

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION
SERC Advisory Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

Four Corners East and West, Room 4100
Multi Agency State Office Building (MASOB)
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City Utah
June 21, 2016 10:30 a.m.

In Attendance:

Urban LEPC

Reed Scharman (excused) West Jordan Fire Department

Rural LEPC

Cody Barton (present via telephone) Sevier County Sherriff's Office

Hazardous Materials Advisory Council

Richard Moseley.....(present) Utah Department of Public Safety/SFMO

Hazardous Chemical Transportation Industry

Dale Ipson (present) DATS Trucking

Federal and State Agency Representatives

Jona Whitesides Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Kim Hammer Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM
Neil Taylor Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Christian Martin Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Breann Bockstahler United States Environmental Protection Agency

Fixed Site Regulated Industries (2)

Kent Bradford.....(absent) Westinghouse
Mark Illum(present) IM Flash Technologies

National Guard

Andy Owens (present)
Joseph Parker (present)

Local Health Departments

Jeremy Roberts for Teresa Gray..... (present)

Environmental Interest Groups

Kathy Van Dame..... (present)

Environmental Cleanup Contractors

Jerry Warner for John Hart (present)

General Public (2)

Don Rigtrup(absent) Private Citizen

John Veranth(absent) Private Citizen

Tara Behunin..... Wasatch Front Region DEM Liaison

Jeff Gallacher..... Central Utah Region DEM Liaison

Kathy McMullin..... DEM Research Analyst

Samantha Falde..... Homeland Security Grant Program Manager

Angelia Crowther Castle Country and Four Corners Region DEM Liaison

Action Items

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- Approve March 15, 2016 meeting minutes – Minutes approved unanimously

Informational Items

Emergency Management Administrative Council update - Jona Whitesides, DEM

Utah Code 53-2a-105 is where the Emergency Management Administrative Council is established. It is co-chaired by the lieutenant governor and commissioner of public safety. It is represented by state agencies, counties, cities, and the private sector. The council meets semi-annual and most recently met on June 2. The council should also be coordinating with the SERC. Brent Everett currently attends the meeting, so he is both a DEQ representative and a SERC representative. Cody Barton will attend the next meeting, which will be in the fall, to represent the SERC advisory committee and then it can be determined if there should be SERC representation at each meeting. The last meeting included updates on homeland security and state cybersecurity planning, and information about the Regional Resiliency Assessment Program, the national preparedness index, Zika, and earthquakes. Cody Barton was recommended to represent the SERC for the Emergency Management Administrative Council if his schedule allows for it. Other regular SERC attendees participate in the Emergency Management Administrative Council so coverage should be adequate.

Utah Critical Infrastructure Prioritization (UCIP) tool information – Kathy McMullin, DEM

The UCIP tool is a step of a larger goal, which is to identify critical infrastructure in the state and be able to score it. It is a free program to help communities analyze their critical infrastructure. It asks a series of questions about each asset, then gives local jurisdiction the ability to determine critical infrastructure and be able to prioritize based on threat. It also assists with mitigation planning by allowing users to adjust the local threat picture and aids in determination of capability and response of first responders and public works. The LEPC conference in August would be a great

place to present the tool. Some locations in Utah have begun to use the tool. The tool is unique to the state.

General Public replacement update - Chris Martin, DEQ

DeeEll Fifield, who has worked with the DEM and SERC as chairman in the past, is a candidate. The other candidate is Jim Buchanan, former Brigham City Emergency Manager, who recently retired from this position. Both candidates have experience related to the SERC. DeeEll Fifield's application was passed around. Jim Buchanan's application has been turned in but not received. It will be distributed once received. At the next meeting, a vote will take place to determine the replacement.

State LEPC updates - Advisory Board

Neil attended the Morgan county LEPC meeting along with Bill Craig who has a background in radiological emergency response. A presentation was completed by both related to radiological emergency response.

Richard Mosely discussed a mining facility in Beaver County. The facility owner's experienced financial hardship related to a bankruptcy but now appear to be operating. They have been resistant to Tier II reporting in the past. Several state and federal agencies are aware of the situation and are working together to resolve the issue. LEPCs are allowed to request assistance from the SERC to obtain this information. Neil responded that the emergency planning sections of EPCRA allow an LEPC to go to a facility and request whatever information they need for emergency plan purposes. The SERC might be hesitant, not because they don't have authority, but because there is no state procedure in place for this process.

EPCRA regulatory updates - Neil Taylor, DEQ

The EPA compiled a consolidated list of chemicals subject to the EPCRA, CERCLA, and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act to create the List of Lists. Neil modified the list to make it more useful for LEPCs and facilities for Tier II reporting purposes. One formatting edit related to column positions was suggested for the modified list. No other significant edits were suggested during the meeting.

In response to the West Texas explosion, President Obama issued an executive order to address five elements. One of these elements requires EPA to review its risk management plan regulations. Risk management plans are put together by facilities holding certain chemicals over the threshold quantities. The plans include the chemicals that are on the site and the response that would be taken in the event of a catastrophic release. The facilities also need to coordinate with the LEPCs. At this time, highly flammable and highly toxic chemicals are on the list of chemicals that require risk management plans, but other chemicals, such as explosive chemicals, are not on the list. The list is not changing, but there is a new component called a root cause analysis. If there is a close call, a full analysis has to be completed by a third party and the results have to be provided to the LEPC. They have to hold annual emergency exercises in which the LEPCs are involved. Any issues encountered during the exercise are recorded and any issues requiring change need to be shared with the LEPC and completed. The retail agricultural exemptions are still being examined. Future work might include assembling the various data sources (i.e. ATF listing, USDA, and EPCRA facilities) related to ammonium nitrate storage and usage.

Grand County HazMat Spill - Phillip Mosher, Moab Fire Dept.

Phillip presented on a chemical spill at Moab Regional Hospital in a non-patient area that occurred on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at approximately 3:00 p.m. This chemical spill occurred during routine machine maintenance. The spill consisted of common household cleaning supplies. The chemicals that spilled were Chlorine Bleach and an industrial, acidic laundry cleaner. Moab Fire Department, Grand County Hazmat, Grand County Emergency Medical Service, Moab City Police Department and the Grand County Sheriff's Office responded and contained the spill. 12 individuals were decontaminated for precautionary reasons. A clean-up crew was hired to complete the cleanup activities. All Moab Regional Hospital and Canyonlands Care Center patients and personnel are safe and secure. The biggest concern with the incident was communication.

Chemical Safety Board West Texas recommendations with video - Neil Taylor, DEQ

A CSB safety video titled "Dangerously Close" detailing the fire and explosion at the West Fertilizer Company in West, Texas was shown to the Advisory Committee. Following the video, Neil presented about facilities in Utah that use ammonium nitrate. Several of these facilities are within a half mile of residences, and some of those have not submitted Tier II chemical inventory reports because they meet the requirements for the agricultural retail exemption. Neil reached out to the facilities and discovered that the facilities were in most cases unaware of the role LEPCs have in the community. Neil recommended that the facilities should work with the local LEPC in preparing response plans. This information should also be passed on to OSHA so that they are aware. OSHA is limited by the number of inspectors statewide. The local fire marshal's office and planning and zoning departments can often get into facilities to do inspections. Jona recommended that DEQ and DPS visit the facilities and LEPCs to assist with developing the relationship between the LEPCs and facilities. Neil's presentation would be valuable toward educating the LEPC representatives. The meetings might begin by sending a letter to the LEPCs discussing the information presented by Neil and requesting a future meeting.

Update on contact information from ATF inspections – Jona Whitesides

On April 29, the Department of Justice, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives sent out an updated Federal Explosives Licensee's and Permittee's contact information list. The information on the list was gathered during inspections performed from October 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016. The list was developed in response to concerns from explosives industry associations about needing better contact with local authorities. The list was sent out to the advisory committee and LEPCs. There are 37 entities on the list.

Other Items

Kim provided an update on the upcoming LEPC Conference. The location for the LEPC Conference might change but the date will stay the same (September 1).

Assignment Review

- Jona will send Jim Buchanan's application to Chris after the meeting.
- Chris will send out both applications for the General Public representative to the group for review prior to the next meeting.
- Neil will inform OSHA about facilities storing ammonium nitrate in Utah.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The September 20, 2016 meeting date was changed to **September 29, 2016, 10:30** at MASOB, 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah to accommodate the schedules of the DPS Commissioner and DEQ Executive Director.