



# State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

## Minutes of Regular Meeting March 18, 2021

The meeting was held entirely online, without any in-person component.

1. **Call to Order** 1:32 p.m.
2. The commission reviewed and unanimously **approved the January 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes** on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Bill Abbott.
3. **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant:** Current Grant activities updates:
  - a. **Naugatuck River Geographic Response Plan Training exercise:** possibly May (or later) 2021.
  - b. **Interstate exercise-RI:** planning for an exercise in Fall 2021; planning meeting scheduled for April 14, details to follow. RI contacts have confirmed participation.
  - c. **Interstate exercise-MA:** planning for 2022; Ed Richards indicated that his town would likely be willing to participate. Chairman Goudreau will confirm with Massachusetts contacts.
  - d. **Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide** nearly completed. Will be printed for distribution after final reviews.
4. **The US EPA Presentation: *Overview of US EPA New England Emergency Planning and Response Branch*** planned for this meeting will be rescheduled to the May meeting, due to an emergency involving the EPA staff person that prevented his participation in the SERC meeting.
5. **Updates from US EPA on Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) topics:**
  - a. Len Wallace of US EPA stated that 310 people attended the Connecticut-focused EPCRA Tier II informational webinar that Diane Duva of CT DEEP and Len Wallace and Janet Bowen of US EPA provided in January regarding Tier II reporting for Connecticut facilities. An additional 120 people viewed the recording.
  - b. Len Wallace stated there is a webinar April 8 on the CAMEO Data Manager software. He will send the link to CT DEEP to distribute to SERC members. He also will distribute a recent US EPA guidance document on America's Water Infrastructure Act which amended EPCRA.
  - c. US EPA has noted a recent pattern in the increase of chemical incidents occurring at small warehouses and is assessing the need for compliance assurance activities to heighten awareness of the importance of safe chemical management at small warehouse facilities.

**6. Information sharing between Agencies, PFAS updates:**

- a. Commission members shared the status of readiness of their agencies.
- b. Peter Zack noted personnel retirements that have occurred and are occurring this month among CT DEEP's Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division and commission members conveyed their appreciation for the significant expert contributions made to environmental protection and public safety by Jeff Chandler and Matt Williamson, longtime DEEP Supervising Emergency Response Coordinators, as well as long time Emergency Response Coordinator Mark Liano. Bob Araujo asked that this recognition and expression of gratitude be conveyed to the retiring staff members.
- c. Diane Duva of CT DEEP noted that the PFAS Take Back Collection for state agencies and municipal fire departments is reaching the final planning stages. DEEP and the Commission on Fire Prevention Control anticipate the first stage, involving the collection of containers, to begin later this spring. There will be a subsequent second stage for collection of foam from tanks and apparatus. Instructions will be sent to fire departments soon.
- d. Bill Hackett noted local emergency operations plans updates are needed and being made as part of ESF 10 work.

**7. New Business**

Discussion included the interest in scheduling as a potential topic for a future meeting an overview of the status of water companies' progress in complying with America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) <https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/develop-or-update-drinking-water-utility-emergency-response-plan>

8. **Public Comments** (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments.
9. Chairman Goudreau **adjourned** the meeting at 2:22 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Kyle Zimmer.

### March 18, 2021 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Yes	<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
No	<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
Yes; 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: Leonard Wallace, US EPA; Wayne Lalicon, US DOT PHMSA; Michael Pierno, USCG; Scott Meillor, Richard Berthao (sp?), US DHS/CISA/CFATS; Lisa Morrissey, Joey Cyr; Bob Kovach

