

**Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Attending Members/Designees

Chairman Gerry Goudreau, Peter Zack/Diane Duva, Jeff Morrisette, Adam Fox; Bob Araujo, Jeff Saltus for Conn-OSHA; Bill Abbott; Chief John Littell ; Kyle Zimmer; Carol Violette

Guests

Bob Kovach.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Goudreau. Telecom only; no in-person due to COVID 19 preparedness

Vote/Approve – Meeting Minutes

A motion to accept the **January 2020** Meeting Minutes was made by Bill Abbott and was seconded by Gerry Goudreau. Motion carried without revisions.

Member vacancies - Chairman Goudreau noted we have public and facility member vacancies. He noted there are some individuals interested. If others have suggestions, please forward the names to him. We have received multiple volunteer they are pending review. This will take some time.

DEEP reported on track

Similar numbers to last year, anticipate a total of about 2000 Tier 2 have been reported.

AWIA changes to EPCRA

A brief explanation of changes and ongoing updates to protocols for coordinating notifications between SERC/DEEP/DPH/others. There will be more information in May, as DEEP and DPH had planned to attend an EPA meeting with New England states on March 10, though DEEP could not attend in person due to Governor's directive to not travel out of state due to COVID 19 preparedness.

Chief Littell initiated discussion about need for continuous improvement in coordinating local fire departments and others to ensure local responders have opportunity to assess conditions as early as possible, this is a separate topic from the formal notifications to municipal officials.

PFAS

Gerry noted upcoming changes in reporting requirements for Tier II reporters and TRI reports related to PFAS. Peter Zack noted pending legislative bills regarding PFAS. Peter noted Foam Committee is teaming with MA to test alternative foams. CT is buying the foam and MA is paying for the testing. There is a proposed take back program.

There was a question regarding foam trailers. We have no new guidance yet. It continues to be same as last year. We will keep the PFAS topic on the agenda.

CT National Guard exercise planning overview:

No updates since last meeting's overview. Committee was asked if any other agencies have updates or information to share. There were none.

HMEP Grant activities: review of 2019 and planning for 2020

Naugatuck River Exercise of GRP has started planning for September 2020.

New Business:

The State of CT has created new web platform for all agencies and commissions. This commission's website is in transition and in process of migration to new platform. Open Data Portal now has the Spill Incident Tracking System data. This data simply reflects whatever has been reported to dispatch. It has errors as reported; just the data, not the document itself.

Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bob Araujo and seconded by Adam Fox. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.