13650 Quarterly Meeting was held on September 28, 2016. Changes are being made to hazardous waste regulations that may affect LEPCs. Small and large quantity generators are currently required to approach local emergency officials to let them know what chemicals are being stored at their facility and have an emergency plan in place. The new regulations require documentation of an attempt to reach an agreement with local emergency officials. The National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) has voiced some concerns over the impact of this regulation on LEPCs. The Weber County LEPC requested a response to these concerns in an e-mail to the DEQ's Division of Environmental Response and Remediation. The Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control responded to these concerns in a letter to the Weber County LEPC. A copy of the letter will be provided to meeting attendees.

A conference of SERCs from the Western United States will be held January 31-February 1, 2017, in Denver, Colorado. Several members of the SERC Advisory Committee will be attending. The conference is a good opportunity to learn from and share ideas with other SERCs.

A concern was voiced by Reed Scharman regarding requirements being instituted without any penalty for non-compliance. He also had concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requiring companies to enter into emergency response agreements that could conflict with existing emergency response agreements and plans.

### **HazMat Spill Discussion**

**Cody Barton**

A sulfuric acid release occurred when a tanker tipped over in Sevier County. A cleanup company was called but cancelled by the local towing company. The towing company then cleaned up the acid spill. It was discussed that there is no certification or training requirement to become a hazmat cleanup company beyond OSHA Hazardous Waste Management and Emergency Operations regulations. The towing company cleaning the spill did not have the proper equipment or knowledge to respond and properly dispose of hazardous materials. It was discussed during the SERC Advisory Committee that there is an inconsistency in response throughout the State from urban to rural areas. Reed Scharman and Cody Barton recommended that the DEQ develop a matrix to show the cleanup oversight agencies in each county. Brent Everett noted that there is a tremendous liability for the spiller to ensure a spill is cleaned up properly. Neil Taylor recommended that he distribute a map of the counties with phone numbers of the agencies responsible for cleanup oversight in each county. Brent Everett asked Neil Taylor to prepare such a map. Cody Barton asked that the SERC continue to look into other options to address the issue. Brent Everett recommended that as incident notification reports are received at the DEQ, the question could be asked, "Who is your qualified cleanup contractor?" If the spiller does not know, they should call the DEQ back as soon as that information is available. That information could then be passed on to the health department or agency that will follow up.

### **2017 DEQ Emergency Response Workshop**

**Chris Martin**

The DEQ will hold an Emergency Response Workshop on April 4, 2017. The workshop discusses recent incidents that have occurred and is an opportunity to learn and coordinate response efforts with other agencies.

### **Potential Meeting Dates for 2017**

**Chris Martin**

The SERC Advisory Committee recommends the following dates for SERC meetings next year:

March 21, 2017

June 20, 2017

September 19, 2017

December 19, 2017

The meetings will be held at the DEQ building and are scheduled quarterly on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Next Meeting Date and Time**

**Brent Everett**

The next SERC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1019A at the Multi-Agency State Office Building.

The SERC Advisory Committee meeting will be held the same day at 10:30 a.m. The location will be the same as the SERC meeting.

**Adjourn**

**Brent Everett**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:47 p.m.