



State of Connecticut Emergency Response Commission

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 19, 2022 at 1:30 PM

The meeting was held **online and in-person** at CT DEEP Headquarters, 79 Elm Street, Hartford.

1. Call to Order at 1:33 p.m.
2. The March 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by LTC Ben Neumon.
3. Introductions and welcomes were exchanged. Bill Turner is the new DEMHS Emergency Management Director and DEMHS designee to this commission. Jason Coite of CT DOT and LTC Ben Neumon of the CT Military Department will be serving as new designees/representatives for those agencies.
4. Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates: Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Training Activities updates:
 - a. Steve Foley, in his role as training exercise coordinator for DEMHS/CFPC, reported that planning is underway for the interagency regional training exercise in September 2022. Camp Hartell will be the location, with a rail car incident included in the training. Chemicals from the Enfield municipal sewage treatment plant may be part of the scenario. US EPA and US Coast Guard will participate, as well as local responders, regional teams, and state agencies.
5. **CFATS Program Overview and Updates** were provided by Todd Nichols and Scott Mellor, Chemical Security Inspectors, US Department of Homeland Security-Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (US DHS-CISA). There is significant compliance assurance work underway in the New England region to improve chemical facility safety and security.
6. **Best Practices Overview from a Regional Emergency Planning Committee: Update from CREPC** by Cheryl Assis and Steve Huleatt of CRCOG and Bill Perkins of CREPC R3 ESF 5 Coordinator. This overview of the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Council and their work included an overview of the website <http://www.getreadycapitolregion.org/resources/>
7. LEPC status update planning for 2022 and 2023. Members briefly discussed the status of individual and regional LEPCs. DEEP encourages further interagency review of the optimal approach for LEPCs and the potential to align LEPC designations with updated existing planning areas.
8. Information sharing between agencies was limited to basic exchanges and an overview of LEPC, SERC, EPCRA, and Clean Water Act topics by Tom Bergman, President of the National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO).

9. Ideas and requests for future meeting topics were discussed, including a refresher on CAMEO, review of the number and locations of Connecticut EPCRA Tier II facilities, RMP facilities, CFATS facilities.
10. There was no New Business identified.
11. Public Comments (opportunity for comments from any members of the public present). There were no public comments offered.
12. Adjournment at 3:25 p.m. on a motion by Bob Araujo, seconded by David Kallander.

May 19, 2022 SERC Meeting Attendance

In attendance?	Member
Yes	Gerard P. Goudreau - Chairperson Facility member
Yes	Diane W. Duva , Director, Emergency Response Planning Office CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Yes	Jeffrey J. Morrisette , State Fire Administrator CT 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	Jason Coite Environmental Compliance, Bureau of Engineering and Construction CT Department of Transportation
Yes	William Turner , Director, Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
No	Jeff Saltus or Ken Tucker, CONN-OSHA CT Department of Labor
Yes	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 Department of Administrative Services
Yes	LTC Benjamin Neumon 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
No	Kyle Zimmer, Jr. , Public member

Also in attendance: **Scott Melior**, **Todd Nichols**, US DHS CISA; **Cheryl Assis**, **Bill Perkins**, **Steve Huleatt**, CREPC/CRCOG; Tom Bergman, President, National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO); **Rich Scalora**, CT DEEP, **Tyler Diercks**, US EPA, **Albert Bassett**, Fairfield County HIRT; Steve Foley, DEMHS/CFPC training exercise coordinator; **Bob Kovach**, environmental consultant, **Joe Cyr**, Manchester Water Department.