



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Regular Meeting November 12, 2020 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held entirely online via the Zoom platform.

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 1:35 p.m.
2. The commission unanimously approved the September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes on a motion by Ed Richards, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. The commission unanimously approved the proposed meeting dates for SERC Meetings in 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of odd-numbered months).
4. Wayne Lalicon, Hazardous Materials Safety Assistance Team, Eastern Region, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration introduced himself and noted that his office is willing to provide training for facilities and/or to responders on a variety of topics via live webinars and online training programs. He is willing to share a list and/or provide such a webinar during a future commissioner meeting.
5. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Current Grant activities updates:
  - a. Naugatuck River Geographic Response Plan Training: Postponed from Fall 2020; now planning for Spring 2021
  - b. Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide under development
6. The potential to use grant funds to support updating local emergency plans was discussed. Robert Araujo commented that this would be useful, particularly if it could include migrating plans to web-based platforms. This will be further explored.
7. The commission discussed expanding Tier II data access for LEPCs and others through web-based platforms, including US EPA platforms and commercial platforms. A demonstration of a potential online solution was provided and an additional demonstration from another firm will be provided at the January meeting. Leonard Wallace of US EPA offered comments regarding the importance of coordinating EPCRA requirements with any commercial products. Diane Duva of DEEP and Leonard Wallace of US EPA noted that no specific firms are recommended by the state or by US EPA, and any procurement would follow standard state contracting requirements. There was agreement that

DEEP and DEMHS should continue exploring the possibility of web-based platforms, as well as reviewing the updated versions of Tier II Submit and CAMEO, to enhance the provision of chemical inventory information to Local Emergency Planning Committees and local fire departments/emergency responders, as well as state and regional entities.

8. Information sharing between Agencies included updates on the state's PFAS Action Plan. Jeff Morrisette noted that an alternate firefighting foam has been identified by the task force exploring such alternatives. Peter Zack of DEEP noted that elements of the Firefighting Foam Take Back Program are being put into place. Bill Abbott, State Fire Marshal, flagged that local fire marshals are asking about any code changes related to foam use (possibly related to fixed fire suppression systems). Leonard Wallace of EPA noted that they are in the midst of a compliance assurance initiative focused on facilities managing ammonia.
9. New Business: future meeting topics were briefly discussed.
10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present): There were no public comments offered.
11. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

## November 12, 2020 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
No	<b>Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson</b> Facility member
Yes	<b>Peter Zack</b> , Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division <b>Diane W. Duva</b> , Director, Emergency Response Planning Office
Yes	Materials Management and Compliance Assurance Bureau CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	<b>Jeffrey J. Morrissette</b> , State Fire Administrator Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	<b>David Kallander, Ph.D. , Toxicologist</b> Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program CT Department of Public Health
Yes	<b>Stephen Clout</b> Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
No; State EOC activated for pandemic	<b>William J. Hackett</b> , State Director of Emergency Management Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	<b>Ken Tucker, CONN-OSHA</b> CT Department of Labor
Yes	<b>Matthew LaFayette</b> , Budget Analyst Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management
Yes	<b>William Abbott</b> , State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal Division of Construction Services, CT Dept. of Administrative Services
Yes	<b>Col. Charles Jaworski</b> Connecticut Military Department
Yes	<b>Robert J. Araujo</b> Facility member
Yes	<b>Chief John C. Littell, Tolland Fire Department</b> Volunteer Fire Department member
Yes	<b>Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield Fire Department</b> Municipal Fire Department member
Yes	<b>Carol Violette</b> , Public member
No	<b>Kyle Zimmer, Jr.</b> , Public member

Also participating:

Leonard Wallace, US EPA; Wayne Lalicon, US DOT; Ryan Hirt, US DHS; several members of the public, including Joey Cyr, Bob Kovach, Lisa Morrissey, and others, including EPCRA Tier II chemical inventory web platform providers.