

**STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

September 29, 2016, 1:00 p.m.  
Multi-Agency State Office Building  
195 North 1950 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

**Attendance List:**

Matheson, Alan..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality  
Squires, Keith..... Utah Department of Public Safety

**Also Attending:**

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  
Everett, Brent ..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Fossum, Embret.....Salt Lake County Emergency Management  
Giles, Kimberly ..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Hamlet, Kris..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Hammer, Kim..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Miller, Mechelle..... Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM  
Mortensen, Duane..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR  
Owens, Andrew..... Utah National Guard  
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

**Attending Telephonically:**

Bockstahler, Breann.....U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Alan Matheson**

Alan Matheson 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 June 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Alan Matheson**

Minutes from the June 21, 2016 SERC meeting have been reviewed by the SERC. With no comments or changes needing to be made, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith Squires to approve the minutes. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **Recommendation for the General Public Representative**

**Neil Taylor**

The SERC Advisory Committee has an opening for a general public representative. The SERC Advisory Committee received two applications for this position. The SERC Advisory Committee is recommending James Buchanan be accepted as a general public representative on the SERC Advisory Committee. Mr. Buchanan has served as the chair of the Box Elder County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Brigham City Emergency Services.

The addition of Mr. Buchanan to the SERC Advisory Committee is an informational item and will be acted upon at the next SERC meeting.

### **Nominations for a Vice Chair**

**Cody Barton**

It was recommended by the SERC Advisory Committee that John Hart be approved to serve as the vice-chair of the SERC Advisory Committee. This is an informational item and will be acted upon at the next SERC meeting.

### **LEPC Conference Briefing**

**Kim Hammer**

An LEPC conference was held on September 1, 2016, at the Utah Valley Convention Center. Around 100 people were in attendance. The SERC Advisory Committee discussed how to increase attendance and how the SERC can better support LEPCs. The conference served as an opportunity to help LEPCs understand what they should be doing and to facilitate ongoing conversation between the SERC and LEPCs. Overall the conference was a success. A committee will be formed to prepare a presentation that can be given to city and county officials to help them understand the importance of an LEPC within their community.

### **Use of the 85th Chemical Support Team in Hazmat Operations**

**Art Deyo**

Rural areas in Utah are finding it difficult to put together a response team for hazardous material events. It can be difficult to provide the training and equipment necessary for a hazmat team. Some areas have no hazmat offensive action available. There has been talk of using the Chemical Support Team (CST) in serious cases. Andrew Owens confirmed that the CST is a state resource to be used at the Governor's request. Discussion was held regarding funding and how requests for services from the CST would be vetted.

Concern was expressed that some larger areas are becoming less willing to respond outside of their area due to a lack of funding. Mr. Fossum from Salt Lake County Emergency Management said that they will respond if a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in place. He was not sure what the current MOA or MOU stipulates. Art Deyo indicated that the Fire Marshal's office would continue to investigate if use of the 85<sup>th</sup> was an acceptable option.

### **CFATS Procedural Changes**

**Jona Whitesides**

In 2014, Congress passed the Chemical Facilities Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) to protect chemical facilities. There have been over 50,000 assessments at chemical facilities. One of the tools used in the assessment is a software program called CSAT or Chemical Security Assessment Tool. The software program was upgraded in July 2016. Each facility

will be readdressed for risk assessment and safety standards. Additional information can be found on the Department of Homeland Security CFATS websites. Facilities are still required to follow Tier 2 and Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) reporting requirements. The Department of Homeland Security is suspending the requirement for facilities to submit their facility vulnerability/security "Top-Screen" plans until the modified facility classification criteria are in place.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Neil Taylor reported on the Executive Order 13650 Quarterly Meeting. The meetings are a great opportunity to share ideas with other states. An annual conference of Western SERCs will be held the end of January in Denver, Colorado. The Division of Emergency Management (DEM) has offered to pay for the SERC Advisory Committee chair and vice-chair to attend.

**Next Meeting Date and Time**

**Alan Matheson**

The next SERC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 1019A of the Multiple Agency State Office Building located at 195 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**

**Alan Matheson**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.