



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 17, 2022 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person** at CT DEEP Headquarters, 79 Elm Street, Hartford.

1. Call to Order at 1:35 p.m.
2. The September 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. Introductions and welcomes were exchanged. Lori Saliby was introduced as DEEP's new Division Director for the Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division following Peter Zack's retirement last Spring. Lori shared her greetings and introduced herself to the group and the group welcomed her to her new position.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Diane Duva and Jeff Morrissette reported that hazardous materials training continues to be funded by the grant as well as the full-scale exercise.
5. Review of the Interagency Full-Scale Exercise held September 17, 2022. Chairman Goudreau and Steve Foley, in his role as training exercise coordinator for DEMHS/CFPC, summarized the interagency regional preparedness training exercise scheduled for September 17, 2022. Camp Hartell was the exercise location, with a rail car incident and a tractor trailer included in the training. Chemicals from the Enfield municipal sewage treatment plant, an EPCRA Tier II reporting facility, were notionally part of the scenario. US EPA and US Coast Guard participates, as well as local responders, Capitol Region HazMat Team, Hartford County Fire Coordinators, and state agencies. The CT National Guard Civil Support Team practiced serving as the Incident Management Team. Discussion included an identification of the region for next year's exercise. Recent exercises have been Enfield/Windsor Locks, Putnam, Naugatuck/Waterbury, and Gales Ferry. Therefore, it was agreed that next year's exercise would ideally rotate to Fairfield County. Albe Bassett of the Fairfield regional hazmat noted this was likely feasible.
6. Updates regarding Tier II Reporting and LEPCs: the group discussed the status of LEPCs, regional EPCs, and an interest in addressing this topic next year to ensure we have updated information and plans. CT DEEP will be using a new electronic reporting platform that will simplify sharing information with local officials. This will be rolled out to reporting facilities in the coming weeks and to local officials in 2023. Diane Duva offered to provide an overview of the platform at the January or March meeting.

7. Information sharing between agencies and Updates on current issues: Updates were shared between agencies on various topics, including Lithium-Ion Batteries Emergency Preparedness and Response, AFFF/PFAS.
8. Ideas and requests for future meeting topics were discussed, including a continuation of the lithium-ion battery topic and AFFF/PFAS topics; Jason Coite will arrange for a presentation by CT DOT Geographic Information System staff on an update on mapping of storm drainage features, likely for the January meeting.
9. The proposed meeting schedule for 2023 was approved by all. The schedule of regular meetings is: Odd months, third Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30; hybrid—in-person and remote online component offered.
10. There was no New Business identified.
11. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
12. Adjournment at 2:55 p.m. on a motion by Kyle Zimmer, seconded by Bob Araujo.

September 15, 2022 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Yes	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Diane W. Duva , Director, Planning Office, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Div. CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrisette , State Fire Administrator CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program CT Department of Public Health
Yes	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
No	William Turner , Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	Jeff Saltus, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
Yes	Matthew LaFayette , Budget Analyst, Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
Yes	William Abbott , State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal, Division of Construction Services CT Department of Administrative Services
Yes	LTC Benjamin Neumon Connecticut Military Department
Yes	Chief John C. Littell , Tolland Fire Department Volunteer Fire Department member
Yes	Chief Edward N. Richards , Enfield Fire Department Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	Robert J. Araujo , Facility member
Yes	Lisa Morrissey , Director of Health, Housatonic Valley Health District, member
Yes	Robert Ross , Public member
Yes	Anthony Salvatore , Town Manager, Cromwell, member
Yes	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Steve Huleatt**, CREPC/CRCOG; **Steve Foley**, DEMHS/CFPC training exercise coordinator; **Wayne Lalicon**, US DOT, PHMSA; **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department; Lori Saliby, CT DEEP; **Todd Nichols**, US DHS CISA; Michael Paradis, DESPP-DEMHS; **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT