

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.
Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attendance List:

Mortensen, Duane..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Whitesides, Jona Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM

Also Attending:

Behunin, Tara Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Broussard, Rebecca U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
Buchanan, JimSERC Advisory Committee Applicant
Craig, BillUtah Department of Environmental Quality/DWMRC
Crowther, Angelia Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Deyo, Art..... Utah Department of Public Safety/Fire Marshal’s Office
Dougherty, Joe Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Hammer, Kim..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Hart, John EnviroCare
Smith, Elisa Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Taylor, Neil Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Urban, Dale Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

Attending Telephonically:

Miller, Mechelle..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Bailey, Rick Grand County Sherriff’s Office

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jona Whitesides

Jona Whitesides welcomed attendees to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting and thanked them for their participation. Introductions of those in attendance were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of March 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Jona Whitesides

Minutes from the March 21, 2017, SERC meeting have been reviewed by the SERC. No comments or changes needed to be made and a motion was made by Duane Mortensen, seconded by Jona Whitesides, and unanimously approved.

Approve John Hart as the SERC Advisory Chair

Jona Whitesides

Duane Mortensen motioned that John Hart be approved as the SERC Advisory Committee Chair. This motion was seconded by Jona Whitesides and unanimously approved.

Approve Jim Buchanan as the SERC Advisory Vice Chair

Jona Whitesides

Duane Mortensen motioned that Jim Buchanan be approved as the SERC Advisory Committee Vice Chair. This motion was seconded by Jona Whitesides and unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Review Advisory Board Candidates

Neil Taylor

There are two open positions on the SERC Advisory Committee, one opening is for the regulated industry, and the other is for the general public. The SERC Advisory Committee has received two applications. The candidates are Terri Jane (T.J.) Heuser (general public) and Brock Carter (regulated industry). Both applications were presented to the SERC for review. The candidates will be recommended for approval at the next SERC meeting.

LEPC/SERC Guidance Update

Jim Buchanan

The SERC Advisory Committee would like to have two different presentations. One presentation would be geared toward local elected officials and would explain why there are Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). The second presentation would be geared toward LEPCs who would like additional training and information. The committee is working closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to gather information from other states and will modify it to meet Utah’s needs. The presentations will be available at the September 13, 2017, LEPC conference.

HAZMAT Scene Cleanup Update

John Hart

During the March 2017 SERC meeting, the SERC Advisory Committee requested approval to begin research necessary to look into possible legislation and ramifications of hazardous material cleanup companies. The SERC Advisory Committee would like to form a working group to organize the research and conduct stakeholder outreach because they feel there has not been enough reportable progress on this task. Neil Taylor mentioned that Chris Martin has done some research including speaking to other states. California, Oklahoma and Oregon all have legislation for hazardous waste cleanup contractors in place.

The SERC Advisory Committee would like to propose a work group be created. The work group would gather input from companies that are currently performing cleanup. They would look at what types of permits and regulations already exist in other states. They would find out what other agencies might be affected by regulation. The work group would provide a listing of all the pros and cons of the issue. The SERC Advisory Committee is requesting that the DPS and the DEQ provide staff to assist in finding stakeholders to be part of the work group. The SERC agreed to have staff between the two agencies work together on this effort.

Annual LEPC Conference Update**Kim Hammer**

The Annual LEPC Conference will be held on September 13, 2017, at the Utah Valley Convention Center. The DPS has partnered with the DEQ and the EPA to provide presentations to LEPCs. Topics of discussion will include: LEPC/SERC Guidance, HAZMAT Scene Cleanup, One Stop Shop for Tier 2, and Best Practices for LEPCs. Ms. Hammer will forward a draft agenda to the SERC and SERC Advisory Committee for review.

State Radiological Licenses**Bill Craig**

In response to a question received from an LEPC, Bill Craig informed the SERC that radioactive licenses are not included as part of Tier 2 reporting because they are managed through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) rather than the EPA. The NRC does not require notification of local agencies. Releases of radioactive materials are unlikely. Facilities that have large quantities of radioactive materials are required to follow very strict guidelines. The NRC does require notification of local law enforcement agencies. If requested, the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control can provide LEPCs basic information such as the organization name, address, phone number and a point of contact. There are approximately 200 licensees in the State of Utah.

OTHER ITEMS**Strategic Plan****Jim Buchanan**

Mr. Buchanan received a three page document titled strategic plan. The plan is a good document but does not contain timelines or directions for the SERC Advisory Committee or the SERC to follow. Mr. Buchanan proposes that a strategic plan be created to detail the SERC and the SERC Advisory Committee primary responsibilities. A strategic plan would include goals and timelines. The SERC Advisory Committee would like to have presentations from both the DEM and the DEQ explaining their priorities and how the SERC and SERC Advisory Committee can assist with those priorities. The SERC Advisory Committee is requesting that the Departments' strategic plans be presented at the next SERC meeting. The SERC agreed that these presentations would be made at the next SERC meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Time**Jona Whitesides**

The next SERC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1015 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**Jona Whitesides**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:33 p.m.