



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 16, 2021

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

1. Call to Order by Jeff Morrissette at 1:33 p.m. Welcomes extended to newly appointed members Robert Ross and Anthony Salvatore.
2. May 2021 Meeting Minutes approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Ed Richards.
3. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates:
 - a. Report out on Naugatuck River Geographic Response Plan Training exercise: August 11, 2021. Additional discussion and review may continue at the November meeting, combined with the report out for the cross-border exercise with Rhode Island.
 - b. Interstate exercise-RI: The cross-border exercise with Rhode Island will take place September 24 and 25, 2021. Highlights from a planning meeting on September 14 were noted. A report out will occur in November.
 - c. Interstate exercise-MA: planning for 2022. Ed Richards indicated his region is interested and that Chairman Goudreau has made contact with Massachusetts partners.
 - d. Diane Duva and Jeff Morrissette noted that the Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide has been published; copies have been delivered to CFPC and will be distributed in the coming weeks.
4. Presentation: Online resources [Online Resources for Chemical Management and Climate Resilience](#)
Diane Duva provided an overview of CT DEEP online resources for businesses and others related to preparedness planning for managing chemicals given increasing intensity and frequency of flooding, both inland and coastal.
5. Updates from US EPA on EPCRA topics; Potential for scheduling training on EPA CAMEO Suite
There was discussion of the potential for regional representatives to join CT DEEP in upcoming CAMEO training this winter.
6. PFAS Take Back Update: Jeff Morrissette, Peter Zack, and Diane Duva summarized the state's collection of AFFF in containers from more than 100 fire houses to date. Peter Zack explained the

work underway to complete the drainage of concentrate and decontamination of apparatus. DEEP is testing different decontamination methods to determine the optimal approach.

7. Information sharing between Agencies: Members and partners shared the status of their organizations. Common themes in several comments include: a noticeable uptick in transportation accidents, including those involving releases of petroleum and hazardous chemicals; increasing requests for timely information about incidents as well as formal Freedom of Information Act requests; and increased frequency of flooding. Updates on staffing, including retirements and new personnel were shared.
8. Ideas and requests for meeting topics for upcoming meetings were discussed.
9. New Business: There was no new business.
10. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present): There were no public comments.
11. Adjournment moved by Jeff Morrisette, seconded by Bob Araujo at 2:40 p.m.

September 16, 2021 SERC Meeting Attendance

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| In attendance? | Member |
| No | Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member |
| Yes | Peter Zack , Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division Diane W. Duva , Director, Emergency Response Planning Office Gil Richards , Environmental Analyst, Site Assessment and Technical Support Unit CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection |
| Yes | Jeffrey J. Morrissette , State Fire Administrator 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 | Stephen Clout Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation |
| No | TBD, Representative of Emergency Management Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection |
| Yes | Ken Tucker, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor |
| No | Matthew LaFayette , Budget Analyst Budget and Financial Management Division CT Office of Policy and Management |
| No | William Abbott , State Fire Marshal Office of State Fire Marshal Division of Construction Services, CT Dept. of Administrative Services |
| Yes | Col. Charles Jaworski Connecticut Military Department |
| Yes | Robert J. Araujo Facility member |
| 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 Ross , Public member |
| Yes | Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell |
| No | Carol Violette , Public member |
| Yes | Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member |

Also in attendance: Albert Bassett, DEMHS Region 1 REPT, ESF 10 Chair/Regional HazMat Teams Rep; Todd Nichols, Chemical Security Inspector, US Department of Homeland Security; Joe Cyr, Manchester Water Department; Bob Kovach, environmental consultant