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STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Utah Olympic Park, Women's Bobsled Start-House Olympic Parkway and Highway 224 Park City, Utah August 10, 2004 @ 9:30 a.m.

Attendance List:

Johnson, Brad.....Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

Also Attending:

- Bailey, Rick.....San Juan County Emergency Services
Bekkemellom, Shane.....Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Binns, RobertUtah Department of Administrative Services/DRM
Everett, BrentUtah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Fifield, DeeEll.....Utah Department of Public Safety/DES
Gallacher, Jeff.....Utah Department of Public Safety/DES
Garrett, BrianUtah Department of Public Safety/DES
Giles, Kimberly.....Utah Department of Public Safety/DES
Grover, TerryLincoln Environmental Services
Loveridge, Bernell.....Utah Department of Natural Resources/UEO
Maxwell, Dan.....Tesoro Refining and Marketing
Millett, Mark.....Utah Department of Public Safety/DES
Nielson, Bryce.....Rich County Emergency Management
Page, Kent.....Utah Department of Agriculture and Food/DAS
Phinney, Chris.....Utah Olympic Park
Repp, KrisUtah Department of Public Safety/DES
Thiriot, Steve.....Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Zucker, Mike.....Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

Excused:

- Bradford, KentWestinghouse Western Zirconium
Dewsnup, Wes T.W. Company
Glidden, JockSierra Club
McGarvey, DelaneDavis County Health Department
Rolfe, NannetteUtah Department of Public Safety/DES
Shinton, Harry.....Tooele County Sheriff's Office
Smith, TerryUtah Trucking Association
Stroud, RogerUtah Department of Public Safety/DES
Taylor, NeilUtah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Wilden, RandyMurray City Fire Department

■ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW Brad Johnson**

On Tuesday, August 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., a State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting was held at the Utah Olympic Park, Women’s Bobsled Start-House. Brad Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Utah Olympic Park for hosting the meeting.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the July 13, 2004, meeting were distributed and reviewed by the SERC. A motion was made and seconded that the SERC meeting minutes be approved, with the following correction: under the Advisory Committee Update section, page 3, 3rd paragraph, 1st line, the sentence should read: “Brad Johnson ~~associated~~ indicated that with what Commissioner Verdi White is currently doing with his response, ~~There~~ there is a need to correlate with Commissioner White to see how the plans interact and gain some clarity dealing with the relationship between the plans.” The Commission then unanimously approved the meeting minutes, with the corrections noted.

■ **INTRODUCTIONS/OVERVIEW OF SERC.....DeeEll Fifield**

Brian Garrett was introduced and welcomed to the SERC. Mr. Garrett has replaced Keith Squires as the Deputy Director of the Division of Emergency Services (DES). Introductions of the other attendees of the meeting were also conducted.

After the introductions, DeeEll Fifield gave a brief description as to why the SERC exists and what the state is trying to accomplish with the commission. A brief description of the SERC Advisory Committee was also given.

■ **ADVISORY BOARD STATE HAZMAT PLAN UPDATE.....Terry Grover**

Terry Grover explained that the Advisory Committee continued on in their assignment of reviewing the state Hazardous Materials Response Plan. The Department of Administrative Services/Risk Management section of the plan was reviewed by the committee and completed. The committee then moved on and reviewed a portion of the Department of Natural Resources section of the plan. It is anticipated that when that section of the plan is completed, the committee will then move on to the section regarding the Department of Agriculture and Food.

■ **RRT PRORAM UPDATE.....Jeff Gallacher**

Jeff Gallacher stated that the Regional Response Teams (RRTs) are doing better at this time and that the grant money for 2001 and 2002 only have approximately \$10,000.00 left. Mr. Gallacher also stated that presently, there is an estimated 23 operation level trailers available to be used in the response to an emergency. These trailers have over 100 separate items in them, worth approximately \$9,500.00, and are located in specific fire stations within the different counties of the state. The state also has 5 technician level trailers available that have approximately \$250,000.00 worth of equipment in them, with one piece of equipment worth \$60,000.00 to deal with Hazmat issues. The region chair decides upon the locations of these technician level trailers, as they are the designated controller of the trailers. Mr. Gallacher then explained that approximately three weeks ago, Region IV’s RRT had their first actual regional response as a 270-gallon container fell off of a truck and spilled onto the highway. When the spill occurred, a call was

made and responders to the spill brought a technician level trailer to the site and went through the process of getting the spill cleaned up. With the help of the equipment and trailer, the cleanup of the spill was a complete success.

■ **FEDERAL REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM MEETING.....DeeEll Fifield**

Mr. Fifield gave an overview of the Federal RRT meeting held recently in Bismarck, North Dakota. Roger Stroud from DES attended the meeting and provided Mr. Fifield with his notes. The Federal RRT meeting was put together under the Federal Response Plan approximately 15 years ago. The national RRT is co-chaired by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is currently working with the Railroads to develop a Railroad Emergency Action Plan. The Region VIII RRT meets twice a year and is in the process of building a new regional response center in Denver, and is obtaining a new mobile communications vehicle. The EPA Region VIII has a group of On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) that respond to reported spills. OSCs have immediate financial grant signatory for \$250,000.00 to immediately begin cleanup of spills.

The goal of the Federal RRT is have the capability to support up to 5 concurrent events in progress that may require hundreds of support personnel. As such, they are trying to tap into the expertise of the individual states to be part of the team. The Department of Homeland Security is also introducing legislation that will elevate Indian Tribes to the same level of individual states in receiving homeland security funds.

The State of Wyoming has recently put together a web-based software that is encrypted with a wireless remote that can go anywhere within the state. Wyoming also has a very different dispatch system as they dispatch for the entire state out of Cheyenne. The State of North Dakota has done some studies on ammonia, as it is the biggest risk responders face. There are approximately 15,000 facilities nationwide that use ammonia.

■ **HAZMAT SPILLS IN SOUTHEASTERN UTAHRick Bailey**

Rick Bailey explained that in the last 6 weeks, there have been 2 Hazmat spills that occurred on some Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) property. Pictures of the spills were distributed to the Commission members. The first spill was south of Moab near Wilson Arch in which the spill went into a drainage ditch, which then flowed into a creek. San Juan County responded to the spill and is currently taking the necessary steps to get it cleaned up. The second incident came from some barrels that were abandoned along the side of the road. It was determined that the barrels contained some sort of waste product. All labeling that could have been used to identify the original product and the end-user/purchaser had been obliterated. Samples were taken and it was concluded that a spill did not actually occur. The barrels were then given to the UDOT and were properly disposed of.

■ **LEPC UPDATE.....DeeEll Fifield**

Mr. Fifield stated that at the present time, there have been a number of changes to the state's 32 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs). Among the changes include the following:

- New chairperson for both Garfield County;

- Fred Smalley with the Juab County's Sheriff's Office has the new County Emergency Manager and will also serve as the chairman for the Juab County LEPC;
- Bryce Nielson was introduced as the new chairman for Rich County LEPC;
- Delbert Lloyd of the Sevier County's Sheriff's Office is the new Emergency Manager has taken over the chairmanship of the Sevier County LEPC, which will help them in getting their program up and running;
- Gary Roberts moved from Cache County to Vernal and has accepted the position of Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Director been put in as the new chairman for the Uintah County LEPC; and,
- Robert Welsh from the Carbon County Sheriff's Office will be assisting the Carbon County LEPC in their operation.

Mr. Fifield then stated that empowered leadership continues to be a challenge in getting LEPCs operational. However, it was also stated that the formation or creation of the regional teams has been a catalyst for positive change. Another challenge being encountered is the difficulty in trying to get the regional teams together. It is anticipated that in the future, the creation of a Statewide RRT organization will greatly assist in helping all of the response teams come together.

■ **EPCRA ANNUAL SUBMITTAL UPDATESMike Zucker**

Mike Zucker stated that the Division of Environmental Response and Remediation is in the process of entering and generating the reports for the Tier II data that was received in March of this year. It is anticipated that Tier II data will be completed in the not too distant future.

■ **OTHER BUSINESS.....**

No other business was conducted during the SERC meeting.

■ **NEXT MEETING.....**

The next schedule time for the SERC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 7, 2004, at the Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security. The Advisory Committee will also meet at 8:30 a.m. that morning. The October SERC meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2004, at the Smith's/Kroger Distribution Center in Layton, Utah.

■ **ADJOURNED.....**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Members of the Commission were then given the opportunity to stay for an overview of the Utah Olympic Park RMP Plan and on-site/off-site Safety Plan, and a tour of the bobsled refrigeration plant.