

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**  
**SERC Advisory Committee**

**Approved Meeting Minutes**  
DHS Room – Admin 1019A  
Multi Agency State Office Building (MASOB)  
195 North 1950 West - Salt Lake City Utah  
March 21, 2017 | 10:30 – 12:30 PM

**Attendance List:**

**Urban LEPC**

Reed Scharman ..... (present) West Jordan Fire Department

**Rural LEPC**

Cody Barton ..... (present) Sevier County Sherriff’s Office

**Hazardous Materials Advisory Council**

Art Deyo ..... (present) Utah Department of Public Safety/SFMO

**Hazardous Chemical Transportation Industry**

Dale Ipson ..... (absent) DATS Trucking

**Federal and State Agency Representatives**

Jona Whitesides ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Kim Hammer ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Mechelle Miller ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Anna Boynton ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Tara Behunin ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Angelia Crowther ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Tanner Patterson ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Neil Taylor ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Melissa Ottley ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Bill Craig ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DWMRC  
Bre Bockstahler ..... United States Environmental Protection Agency

**Fixed Site Regulated Industries (2)**

Kent Bradford..... (present) Westinghouse  
Vacant ..... (absent)

**National Guard**

Colonel Andy Owens ..... (absent)  
MSG Joe Parker ..... (absent)  
SMSG Wayne Ormond ..... (absent)

**Local Health Departments**

Teresa Gray ..... (present)

**Environmental Interest Groups**

Kathy Van Dame..... (present)

**Environmental Cleanup Contractors**

John Hart..... (present)

**General Public (2)**

James Buchanan..... (present)

Vacant ..... (absent)

Welcome and Introductions - Cody Barton, Chair

**Action Items**

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**Approval of December 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The meeting minutes for the December 6, 2016 meeting were approved without changes.

**Approval of the SERC Advisory Chair, Mr. John Hart**

Mr. John Hart was approved by the committee.

**General Public Representative, Mr. John Veranth**

A motion was made to replace Mr. John Veranth. Those who would like to apply should submit applications before the next meeting in June.

**Informational Items**

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**Fixed Site Regulated Industry – Mr. Neil Taylor, UDEQ**

Mr. Mark Illum can no longer participate on the SERC. It was suggested that the Utah Manufacturer’s Association might be one option for finding a potential replacement. The Utah Public Private Partnership (UP3) could be another option since this organization is connected with the Department of Public Safety.

**Meeting telecommunication issues – Mr. Neil Taylor, UDEQ**

The meeting telecommunication issues have been resolved with the use of different equipment with wireless speakers.

**Review the draft guidance sent out on February 28, 2017 – Mr. Jim Buchanan**

Mr. Jim Buchanan reached out to other states with similar programs to identify appropriate guidance documents. The purpose of the Utah document is to provide information to communities on how to start, restart or improve their local emergency planning committees (LEPCs). The desired approach would include distribution of a booklet or electronic document in conjunction with a presentation that can be modified to meet the needs of the recipients. A discussion was held about the purpose of the document and the target audience (i.e. county commissioners/mayors, insurance companies, emergency responders, etc.). Comments on the document were given (i.e., bullet points could make it easier to read; if the document is electronic; hyperlinks should be included; and add a section about how

to work with a regulated facility). Ms. Bre Bockstahler stated that the EPA can provide assistance with chemical industry and LEPC-specific training.

### **HAZMAT scene cleanup – Group**

A discussion of the spill cleanup legislation (Oklahoma rule) was held to show one example of how HAZMAT scene cleanup can be performed to address concerns discussed in previous meetings. The legislation requires licensing of individuals for cleanup. UDEQ currently certifies for cleanup of asbestos, radioactive sources, and methamphetamine cleanup contractors. If Utah were to pass legislation, there would have to be funding for certification. There could be a strain on local authorities if legislation is passed. The motion was made to present the idea of legislation to the SERC and to let them know the Advisory Committee is going to research more about it. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Risk planning and chemical emergency preparedness – Group**

Neil described the capabilities of the Tier 2 data management system available to states and LEPCs from Aristatek. No funds are available for purchasing the system on a state level. Some LEPCs are investigating the system. The EPA and NOAA have developed a program called Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO). The State Fire Marshall's Office has arranged CAMEO suite training through the Louisiana State University's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT). The training is scheduled for April 10 to 13, 2017.

### **Other items:**

#### *Revocation of Risk Management Plan updates-Bre Bockstahler, EPA*

The Trump administration has stopped the implementation of the new EPA Risk Management Plan regulation modifications for six months to investigate the potential of misuse of the information required to be released to the public.

#### *Schedule annual LEPC conference call*

The Advisory Committee previously decided to hold a conference call with LEPC chairs each spring. After discussion, the conference call was scheduled for May 1, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. The Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will take the lead on preparing the agenda and call logistics.

#### *2017 Western SERC Summary – Jona Whitesides, DEM*

Many states are facing some of the same challenges as the Utah SERC including communication between SERCs and LEPCs. One item discussed at the Western SERC meeting was taking the SERC on the road to be near the LEPCs. The SERC's main job is to support the LEPCs. The EPA has captured the best practices of each of the states and will share them on a website. The website information will be provided in the future. The next Western SERC meeting will be held in Region 10 and will likely be in the Seattle or Portland area. The meeting location will rotate annually.

#### *EO 13650 quarterly meeting – Melissa Ottley, DEQ*

The Executive Order 13650 quarterly meeting is now called the Chemical Safety and Security Call. This change was made as part of the new administration. The last call was held on March 7, 2017. The states that participated in the call were Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and Utah. There was a debriefing of the Western SERC meeting and discussion regarding an upcoming chemical industry workshop to be held in both North Dakota and an LEPC workshop in South Dakota. Two-day CAMEO training will be held in North Dakota in May. An online LEPC tabletop training is also available. Ms. Ottley can provide a link for anyone who is interested in the online training. The Department of Homeland Security has a new

Chief of Regulatory Compliance, Jim Williams. Each state also reported on Tier 2 submissions for 2016. Utah has a Tier 2 Submission Portal that it encourages facilities to use.

*2017 UDEQ Emergency Response Workshop, DEQ*

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. An invitation to attend was extended.

**Next Meeting Date and Time:**

June 20, 2017, 10:30 in the DEQ Boardroom 1015 at MASOB, 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

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