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STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

UDEQ, Building #2, Room 201 168 North 1950 West Salt Lake City, Utah July 26, 2006 @ 9:30 a.m.

Attendance List:

Johnson, Brad..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR Morris, Ron..... Utah Department of Public Safety/USFMO

Also Attending:

Bekkemellom, Shane Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR Hackford, Lorna..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR Halladay, Brent Utah Department of Public Safety/USFMO O'Brien, Bob..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR Perkins, Ryan Weber County Riley, Michael..... Utah Department of Public Safety/USFMO Taylor, Neil..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR Zucker, Michael Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

WELCOME/OVERVIEW.....Brad Johnson

On Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was held at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (UDEQ), Building #2, in room 201. Brad Johnson welcomed the attendees to the meeting and thanked them for their participation.

INTRODUCTIONS

As part of the meeting, introductions of the SERC Commission and the attendees of the meeting were conducted.

■ **UPDATE ON UDEQ TRI PROGRAM DATA Mike Zucker
MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE & RY2004 TRI REPORT**

Michael Zucker, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Coordinator for the UDEQ, explained to the Commission that currently, the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (DERR) is working on developing a new management database in order to maintain the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data and information that is received on a yearly basis. This new management database is being developed as a result of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiating the Central Data Exchange system. In previous years, when an entity or facility needed to submit TRI data, they would need to submit the information to the EPA and the State of Utah by paper or by diskette. However, with their new system in place, a facility may now submit that data via one of several electronic methods over the Internet. In so doing, a new DERR database has been under development. The new system will better serve its clientele, consisting of the Department, other governmental agencies, and the public at large. Any of these entities may make inquired upon the data. This new database will also integrate with the EPA's system in order for both agencies to receive identical data packages. By receiving identical information, it would eliminate the need to reconcile the information with the EPA, which in turn would allow for the report to be distributed to affected agencies in a timelier manner.

■ **TIER 2 GEO-COORDINATE PROJECT Neil Taylor**

Neil Taylor, DERR Project Manager, informed the Commission that the DERR submitted a proposal to the Utah Department of Public Safety (UDPS) to receive a Homeland Security grant from the EPA. This grant is being used to clearly identify where the latitude and longitude coordinates are of critical Tier II facilities within the State of Utah. A "Tier II Critical Facility Latitude and Longitude Identification Project Status Report" handout was distributed to the Commission. (A copy of this handout is available at the DERR offices.) Every year, the DERR receives approximately 1,500 Tier II facility reports. In so doing, the DERR wants to identify facilities that have the highest amounts of the most dangerous chemicals. The Tier II facilities selected for inclusion in the project had at least one chemical meeting one of the following criteria:

- Chemicals classified by the EPA as "extremely hazardous" present in amounts greater than 1,000 pounds.
- Explosives present in amounts exceeding 1,000 pounds.
- Reactive chemicals (organic peroxides, water reactive) present in amounts exceeding 10,000 pounds.
- Chemicals identified as "toxic" present in amounts exceeding 1,000 pounds.
- Flammable chemicals present in amounts exceeding 10,000 pounds (1,400 gallons).

Gasoline service stations were excluded because their location and hazards are well-known. Oil well fields were also excluded because of their generally remote locations. A total of 394 facilities met the criteria that were established. Currently, 262 (66%) of the facilities identified have been located. The DERR is now endeavoring to finish locating the remaining facilities in order to meet a March 2007 deadline. Also, once all of the information has been collected, it will be made available to other agencies that are interested.

■ **REVIEW OF AGENCY ROLESBrad Johnson
Ron Morris**

Mr. Johnson explained to the commission that the main responsibility of the UDEQ as it relates to the SERC is to manage the data and information for the TRI and the Tier II. The Tier II data contains information regarding chemical storage within the State of Utah, while the TRI information pertains to discharges of chemicals into the environment. These types of data are collected every year and can attract national attention. Environmental groups and governmental agencies use the information to monitor discharges of chemicals into the environment in Utah. The UDEQ needs a forum that includes representatives from all effected organizations in order to present and disseminate information about the Tier II and TRI programs.

Ron Morris continued on by stating that after the many different organizational changes within the UDPS, the Utah State Fire Marshall Office (USFMO) has now been made into its own Division and reports directly to the UDPS Commissioner. As such, Mr. Morris will be replacing Verdi White as the Co-Chair of the SERC with Mr. Johnson. It was also stated that Michael Riley would be the SERC contact for the UDPS. An "Office of the Utah State Fire Marshall" organizational chart was distributed among the attendees. (A copy of this chart is available at the DERR offices.)

Mr. Riley then went on to explain that for their role in the SERC, they have specific responsibilities for the coordination of on-scene responses to hazardous material spills occurring within the State of Utah. As such, they are the lead State agency for oversight and coordination for the preparation and maintenance of hazardous materials emergency response plans required for each Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). This also includes developing and delivering training programs designed to educate and prepare the LEPCs and emergency responders to carry out their duties in accordance with the EPCRA.

A discussion also took place in which the history and current status of the SERC Advisory Committee was discussed. It is anticipated that in the future, a new Advisory Committee will be formed with a much different organizational manner and with more comprehensible responsibilities.

An "Interagency Agreement Between the Utah Department of Environmental Quality and the Utah Department of Public Safety" handout, as well as a copy of the actual EPCRA statute, was distributed to the Committee. (Copies of the handout and the statute are available at the DERR

offices.) As part of this lengthy discussion, it was decided that the SERC would meet every other month in order to get the Committee fully operational and functional. Once that has occurred, the SERC meetings will then be held quarterly.

■ **OTHER BUSINESS**.....

No other business was conducted during the SERC meeting.

■ **NEXT MEETING**

The next SERC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2006. It will be held in room 106 at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Building #2, 168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah.

■ **ADJOURNED**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.