



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Minutes of Regular Meeting January 21, 2021 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held entirely online via the Zoom platform.

1. Call to Order 1:34 p.m.
2. The commission reviewed and unanimously approved the November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Ken Tucker.
3. Wayne Lalicon, Hazardous Materials Safety Assistance Team, Eastern Region, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration provided a presentation that gave an overview of Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)'s public resources, including free online training, and how to access them. The links to the PHMSA Free Training Modules:  
<https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/training/hazmat/training-modules>  
Link to PHMSA registration webpage: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/seminars/webinars>
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Current Grant activities updates:
  - a. Naugatuck River Geographic Response Plan Training: planning for later in 2021
  - b. Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide under development
5. The potential to use grant funds to support reviewing and updating status of Local Emergency Planning Committees and local or regional or statewide plans was discussed with general support expressed. Bill Hackett offered that while DEMHS regional coordinators are currently focused on pandemic activities, including coordination of vaccination distribution, there is support for DEEP working with DEMHS on this when time allows.
6. The commission continued the discussion from the previous meeting regarding 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 that was from a different provider than the firm that demonstrated at the previous meeting. This demonstration also included a notification module used to connect state and local entities when release notifications are made.
7. Len Wallace and Janet Bowen of US EPA provided a presentation regarding updates from US EPA and the EPCRA General Duty Clause (GDC) ammonia refrigeration initiative. They noted that a US EPA-CT DEEP

[EPCRA training webinar will be held January 26, 2021](#) for EPCRA Tier II facilities. Notices were sent to known facilities with known email addresses.

8. Information sharing between Agencies, PFAS updates
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 3:14 p.m.

### January 21, 2021 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
Yes	<b>Diane W. Duva</b> , Director, Emergency Response Planning Office 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
No	<b>Carol Violette</b> , Public member
Yes	<b>Kyle Zimmer, Jr.</b> , Public member

Also in attendance: Lisa Lawson, CT DEEP; Janet Bowen and Leonard Wallace, US EPA; Bryan Gran, US DHS/CISA; Wayne Lalicon and Elisabeth LaDow, US DOT PHMSA; Joey Cyr; Bob Kovach; EPCRA Tier II chemical inventory web platform providers, including Hazconnect representatives; Aristatek representatives