Connecticut
State Emergency Response Commission

Regular Meeting
September 15, 2022
Online and at CT DEEP HQ

Chairman Gerard Goudreau
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September 15, 2022 Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes
3. Introductions and welcomes
5. Interagency Full-Scale Exercise to be held September 17, 2022
6. Lithium-Ion Batteries and Emergency Preparedness and Response
7. Information sharing between Agencies
8. Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; next meeting hybrid in person and online?
9. New Business
10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present)
11. Adjournment

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Minutes of Regular Meeting May 19, 2022

Call to Order at 1:33 p.m.

The March 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by LTC Ben Neumon. Introductions and welcomes were exchanged. Bill Turner is the new DEMHS Emergency Management Director and DEMHS designee to this commission. Jason Coite of CT DOT and LTC Ben Neumon of the CT Military Department will be serving as new designees/representatives for those agencies.


Steve Foley, in his role as training exercise coordinator for DEMHS/CFPC, reported that planning is underway for the interagency regional training exercise in September 2022. Camp Hartell will be the location, with a rail car incident included in the training. Chemicals from the Enfield municipal sewage treatment plant may be part of the scenario. US EPA and US Coast Guard will participate, as well as local responders, regional teams, and state agencies.

CFATS Program Overview and Updates were provided by Todd Nichols and Scott Mellor, Chemical Security Inspectors, US Department of Homeland Security-Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (US DHS-CISA). There is significant compliance assurance work underway in the New England region to improve chemical facility safety and security.

Best Practices Overview from a Regional Emergency Planning Committee: Update from CREPC by Cheryl Assis and Steve Huleatt of CRCOG and Bill Perkins of CREPC R3 ESF 5 Coordinator. This overview of the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council and their work included an overview of the website http://www.getreadycapitolregion.org/resources/LEPCstatusupdateplanningfor2022and2023.MemberbrieflydiscussedthestatusofindividualandregionalLEPCs.DEEPenhancesfurtherinteragencyreviewoftheoptimalapproachforLEPCsandthepotentialtoalignLEPCdesignationswithupdatedexistingplanningareas.

Information sharing between agencies was limited to basic exchanges and an overview of LEPC, SERC, EPCRA, and Clean Water Act topics by Tom Bergman, President of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO).

Ideas and requests for future meeting topics were discussed, including a refresher on CAMEO, review of the number and locations of Connecticut EPCRA Tier II facilities, RMP facilities, CFATS facilities.

There was no New Business identified.

Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.

Also in attendance: Scott Mellor, Todd Nichols, US DHS CISA; Cheryl Assis, Bill Perkins, Steve Huleatt, CREPC/CRCOG; Tom Bergman, President, National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO); Rich Scalora, CT DEEP, Tyler Diercks, US EPA, Albert Bassett, Fairfield County HIRT; Steve Foley, DEMHS/CFPC training exercise coordinator; Bob Kovach, environmental consultant, Joe Cyr, Manchester Water Department.
Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant

- Naugatuck River Geographic Response Plan, August 2021
- Cross-state (RI) exercise September 2021
- Cross-state (MA) exercise September 17, 2022 Planning
- Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide distributed.
  Printing more copies. CT DOT providing training.
CT SERC Full-Scale Exercise 2022

This is a drill

Prepared by
CT DEEP, SATSU

Legend
- Enfield Water Pollution Control Plant
- Railroad Crossing
Electric Vehicle (EVs), Lithium-Ion Batteries and Energy Storage Systems (ESS)

- State of Connecticut Committee Established – committee includes SMEs, EVs, ESS, Hazardous Materials and Fire Ground Commanders, NFPA
  - Introductory virtual meeting 8/25/22
  - In person meeting 9/15/22

- Goal – create three separate guidance documents for the CT Fire Service
  - Each document will outline safety, PPE and guidance as it relates to emergency actions for a variety of incidents for EVs, ESS & Lithium-ion battery incidents
  - This will be accomplished utilizing the State of CT SMEs along with National, State, Municipal and Private Industry Resources
  - These three documents will help departments write standard operating procedures and identify any gaps in current training, safety and personal protective equipment

Source: P.J. Norwood – DESPP Director of Training CT Fire Academy
Emergency Preparedness and Response Resources


Industry Infrastructure for Battery Recycling

- The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a non-profit public service organization voluntarily made up of battery manufacturers and the products which contain rechargeable batteries, has established an infrastructure for the collection and recycling of common household rechargeable batteries.
- RBRC created Call2Recycle to simplify battery recycling in the US and Canada.
- Call2Recycle Locator for some battery recycling locations: [https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/](https://www.call2recycle.org/locator/)
- Examples of Practical Collection and Safety Resources:
  - [https://www.call2recycle.org/onedrum/](https://www.call2recycle.org/onedrum/)
  - [https://www.call2recycle.org/safety/](https://www.call2recycle.org/safety/)
  - [https://www.call2recycle.org/collection-program-overview/](https://www.call2recycle.org/collection-program-overview/)

- Product Stewardship Council -US

Current state of battery product stewardship efforts in the US: [https://www.productstewardship.us/general/custom.asp?page=Batteries](https://www.productstewardship.us/general/custom.asp?page=Batteries)
LEPC Status Updates—ongoing

https://portal.ct.gov/SERC
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Adam Fox, P.E.
Connecticut Department of Transportation

For Service to the State of Connecticut as a member of the
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Gratefully presented on September 15, 2022

Gerard Goudreau, Chairman
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Colonel Charles K. Jaworski, Jr.
Connecticut Military Department
For Service to the State of Connecticut as a member of the
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David Kallander, Ph.D.
Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Carol Violette

For Many Years of Service to the State of Connecticut as a member of the Connecticut State Emergency Response Commission

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Gerard Goudreau, Chairman
Information Sharing and Public Comments

• Information sharing between Commission members, Agencies, partners
• Ideas and requests for future meeting topics; next meeting hybrid in person and online?
• New Business

• Public Comments: This is an opportunity for comments from any members of the public present. Please simply unmute your microphone or raise your hand in the “reactions” tab on the Zoom toolbar.

• Adjournment