

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Attendance List:

Everett, Brent Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Hamlet, Kris Utah Department of Public Safety/DEM

Also Attending:

Barton, Cody..... Sevier County Emergency Management
Craig, Bill Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Dhieux, Joyel.....U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Guy, KerryU.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Martin, Chris Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Mortensen, Duane Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR
Okleberry, Kevin.....Salt Lake County Health Department
Reed, LoriU.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Scharman, Reed West Jordan Fire Department
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
Zucker, Mike..... Utah Department of Environmental Quality/DERR

Attending Telephonically:

Bolander, Kevin..... Utah Attorney General’s Office

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Kris Hamlet

Kris Hamlet 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 September 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Kris Hamlet

Minutes from the September 17, 2015 SERC meeting have been reviewed by the SERC. With no comments or changes needing to be made, a motion was made by Brent Everett to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kris Hamlet. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Cost Recovery Ordinance

Jona Whitesides

A template of a local cost recovery ordinance was provided to the voting members of the SERC Advisory Committee today for review. A discussion was held during the SERC Advisory Committee meeting regarding a state version of a cost recovery ordinance and the authorities of the State of Utah. Mr. Whitesides will follow up with Kevin Bolander of the Utah Attorney General's Office and report to the SERC Advisory Committee in March.

Results of LO discussion

Reed Scharman

A handout was provided by Reed Scharman. The SERC Advisory Committee provided recommendations that they hope will assist Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) obtain uniform and timely information.

The Advisory Committee recommends that the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) Liaison Officers (LOs) have formalized guidance and direction when participating with the SERC and providing information to LEPCs. It is recommended that:

1. LOs attend in person, or by conference call, the quarterly SERC Advisory Committee and SERC meetings.
2. LOs disseminate or gather information from LEPCs in their assigned region.
3. LOs provide contextual information to LEPCs regarding decisions made by the SERC.
4. LOs coordinate with the Hazardous Materials section of the State Fire Marshal's Office to ensure educational information is provided to the LEPCs for use at local meetings.
5. LOs help ensure LEPC compliance with formation of local units intended to focus on hazardous materials.

The SERC Advisory Committee is requesting uniformity from LOs when working with LEPCs.

Status of LEPC Coordination Changes Requested in August

Neil Taylor

- **Regulatory Change Coordination:**

When the DEM gave the LEPC handbook to LEPCs and let them know what federal and state requirements for LEPCs are, the LEPCs were surprised by the requirements. The LEPCs felt that things were happening without their involvement. A conference call was held to discuss their concerns. LEPCs want to make sure they are fully informed and aware of the decision making process when regulatory changes occur.

- **Periodic SERC Conference Calls:**

LEPCs requested quarterly or semi-annual conference calls to share information. The DEM will hold an annual LEPC conference (in September) where LEPCs can meet and talk. A conference call could then be held for a second meeting annually. Brent Everett asked if there would be a benefit to hold the conference call in conjunction with the Emergency Response Symposium in the spring. Options will

be reviewed and a choice will be made that meets the needs of LEPCs, the SERC and the SERC Advisory Committee.

Status of past LEPC Survey Data and Discussion of Concerns **Reed Scharman**

The SERC Advisory Committee conducted a survey of the LEPCs approximately two years ago. The LEPCs felt like all subjects in the survey were of moderate importance, but this did not give the SERC Advisory Committee the guidance needed to prioritize projects. The SERC Advisory Committee has been working on several projects over the last couple of years and needs to re-evaluate the list of projects created from the survey results. The SERC Advisory Committee will create a new list of priorities and projects in the next committee meeting to develop a new strategic plan.

Discussion of February 3-4 Western Regional SERC Meeting Agenda **Chris Martin**

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) discussion for the SERCs within the Western Region will be held in San Diego, California, in February 2016. This two-day meeting will facilitate collaboration between Regions 8, 9, and 10. The meetings are an opportunity for SERCs to talk to and learn from other SERCs. This type of meeting has not occurred before and will be a great opportunity to share good ideas and information. Both DEQ and DEM will be sending representatives to the meeting and a report will be given to the SERC during the March SERC meeting.

Discuss Potential Meeting Dates and Times for 2016 Meetings

A discussion of possible meeting dates for 2016 was held. It was determined that the third Tuesday of the month (except December) is typically the best day to meet. The SERC meetings were tentatively scheduled for March 15th, June 21st, September 20th and December 6th.

The UDEQ will conduct the meetings at the Multi-Agency State Office Building location. All other responsibilities will remain as they currently are.

The SERC Advisory Committee meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. on meeting days. The SERC meetings will be held at 2:30 p.m. The Annual LEPC meeting will be in September 2016.

Other Items

Mike Zucker informed the SERC that the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data for 2014 will be publicly released in either late December or early January. In 2014, 183 facilities reported 846 submissions. The total releases in Utah were down about 60% from 2013. In 2013 Kennecott closed a heap leach pond which led to elevated numbers for 2013 for releases to land. The 2014 numbers are closer to where they were prior to the 2013 increase.

Mike Zucker informed the SERC that he attended an RRT (Regional Response Team) meeting telephonically. Oil production in the U.S. has increased from fifty five thousand barrels a day in 2010, to over a million barrels a day in 2014. The Gold King Mine spill and

downstream notifications were discussed along with a renewed focus on waterways and chemicals present in, or moving through, communities.

Dale Urban informed the SERC that a new interface has been developed for both the public and facilities to use for Tier 2 information. The public will be able to search for facility chemical information online. The responsible parties at a facility will also be able to confirm the actual location of the facility. This information will be accessible via the DEQ Interactive Map and should be available in January.

Brent Everett informed the SERC that based on feedback from Reed Scharman at the September SERC meeting, the DEQ has updated the incident notification report protocol to ask the question, "Has a first responder been notified?"

Neil Taylor informed the SERC that elections took place in the SERC Advisory Committee meeting for a new chairperson. Cody Barton was elected to fill this position. The SERC Advisory Committee has also been working to reactivate some less active members through e-mail and phone calls.

Bill Craig introduced himself to the SERC. Bill has a background in radiological emergency response. He trains emergency responders on handling transportation accidents involving radioactive materials. Bill Craig and Jona Whitesides met with the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to discuss options within the State of Utah for detection of radiological materials that could be used in threats of terrorism.

Joyel Dhieux and Kerry Guy updated the SERC on the Green River Area Contingency Plan draft. The draft is ready and will be sent to the SERC for review. The EPA is looking for comments on the plan. The plan is meant to be an operational document and there are additional plans that will be built for other high risk waterways. The plan is a web-based GIS system platform. Recently there was an oil spill in the Provo River due to a traffic accident. Booming locations and a cleanup company had been identified in advance. The response and cleanup of the Provo River shows that these plans are very beneficial. The first 24 hours to three days are crucial. Because of the quick actions from Central Utah Water District and the training already in place, what could have been a multimillion-dollar spill cost a fraction of that amount. The EPA is planning an oil response exercise in 2016.

Next Meeting Date and Time

Kris Hamlet

The next SERC meeting will be held on March 15, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in the Four Corners Room of the Multi-Agency State Office Building.

The SERC Advisory Committee meeting will be held the same day at 1:00 p.m. The location will be the same as the SERC meeting.

Adjourn

Kris Hamlet

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:37 p.m.