



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 17, 2022

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

1. Call to Order at 1:33 p.m.
2. The January 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Kyle Zimmer.
3. DEMHS Updates were provided by Deputy Commissioner Brenda Bergeron. She greeted the commission and members welcomed her to her new role at DEMHS. She noted that Bill Turner has been hired as the new Emergency Management Director at DEMHS and will be starting soon. Deputy Commissioner Bergeron noted that Shelly Carter of DEMHS has shared an opportunity to participate in an upcoming FEMA-sponsored Rail Car Incident Response Training. It was noted that the HMEP interagency exercise being planned for September 2022 will feature a rail car incident.
4. Len Wallace and Janet Bowen of US EPA EPCRA program delivered an overview of the EPA and DHS initiatives focused on reducing risks at chemical warehouses. CISA representatives expressed their interest in sharing information on facilities of concern. A CAMEO training was conducted in early March at the CT Fire Academy with good participation from different agencies. If there is interest another course can be offered in the future.
5. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates:
 - a. Planning is underway for the interagency regional training exercise in September 2022. Steve Foley is the organizer. Camp Hartell will be the location, with a rail car incident included in the training. Additional specifics will be shared at the next SERC meeting. Chemicals from a municipal sewage treatment plant would be part of the scenario.
 - b. It was noted that 5000 copies of the Transportation Incident Management Pocket Guide have been distributed.
6. Approximately 2200 Tier II Chemical Inventory reports have been submitted to DEEP. The final number will be shared at the next SERC meeting. DEEP also plans to adopt a web-based platform for sharing Tier II reporting information with LEPCs and the fire service in 2023.
7. Electronic transformation strategy: A summary of chemical and petroleum releases reported to DEEP was provided and an explanation that DEEP is moving to a basic electronic incident notification system to assist in interagency coordination to releases. John Littell shared that there is a concern about inconsistencies in what paperwork trucks are carrying, which is a concern given the large number of truck incidents.

8. LEPC topics: Diane Duva provided a summary of a recent HazMat Planning Roundtable Meeting Report that identified recommendations for LEPCs. DEEP has asked LEPC chairs to confirm or update contact information for each LEPC. Some discussion occurred about the extent of regions and the opportunities to harmonize LEPCs with regional teams.
9. Information sharing between Agencies and partners occurred. Personnel changes due to retirements affects all agencies and some members of SERC. Ken Tucker and Peter Zack will be retiring. Colonel Jaworski noted that the COVID 19 pandemic response has reached a milestone today, with the National Guard's role shifting as of today. The service of the National Guard was recognized and thanked. Amanda Ryan of the US Coast Guard noted that there is a Long Island Sound Area Committee meeting April 26 in Port Jefferson, New York. Stephen Clotus noted that Adam Fox of DOT will be moving to a different role at DOT and a new representative to SERC will be designated. A discussion of the call out procedures for regional foam trailers resulted in the clarification that the Danbury, Winsted, and Willington trailers have been rinsed, cleaned, and refilled with fluorine-free foam. The Waterbury, Hartford, Fairfield, New Haven, and Norwich trailers will be addressed next. Albert Bassett noted that there will be a training field day May 7.
10. Topics discussed to potentially address at future meetings included information on CFATS programs, CRCOG's All Hazards Planning, continued focus on the status of LEPCs around the state, and PCB transformer incidents and enforcement. Chairman Goudreau has recommended that the next SERC meeting occur in person. A location will be identified. An online remote option will continue to be offered.
11. There was no New Business identified.
12. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
13. Adjournment at 3:12 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by Robert Ross.

March 17, 2022 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Notified DEEP he would be absent	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Peter Zack , Director, Emergency Response and Spill Prevention Division Diane W. Duva , Director, Emergency Response Planning Office
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrisette , State Fire Administrator Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	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
Yes	Brenda Bergeron , Deputy Commissioner, Emergency Management Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
Yes	Jeff Saltus for Ken Tucker, 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 Dept. of Administrative Services
Yes	Col. Charles Jaworski 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
No	Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, Cromwell, member
No	Carol Violette , Public member
Yes	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Len Wallace and **Janet Bowen**, EPA were presenters. Also in attendance: **Jen Perry, Gil Richards**, CT DEEP; ; **Tyler Diercks**, US EPA, **Paul Tassej**, US DHS CISA; **Amanda Ryan**, USCG; **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT; **Bob Kovach**, environmental consultant, **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department; **Steve Huleatt**, CRCOG